

White Road Chatham Community Future Plan

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Overall – Greater community spirit, an area transformed from grey and unloved to a place where people take pride in where they live and the place feels valued. Cleaner and greener physical appearance.					
1. General					
1.1. Local people do not know what services are available and what is happening in their area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up community notice board and arrange for this to be kept up to date. Use local free paper and radio to advertise local events Include news of local events in parish newsletter (All Saints) 	Medway Council / All Saints Community Project	Short Term by June 2008	From White Road Community Centre budget 2008-2009 and SEEDA / LSC funding	<i>Noticeboard now in place since Oct 08.</i> <i>Several leaflet drops since Council took over the Centre</i>
1.2. Poor response rate by local agencies especially Medway Council and the Police when local people report problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to improve response systems to calls to helpline and letters from the public. Police to improve response rate to public and effectiveness of response (see Section on Community Safety) Review how local agencies could provide a more joined-up response to local people 	Kent Police; Medway Community Safety Partnership Medway Council enforcement team working closely with MHS Homes	Short Term by June 2008	Launch Neighbourhood Police Office by February 2008 – this is already funded by EU and Medway Council finances; Carry out two enforcement blitzes in April 2008 and June 2008. (Resources from Medway Council & MHS Homes)	<i>Neighbourhood Police Office now situated at Glencoe School'</i> <i>Regular Police Surgery now held at WR Community Centre.</i> <i>Enforcement blitz carried out Summer 08.</i>
1.3. Poor choice of things to do for local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve choices for local people (See Section on Community Services) 				
1.4. People do not take any pride in their properties and in the area in general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve environment (See Section on Clean, Quieter Environment) 				
2. Clean quieter environment					
2.1. Lots of problems with litter and fly tipping. Some parents have given alley keys to children. Currently dog bins are not emptied regularly so mess gets thrown around especially near alley where parents and children walk down to the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure refuse collection is fully effective and includes regular emptying of dog bins (Supervise proper use of alleygating scheme Improve response rate to fly-tipping and serve penalties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase size of recycling boxes 	Medway Council enforcement team, working closely with MHS Homes; Medway Council waste services	Short Term by June 2008 Medium term by April 2009	Carry out enforcement action against fly-tipping in April 2008 and June 2008 (Medway Council finances) Ensure completion of alleygating scheme adjacent to White Road Community Centre (EU and Medway Council funds)	<i>Dog bins removed and alleys next to Centre now gated.</i>

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2.2 Not enough green spaces, or trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve promotion of other green spaces so more people use them e.g. Fairbridge Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort out problems at Chalk Pit Hill so more local people use the facility • Make better use of Palmerston Park which is popular with local people • Set up a play park for children and decent sports pitch for football, basketball, hockey,, swings and monkey bars, roundabout, animals • Set up safe place for people to ride bikes and motor bikest 	Medway Council Greenspaces Service & Medway Council Social Regeneration Service, MHS Homes	<p>Medium term by April 2009</p> <p>Long Term by 2010-2011</p>	<p>Secure resources from EU funds to improve the environment at Chalk Pit Community Park for young people;</p> <p>Bid to EU and DCLG resources to finance the development of a new play park</p>	
3. Public Transport, Roads and Parking					
3.1. People speeding in cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce speed and noise limits, 				
3.2. Poor and unreliable bus service. Fares expensive for local people especially young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve reliability of local bus service • Reduce fares for under 18s • Review whether more bus stops in area would be appropriate 	Arriva Medway Council Public Transport Team / Traffic Management Team	Long term by 2010-2011	Investigation is required as to whether resources could be put into this via the Local Transport Plan. Public Transport team need to engage in dialogue with Arriva on this matter.	

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4.4. High incidence of road accidents in White Road – 3 in recent weeks (Oct 06)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review what other road safety measures could be introduced into area e.g. crossings to enable children to cross roads safely 	Medway Council Traffic Management & Highways	Long Term by 2010-2011	Review to be undertaken and remedial action to taken once identified. Resources to be sought from LTP / DCLG regeneration finances	
5. Community Services & Health					
5.1 People are unable to join local GPs list or access services of a GP	Resolve current problem of local people not being able to join any GP's list	Medway PCT / Medway Public Health Team	Medium Term by April 2009		
5.2 Not enough safe places/more activities for children, young people and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify safe places for young people to meet especially in winter – youth club for older youths, graffiti wall, Set up Surestart events and services for parents with young children including cooking classes, parent support Extend the programme and opportunities offered by the Youth Club to include football (meet professional footballers – Gillingham, Charlton), computers, introduction to skills e.g. mechanics (how bikes, motorbikes, cars work) , joinery etc, trips to local facilities such as Buckmore Park, tenpin bowling, kickboxing, DJ nights, dance club, film nights,drama clubs, competitions Set up holiday schemes for children, recording studio Organise regular events for children, young people and their families all to take part in e.g. cinema evenings, social events. Palmerston club is members only. Set up local cubs and scouts groups Take steps to prevent events being spoiled by anti-social behaviour 	Medway Youth Service / All Saints Community Project / Sunlight Development Trust	Medium Term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from the new EU Interreg IV programme and from SEEDA	
5.3 Not enough safe places/more social activities for older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise clubs during the day e.g. luncheon clubs, for local older people 	Local Community Organisations / Local School venue?	Medium term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from sources of external funding that can be bid to by the local voluntary and community sector	<i>Some activities in place, more planned for 2010.</i>

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5.4. Improve quality and quantity of events for local people and families especially to attend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise events for families e.g. summer BBQs, film nights, Fireworks parties, New Year's Eve celebrations, snooker 	White Road Community Association	Medium Term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from sources of external funding that can be bid to by the local voluntary and community sector	<i>Open Day held Nov 09 more events planned for summer 2010. See Newsletter.</i>	
5.5 Information is not regularly communicated to the community about developments in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up community noticeboard Make better use of local free papers, local radio and parish newsletter to advertise local events 	Medway Council / All Saints Community Project	Short Term by June 2008	From White Road Community Centre budget 2008-2009 and SEEDA funding / LSC funding related to employment support outreach measures and community learning respectively	<i>Noticeboard in place.</i>	
6. Education, Skills and Training for Employment						
Poor standard of education amongst local people – a number of local people have of learning difficulties	6.1. Improve access for local people to basic skills training, numeracy and literacy refreshers, computer training, interviewee training	Church in Society / Greenvale Infants School / Medway Council	Medium Term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from SEEDA / MHS Homes / Medway Council / EU funding	<i>UK On-line learning facility will be opening Spring 2010. Flexible New Deal starts April 2010.</i>	
Poor level of job skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide taster sessions especially for local younger people on skills which could lead to employment e.g. painting, decorating, mechanics (see Community Services above) 	All Saints Community Project / Medway Council	Medium Term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from SEEDA and EU funding		<i>Taster sessions have been held by Medway Adult Learning and more planned for 2010.</i>
6.1 Young people have poor access to apprenticeships, training and employment choices in the local area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work closely with local employers to provide more trade apprenticeships, work experience Provide more taster sessions 	Medway Jobsmatch / Medway Council Economic Development Service	Medium Term by April 2009	Resources to be sought from SEEDA and EU funding		<i>Neighbourhood Cohesion Officer now in post under Access Project. Aimed at Young people of the area.</i>