



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

to
PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
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ONE MALDON DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the delivery of One Maldon District Partnership action plan. Further to the high-level view given in corporate performance reporting, this report drills down into the action plan and specific delivery detail of the partnership.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee acknowledges the update provided on One Maldon District Partnership action plan and continues to monitor delivery.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

3.1 One Maldon District partnership (OMD)

- 3.1.1 Established in April 2022, the OMD Partnership is a partnership that works together to ensure the health and wellbeing of Maldon District residents. The OMD Partnership meets quarterly and brings together senior representatives from local statutory, voluntary and private sectors.
- 3.1.2 **APPENDIX 1** is the OMD partnership Terms of Reference.
- 3.1.3 In alignment with strategic work being undertaken by Essex County Council and NHS partners through the Mid Essex Alliance, the OMD partnership's approach to overseeing the District's health and wellbeing activities is informed by the wider determinants of health.
- 3.1.4 In 2023, Mid Essex Alliance commissioned the Centre for Thriving Places to create a Thriving Places Index framework for Mid Essex. This amalgamated data from historically siloed policy areas including health, housing, transport, and environment. In June 2024 this year, the OMD partnership held a workshop to understand this data framework locally and jointly agree interconnected priority outcomes. These are mental health, community cohesion, accessibility, community safety and green spaces.
- 3.1.5 £65,835 UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) funding was allocated to Mid Essex Alliance this year. This was devolved to the OMD Partnership to deliver activities that will impact against Thriving Places outcomes in-year.
- 3.1.6 In August 2024, community partners were invited to express an interest to receive grant funding. A panel convened and shortlisted five projects. Collectively, the

projects focus on the mental health outcome and its interconnections with community cohesion, community safety and green spaces. Project activities will be delivered between October 2024 and March 2025. Learning will inform the next tranche of the OMD partnership's Thriving Places work, to take place from April 2025. The likely priority outcome to be focussed on is accessibility.

3.2 The OMD Partnership Action Plan

- 3.2.1 The OMD Partnership action plan is created in collaboration with OMD partners. It provides OMD partners with a means of holding each other to account for delivery of agreed actions.
- 3.2.2 **APPENDIX 2** is the OMD Partnership action plan.
- 3.2.3 The action plan defines roles and responsibilities for OMD partners to undertake a coherent and collaborative approach to delivery of OMD's work. It defines roles and responsibilities for key actions that deliver against OMD's in-year priorities.
- 3.2.4 The action plan is reviewed with OMD partners and updated at the start of each financial year. To ensure robust accountability, OMD's performance against the action plan is reported to this Committee. As at the end of November 2024, the action plan is 57% complete. It is on track to be at least 90% complete at financial year end.
- 3.2.5 The early learning from OMD partners in delivering this action plan suggests that the OMD Partnership has matured to a point where it is better able to strategically plan its work over the next three to five years. Further conversations are due to take place in 2025.
- 3.2.6 The OMD Partnership is keen to positively influence partners with its 'connect, inspire, impact' philosophy. It continually seeks to strengthen its communications and key messaging. **APPENDIX 3** is a new quarterly bulletin that is being trialled and has been well received.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The OMD Partnership is a senior level partnership that has translated strategic discussions into delivery of an in-year action plan. The action plan is forecast to be at least 90% complete at financial year end.

5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025 - 2028

5.1 Supporting our communities

- 5.1.1 The OMD Partnership's multi-agency action plan delivers evidenced based Thriving Places projects to support and strengthen local vulnerable groups. The OMD Partnership champions an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD), a worldwide adopted approach to help local communities build on their passions and strengths. The OMD Partnership oversees inclusive community hubs and events throughout the year including U-Fest and 'Living Well In Winter' hubs with provision of winter advice packs.

5.2 **Growing our economy**

- 5.2.1 The OMD Partnership includes a Job Fair in its annual programme and ensures that residents have access to work and skills advice at community hub events.

5.3 **Investing in our District**

- 5.3.1 The OMD Partnership ensures its UKSPF funding allocation is spent sustainably for the benefit of the District's vulnerable residents.

5.4 **Protecting our environment**

- 5.4.1 The OMD Partnership's Thriving Places approach has identified usage of green spaces as being a key outcome. Its partners are jointly committed to recognising the importance of green spaces during the design and rollout of OMD UKSPF activities.

6. **IMPLICATIONS**

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – OMD Partnership projects are designed using ABCD principles to ensure that maximum benefits are realised for vulnerable groups that OMD is supporting, in line with their needs.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – OMD Partnership projects are delivered in accordance with the Public Sector Equality Duty.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – The OMD Partnership has strong links with community and voluntary groups. This helps the Council, and its strategic partners better understand the risks our communities are facing in terms of cost of living, social isolation etc. This puts OMD and the Council in a stronger position to positively influence coordination of funding and activities.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – The OMD Partnership has a named finance lead (Maldon CVS) that manages a pooled funding arrangement for OMD's administrative and training costs. The finance lead manages OMD's UKSPF budget allocation. The OMD Partnership is maturing its financial oversight processes to better understand the pipeline of funding opportunities that are available to OMD partners, to ensure OMD is best placed to grow and sustain its partnership work.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – The Council takes a lead role in the programme management of OMD partnership's action plan but with responsibilities for administration, communications, finance and project delivery shared across a number of OMD partner organisations.

Background Papers:

APPENDIX 1 – The OMD Partnership Terms of Reference

APPENDIX 2 – The OMD Partnership Action Plan

APPENDIX 3 – The OMD Partnership Quarter 2 Bulletin

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