

# Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Magazine

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## Introduction

This is the first edition of the Mid Suffolk LSP Magazine. This publication will be produced twice a year to update LSP Members, and Stakeholders on the activity of the Mid Suffolk LSP, to improve awareness of the Mid Suffolk LSP, to make the work of the LSP more visible and to make the Mid Suffolk LSP more accessible. An electronic copy of this magazine will be circulated to all LSP Members, to forward onto their own network contacts. In addition, a copy of the magazine will be passed via the internal publication (Mid Suffolk Life) to all staff and Elected Members within Mid Suffolk District Council. Lastly, a copy will be placed on the Mid Suffolk LSP website for general access.

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## 1 What is the Mid Suffolk LSP?

A Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is a body that brings together the local council with other public services in the area and representatives of the business, voluntary and community sectors.

Local Strategic Partnerships were set up in 2001 following the 2000 Local Government Act. Each Local Authority was required to establish an LSP with stakeholders in the area, including other public services and the voluntary sector. The aim of the Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership is to contribute to the community, by leading the development of a long-term vision and strategy for the area. By working closer together, the LSP Members aim to develop a greater understanding of community needs. An Action Plan is produced by the LSP to encourage activities which tackle these needs. This may be via projects commissioned directly by the LSP or by influencing the plans of the individual organisations that sit on the LSP.

## 2 What are the LSP plans?

### Background

In 2008, the Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership (MSLSP) Executive group developed an Action Plan for the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). This was adopted by the Board and used to commission projects which supported the objectives of the LSP. The Action Plan prioritised the elements of the Community Strategy that the MSLSP would focus on for the year 2008 to 2009. To ensure that these priorities were in line with local needs, the LSP Executive considered recent consultation activities carried out by Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC).

This included:

- Suffolk Speaks Questionnaires
- Mid Suffolk Messenger Questionnaires

In addition, MSDC commissioned Suffolk ACRE to analyse parish plans, published over the previous three years, and to map the themes within these against the Local Area Agreement Target Areas. The Executive group recommended that the action plan be based on the LAA themes within LAA One. The three LAA themes supported by the Parish Plan analysis and the consultation feedback were:

- Stronger Communities
- Sustainable Communities
- Safer Communities

During the course of 2008/09, a variety of projects were commissioned to support these objectives.

## Local Area Agreement 2

In December 2008, it was agreed by the Executive that the Mid Suffolk LSP could contribute towards the following Local Area Agreement targets:

- **NI 110:** Young people's participation in positive activities
- **NI 2:** Percentage of people who feel that they belong to their neighborhoods
- **NI 4:** % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- **LT 1:** Increase numbers of people volunteering in: Black and minority ethnic communities; Supported volunteering; Young people; Older age groups; Culture and Sport (Measure formal and informal volunteering) addition the MSLSP will support delivery of the following targets in the Mid Suffolk area:
- **NI 186:** Per Capita CO2 reduction in the local authority area (possibly support)
- **NI 188:** Planning to adapt to climate change (possibly support)
- **LT 2:** Access: C) Access to health screening for vulnerable groups (possibly target areas where there is health inequality)
- **NI 8:** Adult participation in sport and active recreation (aid promotion of activities)
- **NI 112:** Under 18 conception rates (bringing pressure to bear on the PCT reorganisation of sexual health services in Mid Suffolk)
- **LT 10:** Increase cultural participation in Suffolk (mean average as defined in NI 9, 10, 11 for libraries, the arts and museums)
- **NI 30:** Re-offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders (support to projects)
- **NI 32:** Repeat incidents of domestic violence (support to projects)
- **NI 111:** First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17 (support to projects)
- **NI 19:** Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders (support to projects)
- **LT 7:** Number of serious violent crimes committed in a public place where alcohol and substance misuse was a contributory factor (support to projects)
- **NI 125:** Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care (support to projects)
- **LT 6:** Progressively increase the number of older people reporting that they feel their home is a safe environment (support to projects).

The development of the LAA2 and the targets within this, which the LSP is supporting, does not mean that the issues which were important in 2008 / 09 are no longer significant. So for 2009/10, the LSP has chosen to work towards a combination of the revised 2008/09 Action Plan and the above LAA2 targets. This combination will be used as the Action Plan for 2009/10, and to commission local projects which will deliver these outcomes. These projects and partner activities will be supported through the use of PSA reward grant or through any future pooling of core funds by LSP Members.

## 3 Who are the LSP Members?

### Membership of Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership

The Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership has two groups that meet regularly.

### Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Executive Group

The Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Executive group has representatives from the main public sector organisations and the voluntary and community sector. The Executive is responsible for day to day work of the LSP, such as the development of Actions Plans and consideration of funding applications to the LSP. The Executive meets eight times a year. These meetings are open meetings which the public or any other interested group / organisation can attend.

Current **Executive Members** are:

- **Tim Passmore** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council (Chair)*
- **Andrew Good** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council*
- **Ian Clarke / Louise Fairborther** -  
*Mid Suffolk Action in Partnership*
- **Lyn Mash** -  
*Suffolk Constabulary*
- **Maidrag Mashbileg** -  
*Suffolk Primary Care Trust*
- **Jenny Wilson** -  
*Suffolk County Council*

## Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership Board

The Mid Suffolk Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Board is the full membership of the LSP and includes representatives from the public sector, the business community, the voluntary and community sector, and community representatives. This group concentrates on driving through the action plan from the Community Strategy and meets four times a year. These meetings are open to the public.

### Board Members are:

- **Tim Passmore** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council  
(Chair)*
- **Jonathan Free** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council  
(Support officer)*
- **Andrew Good** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council*
- **Andy Fry** -  
*Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service*
- **Louise Fairbrother** -  
*Mid Suffolk Action in  
Partnership*
- **Carol Mansell** -  
*Faith Representative*
- **Christine Abraham** -  
*Young Suffolk*
- **Jenny Wilson** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **Dave Collins** -  
*Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service*
- **Ellie O'Reilly** -  
*Young Suffolk*
- **Greg Dodds** -  
*Orwell Housing Association Ltd*
- **Ian Clark** -  
*Mid Suffolk Action in Partnership*
- **Jeannie Buckingham** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **John Shaw** - *Business Link East*
- **John Wilcock** -  
*Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service*
- **Jon Illingworth** -  
*Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service*
- **Laura Hack** -  
*Suffolk Association of Voluntary  
Organisations*
- **Lewis Childs / Jerry Brett** -  
*JobcentrePlus*
- **Linda Nixon** -  
*Extended Schools,  
Suffolk County Council*
- **Lynn Mash** -  
*Suffolk Constabulary*
- **Matthew Spence** -  
*Suffolk Association of Local  
Councils*
- **Mark Straw** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **Daniel Harvey** -  
*Stowmarket Town Council*
- **Marie Miller** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **Marilyn Curran** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council*
- **Nicola Glading** - *Suffolk Acre*
- **Philip Winfield** - *Otley College*
- **Richard Thurlow** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council*
- **Rosemary Steer** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **Jenny Wilson** -  
*Suffolk County Council*
- **Mashbileg Maidrag** -  
*Suffolk Primary Care Trust*
- **Tom Barker** -  
*Mid Suffolk District Council*

## 4 Can you do anything to help deliver the LSP priorities?

If you are a member of the LSP already, we are asking you to promote the priorities of the LSP and the commissioning of projects to all your contacts. The LSP Action Plan, as mentioned already, is on the website along with the project application forms:

<http://www.onesuffolk.co.uk/MidSuffolkLSP> .

Any one can make an application to the LSP if they have a project which could potentially support our priorities. Project applications stand a greater chance of success if they offer value for money, have clear outcomes and demonstrate how the

delivery against the LAA2 targets or the other priorities of the LSP.

Project applications can be made at any time. Applications are initially considered by the Executive, who then make a recommendation to the LSP Board to either support the project, to partially support the project or to not support the project. It is then for the Board to decide if they agree with this recommendation. If you are not a Member of the LSP and would like to get involved, you can make an application for a project as stated above. If you need to talk to us

about your idea first please contact Jonathan Free, the LSP support officer  
[jonathan.free@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.free@midsuffolk.gov.uk)  
telephone 01449 724859,  
mobile 07810757737.

Alternatively, if you prefer our meetings are open to any one and again, you are welcome to come along and see how we work and what we do. The schedule of LSP meetings is on the website, if you would like to come along please call Jonathan Free before hand, just in case the meeting has been postponed or moved.

## 5 What has the LSP done over the last six months?

The last six months has been a busy period for the LSP with several new members joining the board, including Carol Mansell who takes on a new role as a Faith Representative on the LSP.

During this period the LSP has considered a number of issues, these included:

1. A presentation on progress with the Stowmarket Area Action. This led to a number of volunteers from the LSP to participate in an 'Infrastructure Workgroup' to help shape the thinking on the infrastructure needs within the Area Action Plan.
2. Skills investment in Training and Employment issues the LSC outlined the employment profile in the area and the rise in unemployment due to the economic situation. The work already being done by the LSC and partners to invest in skills and for support from the LSP to help tackle deprivation and skills shortages.
3. Feedback on the Economic Summit and a call for support from the LSP in tackling the impact of the current economic climate. As a consequence of this, the Board agreed to add this to the LSP priorities for the year.

4. Progress with the work of the Community Board Pilot Projects. These projects are supported by the LSP and a decision was taken to pool £30,000 of LSP funds with the £100,000, already in place from SCC, for use in supporting local projects identified through the Community Boards to tackle local needs.

5. An update from Cllr. Elizabeth Gibson Harries on the Emergency Heart Attack Service pilot scheme planned for the area. As a consequence, the LSP Executive requested that the Chairman write a letter of support to the PCT for an initiative, which in theory, should improve survival rates from heart attack in the area but request improved promotion of the benefits of this pilot to help allay some of the fears being expressed about this pilot.
6. Equality & Diversity Involving People with Disabilities
7. Post Offices
8. CAA Audit Commission Discussion

Much of the work of the over these last six months has focused on the consideration of project applications to the LSP. The LSP received just under £200,000 of performance reward grant funding this year and is using this money to commission

projects which will deliver its priorities. In this six month period, 17 separate applications for funding have been received. Of these the following have been either fully, or partially supported by the LSP because of the contribution they make towards either the LAA2 targets, the Priority areas of the Community Strategy or the additional economic development targets in the 2009/10 Action Plan.

- The Rural Coffee Caravan
- MAP Coordinators Post
- Suffolk ACRE's Good Neighbor Scheme
- The Extended Schools Young Peoples Activity Programme
- Safer Schools Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Kick-start
- Homesheid Plus
- Redgables improved parking and access
- Suffolk ACRE's Village Agent
- Health Walks
- Learning Officer Museum of East Anglian Life (MEAL)
- Youth Activity Weekend (MEAL)
- Community Broad Band
- Community Boards Grants Fund

## 6 What does the LSP plan to do next?

- Establish a project monitoring process
- Review and report on the contribution being made by the LSP to the LAA2 targets
- Revise the Community Strategy, which is now reaching the end of its agreed period, in consultation with stakeholders
- Review the Community Board Pilot projects to consider the future role of the LSP in community engagement and cohesion across the area.

## 7 Do you want to join the LSP?

If you are interested in the work of the LSP, and your organisation would like to get involved, talk to one of the reps or the LSP about what you can do. If your sector does not have a representative, then please speak to either the Chairman (Tim Passmore) or the Support Officer (Jonathan Free). Contact details in item 4.