

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

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<p>Promote and support the sustainable regeneration and economic development of Tonbridge town centre.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed improvements to customer facilities at Tonbridge Castle and opened Tonbridge Gateway. - Expanded the range of services delivered in partnership with other agencies via Tonbridge Gateway. - Finalised and adopted design guidelines for re-development of the Sovereign House site. 	26
<p>Secure a continuing supply of affordable housing and work to prevent homelessness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. - Implemented the Kent-wide approach to Choice Based Lettings in Tonbridge and Malling prior to the Government's 2010 target. - Implemented the housing allocations policy updated in 2008/09. - Obtained, with partners, planning consent for expansion of the gypsy and traveller site at Coldharbour to 18 modern pitches. 	37
<p>Involve, safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Segregated the changing rooms at Tonbridge Swimming Pool into male, female, and family areas. - Improved policies, procedures and record keeping to enhance security at Playscheme sites. - 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. - Installed a new children's play area at Leybourne Lakes Country Park, funded entirely from the National Lottery. - 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. - Introduced Sunday Swim School morning classes at Larkfield Leisure Centre and Tonbridge Swimming Pool. - Introduced a Junior Excel brand for 4-10 year olds. - Introduced free entry to our leisure centres for Looked After Children (children in foster care), in partnership with Kent County Council. - Extended the Y2 Crew summer scheme to serve parishes in the north-west of the borough. - Ran an alcohol awareness campaign focusing on under-age drinking. Successfully re-launched Say No And Phone (SNAP) under 16s discos in Larkfield. - Funded the Power Project which engaged with 40 young people at risk of entering the criminal justice system. - 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. - Built a new ball court at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground. - Renewed the existing ball court at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground. 	52-53 and 66

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

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