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to the latest edition of the Surrey Improvement Partnership (SIP) newsletter. This newsletter will be sent to contacts across Surrey on a regular basis to keep everyone informed of the work that SIP is driving and what that might mean for your organisation.

SIP is supporting a wide range of projects to deliver, through a programme of partnership working, real improvements and enhanced efficiencies in local government services throughout the county. For further information about the projects and contacts, please refer to the SIP website:

www.surreyimprovement.info.

Green Garden Waste Project

We reported in the last edition of our newsletter that Surrey has been awarded money from Improvement and Efficiency South East's (IESE) Efficiency and Transformation Fund, to embark upon a project investigating the possibility of sharing garden waste processing services across Surrey authorities. The Project Team has been established, with Chris Wheeler of Guildford Borough Council as Project Manager and Stephen Thwaites of Waverley Borough Council as Project Sponsor. Meetings have been taking place to fully scope the project, which aims to support the delivery of Local Area Agreement (LAA) target N1192 (% of waste recycling and composting). By joining up back office garden waste processing across Surrey

authorities, the project aims to create greater efficiencies, generated by economies of scale, and enhance customer's experiences. At the end of the project, it is hoped that Surrey will have a replicable template that other authorities may employ. For further information, please contact sip@surreyimprovement.info.



Community Engagement Framework and Toolkit

A Surrey wide Community Engagement Toolkit and Framework have been produced following wide consultation by the SIP Neighbourhood Engagement Project Team. Their official launch took place at the Surrey Community Development Forum on 1st March 2010.

The Framework has been developed as a brief, strategic statement of the basic principles, values and elements of community engagement that organisations within Surrey can sign up to, helping enable partnership working to achieve a shared vision and direction for future activity in this area. The toolkit builds on the framework to provide far greater detail around the rationale and benefits of engagement, the Surrey context, and the techniques and methods of community engagement, aiming to share best

practice and inform people of the sorts of tools that they might wish to consider. It is designed to ensure that public and voluntary sector organisations in Surrey have advice on how to engage with local residents, communities and service users to a high standard. For further details, please email the Neighbourhood Engagement Project Team on: engagement@surreyimprovement.info

Regional Roundup Improvement and Efficiency South East (IESE) Annual Conference

The annual IESE conference will take place on 4th March 2010 at Church House Conference Centre in Westminster. The conference will bring together members and officers from all over the South East region to share learning and discuss future priorities. The conference will be followed by an awards ceremony in the evening, celebrating projects of particular merit and success.

Positive Planning for an Ageing Population

Berkshire Improvement and Efficiency Partnership has overseen a strategy to ensure that all homes built privately and publicly in Berkshire will, from now on, be designed with elderly people in mind. This positive action feeds into the government's national strategy 'Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods - A National Strategy for an Ageing Society.' The strategy can be downloaded from the website: www.southeastiep.gov.uk



Tackling Climate Change Together

SIP is running a project to support the development of collaborative working across Surrey to address Climate Change. The project is also viewed in a wider South East context and will be used to promote good practice across other local authority areas. A new SLGA member group has been established to add political support and direction to this agenda. The group oversees the development of the Surrey wide Climate Change Strategy and the development of a Member training programme to build awareness around climate change issues. The Strategy itself has now been approved by 10 out of the 11 Surrey Districts and Boroughs with the final Council decision expected April 2010. The Surrey Strategic Partnership has also endorsed the Strategy.

The project's transport work-stream has been aligned with the climate change work being led by Transport for Surrey. Support for this from the SIP project will see dissemination of good-practice transport case studies to rest of Surrey and beyond; the scoping for an electric vehicle strategy; and the scoping of countywide sustainable transport communications. A working group has also been established to focus on climate change adaptation. It will now work towards a gap analysis of NI 188 activities across Surrey local authorities, in addition to building capacity to address climate change. For further details, please email climate@surreyimprovement.info

EVENTS

Surreytogether2

The final Surreytogether2 event took place on 23rd November 2009. The event successfully brought together leaders, chief executives, senior politicians and managers in local government with colleagues from the educational, economic, health and voluntary sectors. The results of the Surreytogether programme will now be analysed and taken forward, to ensure that those involved continue to come together in the spirit of collaboration and joint working to support the delivery of the Surrey Local Area Agreement and other key priorities.



Surrey Infrastructure Forum

The second Surrey Infrastructure Forum took place on 22nd October 2009 and around 120 delegates from across the South East region, including councillors, planning officers, Surrey Police, Surrey PCT, higher education sector, housing sector, voluntary, community and faith sector, transport sector, private utilities, Surrey business community and Government Office for the South East, received key information on and progress made with this project. An outline of the work programme for year two was also provided, the focus of which is on supporting the development of District and

Borough infrastructure delivery plans. Delegates participated in an open debate about the work being undertaken, with specific workshops focussed on infrastructure planning and governance and infrastructure delivery/co-location and its relationship with Total Place. For further details on the Surrey Infrastructure Capacity Project, please email: capacity@surreyimprovement.info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Member Development -

Emergency Planning

16th March Epsom & Ewell

17th March Guildford

23rd March Runnymede

30th March Tandridge

Following extensive consultation with members last year, the Member Development Team have devised a Learning and Development Programme for 2010 specifically designed to meet member's training needs.

Four sessions on Emergency Planning / Resilience are planned over March, to be run by Ian Good (Emergency Planning Officer, Surrey County Council) and Ian St. John (Surrey Police). For further details please email: member@surreyimprovement.info

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Contact us

If there are any areas contained within this newsletter that you would like further information about, please call or email us on the contact details below.

Next issue...

We will highlight more of the SIP projects. If you wish to be taken off this mailing list, please email the address below.