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**REPORT ON THE BABERGH EAST LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BY
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1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report presented to Members concerns the Babergh East Local Strategic Partnership and concentrates on the achievements of the Partnership and secondly, how the Partnership has contributed to the Council's Corporate Objectives.

2. **THE BABERGH EAST LSP**

- 2.1 The Babergh East LSP was created in April 2002 in response to the Local Government Act 2000 which gave local authorities broad powers to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of their communities. Councils have a duty for promoting well being through community strategies and Government guidance was that these strategies be produced by broad-based partnerships which brought together a range of public, private, voluntary and community organisations called "Local Strategic Partnerships".
- 2.2 The Babergh East LSP covers 44 parishes in the district and the boundary line reflects the then PCT and police sector boundaries. Furthermore, the boundaries also took into account the area's alliance to other main centres. In the east residents looked more towards Ipswich and Colchester than they would to Bury St Edmunds.
- 2.3 Babergh's Member representative is Penny Clarke and officer representatives are Mike Hammond and Tim Mutum.

3. **ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PARTNERSHIP**

Community Plan

- 3.1 Following the adoption of a revised Community Plan 2010 – 2020 the Board approved an Action Plan which it monitors at every meeting. The major projects within this Action Plan are attached (Attachment 1) with a reference to the contribution each project makes to Babergh's objectives.

Grant Awards

- 3.2 The Board has continued with its Community Grant Award Scheme which supports small projects in the area covered by the LSP. The fourth round of awards were agreed in December and the projects supported are detailed in Attachment 2.
- 3.3 The fifth and final round of the Community Grant Award Scheme is now underway for small capital projects only. The Grants Panel will meet in April to make decisions.

Review of the LSP and Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Arrangements

- 3.4 In October the Board considered a paper concerning a request from the Mid Suffolk LSP that a review of the LSP boundaries for the area of Mid Suffolk and Babergh be undertaken.
- 3.5 The Board agreed that a new LSP should be created based on the Mid Suffolk and Babergh Districts and that the new arrangements should commence after central Government has made a decision about the long term future of LSPs and in consultation with partners but with the intention that the new LSP be created after the May 2011 elections.
- 3.6 With regard to Community Safety Partnerships the Board agreed that the Babergh CSP be asked to approach the West Suffolk CSP to request a change to the CSP boundaries expressing a preference for creating a new CSP based on the Mid Suffolk, Babergh, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury areas.
- 3.7 These issues are currently under discussion.

Partnership for Older People in Suffolk (POPs)

- 3.8 Following agreement at the last Board meeting in January to organise a series of information events to help older people stay healthy and safer in their own homes this has now developed into a partnership with Age UK Suffolk. This charity is organising events in Suffolk engaging with older people. Their next event is titled "Getting Involved" and will be held at Hadleigh Town Hall on 7 April.
- 3.9 Further events will be organised in the district by Babergh and the LSP will support those that take place within the Babergh East LSP area.

ATTACHMENT 1

	PROJECTS	FUNDING	LEAD ORGANISATION	CONTRIBUTION TO BABERGH'S OBJECTIVES (AND ONE YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12)
1.	<p>Safer Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Porch project, Hadleigh • Joint police/Babergh initiatives to deal with criminal damage and 'hotspots' in Hadleigh • No Ball Games Theatre Project in schools • Purchase of mobile skate park • Projects with young people 	£40,000	Babergh District Council and Suffolk Constabulary	A safer and healthier Babergh (help to reduce crime and disorder)
2.	Apprenticeship Scheme (with West Suffolk LSP). A further 15 apprenticeships in Babergh East LSP area.	£25,000	W S Training Limited	A strong and sustainable Babergh economy (Increase local education opportunities and skill levels).
3.	Business Grants – Assist start up of new businesses or growth for existing enterprises employing up to five people.	£33,000	Mid-Anglian Enterprise Agency Limited	A strong and sustainable Babergh economy (provide premises, support and advice for businesses).
4.	Developing skills with young people through Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.	£10,000	Suffolk County Council	A strong and sustainable Babergh economy (provide opportunities for young people to develop life skills).
5.	<p>Healthy Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals Made Easy Project • Falls Prevention Programme • Fit for Future – reduction in childhood obesity. 	£28,600	NHS Suffolk	A safer and healthier Babergh (help people have healthier and more active lifestyles and contribute towards increased life expectancy).

ATTACHMENT 2

APPLICANT	AMOUNT AWARDED	TOTAL PROJECT COST	PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY PLAN
1. Optua Leisure	£2,000	£4,800	Purchase of fitness equipment for use by people with disabilities	Safe and Healthy and Inclusive Communities
2. Home Start Babergh	£1,000	£6,546	Equipment for new Home Start group in Shotley	Safe and Healthy and Inclusive Communities
3. East Suffolk Association for the Blind	£625	£625	Provision of transport to support meetings and outings	Safe and Healthy and Inclusive Communities
4. Ipswich and Shotley Community Path Study	£1,000	£5,936	Commission a feasibility study to establish a joint use community path	The Greenest County
5. Stratford St Mary Parish Council	£1,000	£2,056	Start up costs for an allotment site in the village	Safe and Healthy and Inclusive Communities
6. Milden Pavilion Committee	£1,000	£17,450	Improvements to play area and provision of cricket run-up and practice net	Safe and Healthy and Inclusive Communities