

Summary of actions undertaken to deliver the Council's Key Priorities in 2008/09

2008/09 Key Priority	Key Actions Undertaken	CPP Page
Achieve a cleaner, smarter and better maintained street scene and open space environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopted a zero tolerance approach to littering and dog fouling offences - extended the enforcement 'family' including Civil Enforcement Officers, parish councils and PCSOs - help establish the Cleaner Snodland Group - installed additional street bins for recycling cans - developed options for the recycling of street litter 	51-54
Make a positive local contribution to tackling the causes and effects of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implemented energy saving measures at our leisure centres - worked with the HadLOW carbon community and Transition Town Tonbridge - delivered Year 1 actions in the Council's Climate Change Strategy 	75
Reduce: Anti-social behaviour, Criminal damage, Offences against the person, Substance misuse and Environmental crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supported the development of new PACTs - delivered a major publicity campaign on safer drinking - established a new group to address perception of crime issues - designated seven alcohol control zones and one cold calling control zone - funded the Women's Support Service to help victims of domestic abuse 	65-69
Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - delivered a range of healthy living projects funded by the West Kent PCT's Choosing Health fund - recruited a community exercise worker - commissioned a healthy eating project and a dance, dig and diet programme - launched the smoke-free homes campaign - expanded the lifestyles referral scheme using Big Lottery funding 	58-64
Give priority to involving and meeting the needs of young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - undertook education, prevention and enforcement targeted at under-age drinkers - further invested in the Excel fitness programme for 11-15 year olds - implemented two schemes from the Big Lottery's Childrens Play Initiative - Commenced working with the Local Children's Services Partnerships for Malling and Tonbridge 	48-50 67
Add to the supply of affordable housing and reduce the incidence of homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - set up an in-house team to deliver homelessness and housing allocation services - worked in partnership to develop a Kent-wide choice-based lettings scheme - reviewed the Council's housing allocation policy - reduced the use of Bed and Breakfast and other temporary accommodation by 50% - transferred the Home Improvement Agency function to 'In Touch' - worked with partners to develop supported accommodation for young people 	32-38
Enhance the vitality of Tonbridge town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopted the Town Centre Area Action Plan - Commenced design work for the future redevelopment of the Botany area - Commenced work on the Tonbridge Gateway - Brought forward a design and funding for environmental improvements at Town Wharf 	23
Identify the opportunities and achieve the benefits for T&M flowing from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act	It has not proved necessary to formulate a corporate action plan. The main focus is on public involvement/engagement and an Empowerment and Involvement Officer Study Group has been established to progress this work.	6