

## Summary of actions undertaken to deliver the Council's Key Priorities in 2009/10

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<p><b>Promote and support the sustainable regeneration and economic development of Tonbridge town centre.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed improvements to customer facilities at Tonbridge Castle and opened Tonbridge Gateway.</li> <li>- Expanded the range of services delivered in partnership with other agencies via Tonbridge Gateway.</li> <li>- Finalised and adopted design guidelines for re-development of the Sovereign House site.</li> </ul>	26
<p><b>Secure a continuing supply of affordable housing and work to prevent homelessness.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed and adjusted phasing, unit mixes and, on a temporary basis, changes of tenure to maintain the supply of affordable housing during the economic downturn.</li> <li>- Implemented the Kent-wide approach to Choice Based Lettings in Tonbridge and Malling prior to the Government's 2010 target.</li> <li>- Implemented the housing allocations policy updated in 2008/09.</li> <li>- Obtained, with partners, planning consent for expansion of the gypsy and traveller site at Coldharbour to 18 modern pitches.</li> </ul>	37
<p><b>Involve, safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Segregated the changing rooms at Tonbridge Swimming Pool into male, female, and family areas.</li> <li>- Improved policies, procedures and record keeping to enhance security at Playscheme sites.</li> <li>- Worked with Tonbridge School to construct a new all-weather floodlit pitch and extend its use to the local community. Our contribution was fully funded by developers.</li> <li>- Installed a new children's play area at Leybourne Lakes Country Park, funded entirely from the National Lottery.</li> <li>- Implemented, with parish councils, outdoor play facilities in: Aylesford, Ditton, Leybourne, Hildenborough and Tonbridge, funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Children's Play Initiative.</li> <li>- Introduced Sunday Swim School morning classes at Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool.</li> <li>- Introduced a Junior Excel brand for 4-10 year olds.</li> <li>- Introduced free entry to our leisure centres for Looked After Children (children in foster care), in partnership with Kent County Council.</li> <li>- Extended the Y2 Crew summer scheme to serve parishes in the north-west of the borough.</li> <li>- Ran an alcohol awareness campaign focusing on under-age drinking. Successfully re-launched Say No And Phone (SNAP) under 16s discos in Larkfield.</li> <li>- Funded the Power Project which engaged with 40 young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system.</li> <li>- Involved 1,666 young people in the Positive Futures Scheme (free football and healthy lifestyles training with Charlton Athletic Football Club) at evening sessions in seven locations across the borough.</li> <li>- Built a new ball court at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground.</li> <li>- Renewed the existing ball court at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground.</li> </ul>	52-53 and 66

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<b>Achieve a cleaner, smarter and better maintained street scene and open space environment.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduced composting of leaf litter collected from streets.</li> <li>- Adopted a "Zero Tolerance" approach to those we found littering or not clearing up after their dog.</li> <li>- Worked with the police and other agencies in targeting litter 'hot-spot' locations.</li> <li>- Worked with the Clean Kent Enforcement team to increase enforcement of fly-tipping offences.</li> <li>- Completed the multi-agency Graffiti Action Plan. Incidents of graffiti have significantly reduced over the last three years from 397 in 2007/08 to 286 in 2008/09 and to 222 in 2009/10.</li> <li>- Worked with partners on existing PACT initiatives and developed new ones in Kings Hill and Burham.</li> <li>- Helped the Cleaner Snodland Group to take forward its Action Plan.</li> </ul>	56-57
<b>Work with partners to increase community safety by tackling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acquisitive crime</li> <li>- anti-social behaviour</li> <li>- perception of crime</li> <li>- substance misuse</li> <li>- violent crime.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Issued warning letters and acceptable behaviour agreements to address the anti-social behaviour (ASB) of individuals and six families.</li> <li>- Funded the Power Project, engaging with young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system.</li> <li>- Completed the multi-agency Graffiti Action Plan.</li> <li>- Worked with our partners to help women victims of domestic abuse and address the behaviour of male perpetrators.</li> <li>- Ran a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol abuse.</li> <li>- Worked with partners to identify and target the most prolific offenders in the borough.</li> <li>- Attended community safety events and distributed: shed alarms, purse chains, timer light switches and property marking pens.</li> </ul>	64
<b>Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expanded the Lifestyles Referral Programme to benefit 652 customers, with funding from the Big Lottery's Chances 4 Change programme.</li> <li>- Launched a programme of 11 community based exercise classes. These focused on older people and young parents in the most deprived areas of the borough, using PCT - Choosing Health funding.</li> <li>- Expanded the Food for Thought programme, promoting healthy eating to young single mothers.</li> <li>- Launched the Big Lottery Fund's Chances 4 Change Dance, Dig &amp; Diet programme, covering all age groups.</li> <li>- Piloted an adult weight management programme funded by, and in liaison with, local GPs. This ran for 26 weeks and benefited over 100 customers.</li> <li>- Worked with the Local Children's Services Partnerships and young people to determine the barriers to attending sexual health services.</li> <li>- Funded an out-reach worker who focused on raising awareness of the dangers of alcohol consumption by young people, through visits to schools and youth groups.</li> <li>- Promoted sensible and safe drinking messages via the internet and a borough-wide poster campaign.</li> <li>- Provided mental health awareness training for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Local voluntary community groups and businesses.</li> <li>o Our front line staff that routinely serve customers who have mental health problems.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Funded local agencies to, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Expand day-care facilities in West Malling.</li> <li>o Open additional Pop-In venues throughout the borough.</li> <li>o Run extra posture stability classes for the infirm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	71-73

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<b>Make a positive local contribution to tackling the causes and effects of climate change.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undertook year 2 actions in our Climate Change Strategy.</li> <li>- Invested around £125,000 and completed a range of energy saving measures at our leisure centres.</li> </ul>	79
<b>Achieve with our partners the priorities set out:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in the Sustainable Community Strategy for Tonbridge and Malling (2009/12)</li> <li>- in the Local Area Agreement</li> <li>- arising from work of the borough's Local Strategic Partnership.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Published the new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Tonbridge and Malling (2009/12).</li> <li>- Focused the work of the Local Strategic Partnership on issues of key concern within the borough, including year 1 actions of the SCS.</li> <li>- Undertook, with our partners, year 2 actions in implementing Kent Agreement 2.</li> </ul>	82