

Kent Agreement 2 Consultation – A Summary

Friday 27th July to Thursday 20th September 2007

Initial Reaction From Partners

Partners from across Kent welcomed the opportunity to contribute to the consultation and supported the process that has been undertaken so far.

Partners acknowledged that the “devil will be in the detail”, and that the next round of discussion about indicators and targets will be critical once we have the list of 200 National Improvement Indicators following Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR07) in October. Some frustration expressed that working on outcomes was too general but the reasons for awaiting CSR07 were appreciated.

Partners welcomed the relationship between the proposed outcomes and the 8 Vision for Kent themes, as they had been closely involved in selecting these themes as part of the comprehensive review of the countywide Sustainable Community Strategy in 2006.

Partners noted the close relationship between the 6 Transformational Priorities and the V4K Themes, however many suggested adding “Environment”, “Climate Change” and “High Quality Housing” to the list.

Proposed Outcomes

Since the consultation deadline passed the Kent Partnership team has noted and recorded all responses.

A quick summary analysis has been carried out to see which outcomes received the most comments and were ranked most highly on the consultation proforma.

Initial results show the **Overall Top 10 Outcomes** that have been supported by most partners include:

Ranking	Outcome
1	Raising learning, job and skills aspirations for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups
2	Reducing crime and the fear of crime
3	Promoting pathways to employment
4	Increased community cohesion, participation and shared sense of belonging
5	Promoting regeneration opportunities for Kent's diverse areas & communities
6	Skills transformation in specific sectors and for people of all ages
7	Reducing the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
8	Enhancing opportunities for looked after children, children leaving care, young carers and NEETs
9	Increasing volunteering
10	Creating decent, sustainable communities

Next Steps

Detailed analysis will now be carried out on all responses to inform our future negotiating position. A summary of responses will be available on our website (www.kentpartnership.org.uk/kent-agreement-related-documents.asp), and full copies of all consultation responses are available on request from the Kent Partnership Team.