

Table 1

Pre-consultation	Post-consultation	Number of changes resulting from consultation responses
<p><u>Community Representation and Engagement</u></p> <p><i>VISION: Active and effective Parish and Town Councils and other community organisations have the visibility, ability and capacity to engage local people to secure resources for the delivery of local improvements.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Parish and Town Councils playing a leadership role in rural communities to identify issues and find solutions · More capacity, willingness and ability to secure funding and deliver local improvements · Wider recognition of the ability of organisations to provide services in response to local needs · More co-operation in the delivery of services 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish and Town Councils and other community organisations playing a leadership role in rural communities to identify issues and find solutions, including through Neighbourhood Planning • More collaboration in delivery across Parish, Town, District, Borough and County Council to ensure that solutions meet local needs • Developing the capacity, willingness and ability of Parish and Town Councils and other community organisations to secure funding and deliver local improvements 	<p>Vision - ZERO</p> <p>Addition of mention of Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>Emphasis is on community raising funds to provide solutions</p>

<p><u>Older People</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Older people in rural Surrey are able to live in, and contribute to, their community and have access to health, care and other services.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improved access to services such as primary health care and food shops for older people · Initiatives to address those isolated and vulnerable including befriending schemes · Community transport provision that meets local needs · Voluntary sector initiatives which help older people in rural communities · Social enterprise being supported to play a role in the provision of local services 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to services such as primary health care and food shops • Addressing isolation for older people • Community transport provision that meets local needs • Voluntary sector initiatives which help older people in rural communities • Social enterprise being supported to play a role in the provision of local services 	<p>Vision - ZERO changes</p> <p>Method - ZERO</p> <p>Emphasis is on voluntary sector and community support</p>

<p><u>Young People</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Young people have access to learning, employment and housing, and are able to make an active contribution to their local communities.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives to address isolation and social exclusion • Access to careers advice, employment and training, including jobs with a rural focus • Youth facilities and activities • Transport initiatives to enable access to training, employment and services 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiatives to engage young people, address isolation and social exclusion • Access to careers advice, apprenticeships, employment and training, including jobs with a rural focus • Transport initiatives to enable access to training, employment and services • Affordable housing to enable young people to live in rural Surrey 	<p>Zero changes to Vision</p> <p>Addition of 'affordable housing' <i>Note this is not included for older people wishing to downsize</i></p>
<p><u>Affordable Housing</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Affordable rural housing in Surrey's rural communities that enables people to live near to family and rural employment opportunities.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of housing types and options for rural Surrey • Safeguarding existing affordable homes in rural areas from right to buy • Exploring alternative finance models to ensure rents remain affordable • Ensuring robust mechanisms are in place for assessing cross subsidy on rural exception schemes 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A blend of tenures including affordable rent and home ownership options for rural Surrey • Ensuring new affordable homes remain available in perpetuity • Safeguarding existing affordable homes in rural areas from right to buy • Explore limited open market housing on exception sites, where the surplus income directly supports the provision of affordable housing for those with employment or family connections 	<p>Some re-wording but same outcomes</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing commitment to the Surrey Rural Housing Group and Rural Housing Enabler 		
<p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Effective transport for rural communities that is based on assessment of community needs and community involvement in the delivery of transport services.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities supported to work together to understand their local needs and develop innovative local solutions Recruiting more volunteers onto voluntary car schemes and community transport initiatives Sharing good practice from other rural areas Supporting local bus operators to grow the market Ensuring better travel planning information and a better journey experience for passengers 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities working together to understand local needs and develop local solutions Recruiting more volunteers onto voluntary car schemes and community transport initiatives Sharing good practice and supporting local bus operators to grow the market Ensuring better travel planning information and a better journey experience for passengers 	<p>Change of emphasis in Vision which now states 'Cost effective' rather than effective and 'high level of community involvement in delivery'</p> <p>The emphasis is now almost entirely on community involvement and voluntary effort. The word 'support. Has been removed from communities working together, which is ominous as it remains for bus operators?</p>

<p><u>Health, Wellbeing and Social Care</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>People living in rural Surrey have access to health, wellbeing and social care services that are responsive and meet their needs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordination of services across health and social care • Community solutions that enable people to remain in their home and community for longer • A focus on prevention and early intervention • More good neighbour and village agent initiatives • The use of technology, including telecare, to provide solutions and reassurance 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community solutions that enable people to remain in their home and community for longer • Focus on prevention, early intervention and access to physical activity and greenspace • More 'good neighbour' and village agent initiatives to improve wellbeing and reduce social isolation • The use of assistive technology, including telecare, to provide solutions and reassurance and keep people safe and independent 	<p>This is exactly the same, except the one that underpins the success of any strategy has been removed (co-ordination of services across health & social care)</p> <p>Again a big emphasis on community effort</p>
<p><u>Schools</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Vibrant rural schools that deliver high quality and accessible learning for local people.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community involvement in local schools to overcome issues, including transport • High quality facilities for rural schools • Support for shared use of school premises • Initiatives to enable students to walk and cycle to local rural schools 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community involvement in local schools to overcome issues including transport • Support for shared use of school premises • Initiatives to enable students to walk and cycle to local rural schools 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>'High quality facilities for rural schools' has been removed?</p> <p>Otherwise exactly the same with emphasis on community transport again.</p>

<p>Crime</p> <p>VISION: <i>Rural businesses, communities and agencies work together to reduce crime in rural Surrey.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Promotion of community safety measures · Support for community marking schemes · Community led plans playing a role in identifying issues and need · Parish and Town Councils providing information, advice and local solutions 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of community safety measures • Support for community marking schemes • Community led plans playing a role in identifying issues and need • Parish and Town Councils working with local police to provide information, advice and local solutions 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>No change apart from the addition of local councils 'working with police' - the first and ONLY time the police is mentioned</p>
<p><u>Village and Community Buildings</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Village and community buildings that are well used hubs for community activity and services including social, business, service and retail activities.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The use, improvement and development of community buildings as community hubs · Enabling local community and volunteering activity · Supporting community building advisors · Operating the Community Building Grants Programme 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the use of community buildings as community hubs • Enabling local community and volunteering activity • Building improvements to meet future needs, including energy efficiency and IT • Access to funding for building improvements 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>There is an important omission and one addition</p> <p>'Supporting community building advisors' has been removed and but 'building improvements to meet future needs inc energy efficiency & IT has been added.</p> <p>As one might expect, this policy is community focused</p>

<p><u>Libraries</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Enhance rural library provision through more active community involvement and the development of service hubs of co-located activity</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased rural community engagement and volunteering in providing library services • Better understanding and mapping of where rural library services are needed • Developing more volunteer run 'community link' libraries in rural communities • Building awareness, changing perceptions and improving skills to expand electronic library provision • Developing co-location hubs for local services, advice, business support and cultural festivals 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and mapping of where rural library services are needed • Developing more volunteer run 'community link' libraries in rural communities • Building awareness, changing perceptions and improving skills to expand electronic library provision and take up • Developing co-location hubs for local services, advice, business support and cultural festivals 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>Same issues - These will be 'community run'</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Broadband, Mobile Connectivity and Digital Inclusion</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Improved broadband and mobile connectivity and digital inclusion to ensure that residents and businesses in rural Surrey can take advantage of the opportunities that it offers and are not disadvantaged by 'digital by default' initiatives.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying broadband and mobile 'not spot' areas in rural Surrey • Identifying possible community solutions where market failure exists • Creating programmes to support digital inclusion for rural Surrey communities and business 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying broadband and mobile 'not spot' areas in rural Surrey • Identifying community solutions where market failure exists • Programmes to support digital inclusion for rural Surrey communities and businesses 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>No changes</p>
<p><u>Social Enterprise</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Thriving social enterprises in rural Surrey where communities actively provide shops, pubs and other services to meet their needs.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active rural communities identifying local service needs • More community social enterprise shops, pubs and other ventures • Co-location of rural services 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active rural communities identifying local service needs • More community social enterprise shops, pubs and other ventures • Co-location of rural services including shops, pubs and libraries 	<p>Vision - Zero change Although the title is now COMMUNITY and social enterprise</p> <p>It is entirely focused on communities helping themselves</p>

<p><u>Rural Towns</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Rural towns that are vibrant hubs of enterprise and services, with the housing, business premises and skills to ensure viability.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Business and civic communities developing a better understanding of issues, needs and opportunities in rural towns · Maintaining and expanding hub services in Surrey rural towns · Building community capacity and local volunteering in rural towns · Greater co-ordination, collaboration and sharing of knowledge and good practice across towns in Surrey · Funding opportunities for rural towns, including Local Enterprise Partnership support. 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business and civic communities developing a better understanding of issues, needs and opportunities in rural towns • Maintaining and expanding hub services in Surrey rural towns • Greater co-ordination and knowledge sharing across towns in Surrey • Maximising funding opportunities for rural towns • Retention and availability of appropriate office space and industrial units 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>Almost identical however 'collaboration' has been removed and retention and availability of office space and industrial units has been added</p>
<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Planning policies and approaches that support locally appropriate rural development to ensure that rural communities and economies are vibrant in the future, while ensuring that the countryside and character of Surrey is protected</i></p>		<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>REMOVAL of 'Securing Community Infrastructure Levy funding to deliver improvements to connect people with local green space'</p> <p><i>The word 'greater' has been removed which reduces the need for greater or better awareness by planners to the needs of the rural community to, just, 'awareness?'</i></p>

<p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plans that engage local people to identify issues and opportunities • Positive planning to enable rural Surrey's communities and businesses to adapt and thrive, while protecting what makes it special • Greater local authority planner awareness and understanding of rural issues • Ensuring that development respects and complements local character, especially in Surrey's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty • Developing a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Surrey • Securing Community Infrastructure Levy funding to deliver improvements to connect people with local green space 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Plans that engage local people to identify issues and opportunities • Positive planning to enable rural Surrey's communities and businesses to adapt and thrive, while protecting what makes it special • Awareness and understanding of rural issues in the planning community • Ensuring that development respects and complements local character, especially in Surrey's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty • Developing a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Surrey 	
<p>Highways</p> <p>VISION: Local rural highway issues are responded to effectively, traffic speed on rural roads is addressed and sustainable transport alternatives are promoted.</p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompt response to highway issues on rural roads • Traffic speed being tackled including through Community Speed Watch campaigns • Promotion of sustainable transport alternatives • Quiet Lane initiatives to enable more shared use of rural roads by all road users 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prompt response to highway issues on rural roads • Speeding traffic investigated in partnership with Surrey Police, and the worst sites prioritised for additional action • Community Speed Watch campaigns • Promotion of sustainable transport alternatives • Quiet Lane initiatives to enable more shared use of rural roads by all road users 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>Rather than 'tackling' speed, the strategy now only seeks to investigate it with only the 'worst cases' being prioritized for action.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch advocated</p>

<p><u>Energy and Fuel</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Improved energy and fuel options and efficiency for those in rural Surrey, so that 'off-grid' residents and businesses are not forced into fuel poverty.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency measures in new and existing properties • More wood fuel energy solutions • Energy solutions that provide economic, environmental and health benefits • Better renewable energy infrastructure • Community led energy projects to help them address particular needs • Support for fuel buying groups 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency measures in new and existing properties • More wood fuel energy solutions • Better renewable energy infrastructure • Community led energy projects to help address particular needs • Support for fuel buying groups 	<p>Vision - Zero changes</p> <p>Almost identical</p> <p>Removal of • <i>Energy solutions that provide economic, environmental and health benefits</i></p> <p>Community led projects are once again included.</p>
<p><u>Emergency Services, Planning and Response</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Community engagement, local knowledge and an integrated agency response to ensure that emergencies in rural Surrey are dealt with effectively.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency planning to deal with emergencies in rural Surrey • Local community involvement to identify need and find solutions • Parish and Town Councils play a role in communicating with local people 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community involvement to identify need and find solutions • Parish and Town Councils play a role in communicating with local people • Education and awareness to reduce risks • A catchment based approach to reduce the likelihood and severity of flooding • Community buildings being hubs for response activity 	<p>Vision - Zero change</p> <p><i>Removal of 'Emergency planning to deal with emergencies in rural Surrey'</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Education and awareness to reduce risks 		
<p><u>Farming</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Farming and horticulture that is viable, successful and resilient to contribute to the rural economy and landscape.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More sharing of knowledge, good practice and innovation · Improved public awareness of farming and food issues · Skills development in farming including technology, IT and apprenticeships · A better appreciation from local authority planners of the needs of farmers · Expansion of local food production, markets and public procurement · More co-operation and co-operatives for producing, marketing and selling 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sharing of knowledge, good practice and innovation • Improved public awareness of farming and food issues • Skills development in farming including marketing, technology, IT and apprenticeships • Expansion of local food production, markets and public procurement • More co-operation and co-operatives for producing, marketing and selling 	<p>Vision - Zero change</p> <p>Removal of 'A better appreciation from local authority planners of the needs of farmers'</p>

<p>Woodland</p> <p>VISION: <i>Surrey's woodland management and use is enhanced for sustainable economic production, recreation and ecological benefit.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland recreation through improved marketing and infrastructure • Forestry skills development and apprenticeship programmes • Ecological networks and flood alleviation works created in partnership with landowners • Enhanced effectiveness of Woodland Management Plans • Improved infrastructure, supply chain and marketing of wood products including timber and fuel • Developing the market for wood fuel and wood products 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved marketing and infrastructure for woodland recreation • Responding effectively to pests and diseases • Forestry skills development and apprenticeships in woodland management, business skills, marketing and communication • Ecological networks and flood alleviation works created in partnership with landowners • Effectiveness of Woodland Management Plans • Improved markets, infrastructure, supply chain and marketing for wood products including timber and fuel 	<p>Vision is more passive but remains much the same, with the focus being on health rather than ecology.</p> <p>Vision: Effective management and sustainable utilisation of Surrey's woodland to maximise the economic, environmental and health potential and benefits.</p>
<p>Food and Drink</p> <p>VISION: <i>Develop the food and drink sector in Surrey and encourage its expansion to create jobs and economic growth in the county.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying opportunities for improving collaboration and co-ordination across the rural food and drink sector in Surrey 		<p>Vision - Zero change</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Expanding the range of local food and drink produced and improving distribution and marketing · Procurement of local produce by public and private sector · Development of a Surrey Food and Drink Plan to understand the issues, barriers and opportunities of the sector · Supporting the development of Food and Drink hubs and festivals 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying opportunities for improving collaboration and co-ordination across the rural food and drink sector • Expanding the range of local food and drink produced and improving distribution and marketing • Procurement of local produce by public and private sector • Development of a Surrey Food and Drink Plan to understand the issues, barriers and opportunities of the sector • Supporting the development of food and drink hubs and festivals 	<p>No change</p>
<p><u>Visitor Economy</u></p> <p>VISION: A vibrant visitor economy that maximises the potential of Surrey's attractive countryside, rural towns and accessibility to visitors for overnight stays and day visits.</p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Support further development of Visit Surrey to ensure better definition, planning and delivery of the tourism offer · Better understanding of visitor markets, needs and provision · Building resident understanding and support for the visitor economy · A flexible and supportive approach from local planning authorities · Promoting local food and drink as part of the visitor appeal 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understanding of visitor markets, needs and provision • Support the development of existing and new hotels • Building resident understanding and support for the visitor economy • Work to understand how local planning authorities can support the visitor economy • Promoting local food and drink as part of the visitor appeal • Support development of farm visitor facilities, equestrianism and cycle tourism 	<p>Vision has ZERO changes</p> <p><i>Addition is to 'support the development of existing and new hotels and work to understand how local planning authorities can support the visitor economy'</i></p> <p><i>Omission of development of Visit Surrey??</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of farm visitor facilities, equestrianism and cycle tourism 		
<p><u>Landscape and Habitats</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Conserve and enhance the landscape character of Surrey and its associated habitats, whilst ensuring their sustainable management.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of a baseline State of Nature for Surrey report Development and maintenance a register of habitat creation opportunities across Surrey to contribute to a resilient ecological network Co-ordinating bids and funding for landscape scale activity Support management of habitats to return them to favourable condition Better public understanding of the need for conservation management Striking the balance between conservation, access and recreation use 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of a baseline State of Nature for Surrey report Development of a register of habitat creation opportunities across Surrey Management of habitats to return them to favourable condition Better public understanding of the need for conservation management Striking the balance between conservation, access and recreation use 	<p>Vision has ZERO changes</p> <p>Omission of 'maintenance of the habitats register</p> <p>They will support management of habitats but it appears will not be responsible for management itself? They will NOT be coordinating bids and funding for landscape scale activity</p>
<p><u>Historic Environment</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Historic activity often shapes what we value today in rural Surrey. Specialist advice and information is important to promote understanding and legal responsibilities of the historic environment.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p>		<p>Vision</p> <p>Re-worded - Same Vision</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Understanding rural heritage assets, and those which it is most important to conserve · Ensure that local planning authorities have access to available information and expert advice · Use of the Historic Environment Record to inform and influence decisions · Initiatives to increase public knowledge, interest and awareness in Surrey's history 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the significance of rural heritage assets to create understanding of those which it is most important to conserve • Ensuring that local planning authorities have access to available information and expert advice, and that they make use of this access • Promoting the use of the Historic Environment Record to inform and influence decisions • Initiatives to increase public knowledge, interest and awareness in Surrey's heritage legacy 	<p>Vision: Historic activity has often shaped what we value in rural Surrey. Specialist (expert and legal) advice and information is essential to promote the better understanding, conservation and enhancement of the historic environment, to ensure that what we value today can be preserved and appreciated in the future.</p> <p>The issues are the same</p>
<p><u>Outdoor Recreation and Access</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Outdoor recreation and accessible green spaces that have a positive impact on people's physical and mental health, and provide income for local businesses.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Maximising the economic and health benefits of outdoor recreation and access · Upgrading existing routes to create new multi-user routes · Volunteers assisting with the maintenance and enhancement of the rights of way network · Delivering improvements through funding bids, generating income and car park charge revenue <p>Collaboration across providers on projects, funding and campaigns</p>	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximising the economic and health benefits of outdoor recreation and access • Upgrading existing routes to create new multi-user routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders • Volunteers assisting with the maintenance and enhancement of the rights of way network • Delivering improvements through funding bids, generating income and car park charge revenue 	<p>Vision - zero changes</p> <p>Removal of 'Collaboration across providers on projects, funding and campaigns'</p> <p>Voluntary help with maintaining footpaths and rights of way</p>

<p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Ensure that rural Surrey is resilient to climate change, effective in responding to climatic events and plays a role in reducing carbon emissions.</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Improved energy efficiency and increase in renewable energy use in homes and businesses · Ensuring that new development is more sustainable and has a lower environmental impact · Land use and management practices that contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions · Effective adaptation and response to climatic events 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved energy efficiency and increase in renewable energy use in homes and businesses • Ensuring that new development is more sustainable and has a lower environmental impact • Land use and management practices that contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions • Effective adaptation and response to climatic events including flooding 	<p>Vision - Zero change</p> <p>Addition of the word ' flooding' to climatic events</p>

<p><u>Environmental Education and Learning</u></p> <p>VISION: <i>Inspire people in Surrey to actively engage with their natural environment, encouraging appreciation of and respect for wildlife, habitats and conservation</i></p> <p>This could be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality formal and informal environmental education for all ages • Making information easily accessible • Effective collaboration between organisations delivering environmental education • More sharing of best practice in the field of environmental education 	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality formal and informal environmental education for all ages • Making information easily accessible • Effective collaboration between organisations delivering environmental education • More sharing of best practice in the field of environmental education • Collaboration across providers on projects, funding and campaigns 	<p>Vision - Zero change</p> <p>Addition of the phrase 'collaboration across providers on projects funding and campaigns'</p>
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Comparison of the pre-consultation and final document.

There are 26 statements

All 26 statements remained the same or much the same. 4/26 had very minor changes or re-wording, which do not appear to change the context of the vision. The Social Enterprise statement became Community Services and Social Enterprise and the Woodland statement became passive.

The transport statement contained the same issues but had a change of emphasis, which now states 'cost effective' rather than effective and 'high level of community involvement in delivery', placing an even higher level of emphasis on 'community involvement'.

Of the 26 elements, 12 include elements of community involvement and some are highly reliant on the community. Those with some involvement include;

Community Representation & Engagement
 Schools
 Highways
 Energy & fuel
 Outdoor Recreation & Access

Emphasis is on community raising funds to provide solutions
 Community involvement in local schools to overcome issues, including transport
 Community Speed watch
 Community led energy projects to help them address particular needs
 Voluntary help with maintaining footpaths and rights of way

Those with significant involvement include;

Older People

Transport

Health Wellbeing & Social care

Crime

Village & Community Buildings

Libraries

Community Services & Enterprise

Community transport & voluntary sector initiatives

Community transport schemes, voluntary car schemes

Good neighbour schemes, community based solutions enabling , telecare (which needs key holders)

Community schemes, safety measures and community led plans, PC's + police to provide solutions

Community & volunteer activity & community buildings as hubs

Volunteer run libraries

Community shops, pubs and other ventures

It is estimated that 152,100 people live in rural Surrey of which, 20% are not children or working age and hence fall into the 'older people' category. We know that the vast majority of people involved in community work must have the time to do so and must be able to do so, generally this excludes workers and young heads of families who are often combining work and family commitments. The question is therefore what fraction of the 20% are ABLE to carry out community work (assuming all were willing). Rough calculations based on local (known) figures indicate 5% max. which includes a few working and younger people but excludes very elderly and infirm, There are a growing number of people who have to take on part time jobs in their older years and who have to spend considerable amounts of time looking after elderly relatives as less and less support is available.

Estimates show that of the 20% of non-working age (200 people using Compton's figures), 8% are elderly / infirm and unable to take part in community ventures, 5% have part time work or family commitments that result in time away and inability to commit. In Compton 5% already take part (about 50 people) of whom approx 2-3% regularly take part. This leaves a tiny number of people (no more than 2%) who probably could help, but who choose not to. We are VERY lucky to have so many volunteers. Most cannot do any more and pressure to do so would be counterproductive. As has been demonstrated in the past. Currently volunteers in Compton do the following, (these are regular commitments and exclude many ad-hoc events)

- Run a full Parish Council
- Manage and drive the Community Bus (Compo)
- Village Association
- Fundraise at an annual fete
- Village Hall Management team
- Community Speed Watch Group
- Volunteers at Surrey Wildlife
- Volunteers at Watts Gallery (which has a large bank of volunteers, many of whom are not included in the figures as they live outside the village)
- Local Litter Collections
- Countryside Management
- Husband & Wife team who hold regular coffee mornings

It is unreasonable to expect people who already work hard for the community to do more and it is unreasonable to expect those with a lot of commitments or constraints on their time to spend what precious time they have left, working in a voluntary capacity. Is it really viable to ask those that are already involved in all or many of the activities outlined above to also work in the local pub for free too and the shop, take children to school, visit the elderly, run a library etc?

One of the reasons why more people do not get involved in community efforts is because they fear being 'sucked into the community machine' which then asks more and more of their time. Some who have taken on too much over the years have quit altogether. In Compton, we have a great 'community' ethos and little to no bandwidth to take on more.

- It is impossible to justify the two tier system that is being created in light of the cuts. Rural based residents are being disadvantaged and are to receive fewer services than their urban based counterparts, yet must pay the same rates of tax? Rural dwellers are being told they must have greater community involvement which is government speak for 'do it yourself' and pay an extra 3.96% council tax to boot!
- The strategy is, in short, lacking in equality (why are people in rural areas being treated differently, whilst paying the same council taxes) unworkable and unacceptable and should be challenged or a greater level of detail should be made available to explain exactly how it will work and which services currently available will be cut or reduced.
- The responses to this public consultation were not made public. It is therefore impossible to see whether they have been fairly interpreted or included. Many Parish Councils had no knowledge of the consultation, neither were Resident's Associations informed about it. It rather beggars the question as to who did know and where was it advertised? As Chairman of the Parish Forum, I asked for an extension to the deadline and received an extension of approx. 10 days which was helpful but inadequate for Parish Councils to provide a considered and approved submission.
- The Conference date and date for the launch of the final strategy was published alongside the consultation. This rather supposes that very little feedback was expected or, as many have suggested, the strategy was largely written and the consultation served little purpose. To add insult to injury for those that took the trouble to 'inform the document' by taking part in this and other lengthy workshops, a fee of £54 was requested in order to attend the launch of it, as it was launched at the SCREFF Conference. I believe that if the strategy really wishes to be representative of public opinion then the process followed was flawed. If SCC has the authority to produce strategies without public input, then there is no need to consult at all. To ask members of the public to take part in a lengthy consultation and then not make the results publicly available is a highly questionable way of operating and creates questions over confidence of both the procedure and the results.