

South Derbyshire Community Strategy

Action Plan 2005-2006

Vision

“Working together for a better South Derbyshire”

This vision will be achieved through partnership working between the local authorities, the primary care trusts, police, fire and rescue, other statutory bodies, voluntary sector organisations and the private, business sector.

Introduction

The Local Government Act 2000 places a duty on local authorities to establish Local Strategic Partnerships to prepare and implement community Strategies to improve the economic and social well being of their areas. The South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership was formerly established in 2003 and approved a five year Community Strategy in 2005. This is the first Action Plan. It focuses on key new actions planned for 2005/06 which will contribute to achieving the Community Strategy's aims. It is not an exhaustive list of everything the partners are doing, nor does it include actions beyond 2005/06. Annual updates will report on progress and provide action plans for following years.

Structure

The Partnership consists of a Forum that meets twice a year to which all residents, employees and organisations with an interest in South Derbyshire are welcome to attend. A Board, whose members represent public, private and community and voluntary sector interests, carries out the day to day work. Under the banner of the six broad themes of the strategy, thematic Working Groups, chaired by Board members, support the Board to deliver this vision.

Communication/resources

Effective communication and financial arrangements will be crucial the successful delivery of the strategy. This will be a developing process. The District Council has taken on the responsibility of being the accountable body for the Partnership but will be seeking financial support and commitment from partners to implement the programme.

Monitoring and evaluation

It is important that robust mechanisms are in place to monitor the progress of the targets set out in the plan. By regular monitoring and evaluation the Partnership will be able to adjust and amend targets as necessary. The Chairs of the thematic groups will act as 'Champions' reporting on progress both to the Board and to the Forum at least twice yearly. An Annual report will also be published.

Lead Organisation Abbreviations

DCC	Derbyshire County Council
SDDC	South Derbyshire District Council
DC	Derbyshire Constabulary
SDCVS	South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Services
DRCC	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
SSDP	Safer South Derbyshire Partnership
PCT	Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust
BTCV	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
Chamber	Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link
TNFC	The National Forest Company
DLSC	Derbyshire Learning and Skills Council
DLP	Derbyshire Learning Partnership

Creating Opportunities for All

Priorities :		Performance Indicators			
• <i>'Improving communication, consultation and involvement with local people to provide better services'</i> • <i>'Improving social exclusion by providing fair and equal access to all services for everybody'</i>		• Support for community and voluntary organisations (BV226) • Good practice consultation (LIB 181) • Well informed citizens (BVPI User Sat Q9) • Access to Services (QoL 22)			
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006					
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Timescale	Status
From these two priorities the 'Opportunities for All' thematic has identified five action areas :					
1. Developing and implementing a communication and consultation strategy. 2. Engaging Hard to Reach Groups 3. Mapping Existing community buildings and identifying gaps in provision 4. Identifying areas and communities that do not have access to services 5. Supporting Communities to help themselves					
1. Developing and implementing a communication and consultation strategy.					
1.1	Undertake audit of existing consultations and processes, develop baseline and establish gaps.	SDCVS	Audit undertaken, baseline prepared.	July 2005	
1.2	Establish and confirm roles and responsibilities of Board Members and Partner Organisations on their contribution to the communication and consultation of the LSP.	SDCVS	Roles and responsibilities confirmed	September 2005	
1.3	Identify resources to develop and implement the strategy	SDCVS	Resources secured	September 2005	

1.4	Produce and agree communications protocol	SDCVS	Protocol approved	January 2006	
1.5	Agree and approve Consultation strategy	SDCVS	Strategy approved	January 2006	
2.	Engaging Hard to Reach Groups				
2.1	Complete, and develop relationships with Hard to Reach Groups.	SDCVS	All groups identified and relationship established	September 2005	
2.2	Establish Good Practice protocols	SDCVS	Hard to Reach protocol approved	September 2005	
2.3	Maintain established links with Hard to Reach Groups.	SDCVS		ongoing	
3.	Mapping Existing Community Buildings and identifying gaps in provision				
3.1	Agree definitions and minimum standards of provision	DRCC	Definitions and standards agreed	July 2005	
3.2	Undertake survey, prepare baseline and identify gaps in provision	DRCC	Audit undertaken, baseline prepared, gaps identified	January 2006	
4.	Identifying areas and communities that do not have access to services				
4.1	Review membership of the Group to ensure wider representation of service providers and users.	SDCVS	Membership reviewed, wider representation achieved	July 2005	

4.2	Ensure Partners and Members contribute to the DCC process of producing the Accessibility Strategy and Local Transport Plan 2.	SDDC	Respond to consultations	September 2005	
4.3	Adopt a range of tools and techniques that act as a checklist for the SDLSP Board to support and manage projects	DRCC	Rural proofing, diversity, health proofing checklists in place	March 2006	
5. Supporting Communities to help themselves					
5.1	Identify funding opportunities to address projects to support communities to help themselves.	SDCVS	Widen and make available list of opportunities	ongoing	
5.2	Develop a strategy for funding the voluntary and community sector groups and organisations in consultation with stakeholders.	SDDC	Strategy approved	March 2006	
5.3	Develop and adopt a South Derbyshire Compact	SDCVS as Group Leader	Compact adopted	March 2006	

Safe Communities

Priorities :		Performance Indicators • Number of incidents of criminal damage • Number of Police calls for service to anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents • Extent to which residents believe ASB occurs in their neighbourhood • % of residents feeling a bit or very unsafe alone at home at night (QoL18) • % of residents feeling a bit or very unsafe alone on public transport • BVPI's 89/199 Satisfaction with and degree of street/land cleanliness • LIB044/45 prosecutions for dog fouling, litter etc.			
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006					
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Timescale	Status
From these two priorities the 'Safe Communities' thematic has identified five action areas :					
1. Establishing more safer community groups to provide a local focus for addressing anti social behaviour and other community issues 2. Increasing the visibility of uniformed authority figures 3. Increasing the enforcement of low level legislation relating for example to litter, dog fouling, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles 4. Refocusing and implementing the Crime and Disorder Communication Strategy with an emphasis on involving young people 5. Providing a single point of access for reporting anti social behaviour and other community safety issues.					
1. Establishing more safer community groups to provide a local focus for addressing anti social behaviour and other community issues					
1.1	Establish four more 'community safety' groups.	SSDP	Increase number of groups to 13	March 2006	
2. Increasing the visibility of uniformed authority figures					
2.1	Recruit and deploy four Community Support Officers.	DC	4 officers deployed	June 2005	

2.2	Feasibility study on Uniformed presence completed and submitted for approval.	SDDC	Study approved	September 2005	
2.3	Implement scheme to recruit and deploy more uniformed presence.	SDDC	3 officers deployed	March 2005	
3.	Increasing the enforcement of low level legislation relating for example to litter, dog fouling, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles				
3.1	Establish a baseline to determine current levels of enforcement activity and set targets for improvement.	SDDC	Baseline established and targets set.	June 2005	
3.2	Establish enforcement scheme with partners	SDDC	Enforcement scheme agreed	September 2005	
3.3	Implement enforcement scheme	SDDC	Increased prosecutions	January 2006	
3.4	Prepare and implement media campaign	SDDC	Campaign undertaken	January 2006	
4.	Refocusing and implementing the Crime and Disorder Communication Strategy with an emphasis on reducing fear of crime				
4.1	Revise and publish communication strategy.	SSDP	Revised strategy agreed	October 2005	
4.2	Prepare and deliver 10 publicity campaigns.	SSDP	Campaigns completed	March 2006	
5.	Providing a single point of access for reporting anti social behaviour and other community safety issues				
5.1	Research and appraise options for providing a single point of contact.	SSDP	Options appraised	September 2005	

5.2	Agree with Partners appropriate course of action	SSDP		Action agreed	January 2006	
5.3	Implement approved action	SSDP		Access point provided	March 2006	

Healthy Communities

Priorities : • <i>'Better access and opportunities for everyone to improve their health and well being'</i> • <i>'Better support to vulnerable people and families to improve their health and well being'</i>		Performance Indicators • reduction in adult smoking rates • percentage of residents participating in 30 minutes moderate activity • hours per week of physical activity of 7-13 yr olds • reduction in mortality rates from heart disease and strokes (QoL10) • social housing into decent condition (BV184a) • the proportion of private housing in decent condition occupied by vulnerable groups (BV184b) • reduction in teenage pregnancies			
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006					
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Timescale	Status
From these two priorities the 'Healthier Communities' thematic has identified three action areas :					
1. Encouraging smoke free environments					
2. Promoting healthier lifestyles					
3. Reducing the number of vulnerable people and families living in non decent homes					
1. Encouraging smoke free environments					
1.1	Audit and establish baseline of partner non-smoking policies.	PCT	Baseline established	September 2005	
1.2	PCT to establish non smoking environment as an exemplar.	PCT	Policy in place	March 2006	
1.3	Prepare and publish 'smoke free environment' toolkit.	PCT	Publication of toolkit	September 2005	

1.4	Provision of written information to Partners on the benefits of smoke free workplaces and the harm of second hand, passive smoking.	PCT	Information distributed	September 2005	
1.5	Promotion of 'Fresh Start' counselling by provision and distribution of information on the programme in a suitable format for inclusion in pay slips.	PCT	Information distributed	September 2005	
2. Promoting healthier lifestyles					
2.1	Increase outdoor physical activities by promoting walking, cycling, conservation and similar activities.	SDDC/Get Active in the Forest	Increased rates of activity	March 2006	
2.2	Establish Conservation Volunteer Group for South Derbyshire.	SDDC/BTCV	Group established	September 2005	
2.3	Prepare 'healthier' living' guidelines and distribute to all households.	PCT/SDDC	Guides produced and distributed	March 2006	
2.4	Commission a review of the existing GP referral scheme and explore the feasibility of expanding to include non gym based activities.	PCT/SDDC	Produce report including recommendations for the future	March 2006	
3. Reducing the number of vulnerable people and families living in non decent homes					
3.1	Develop eligibility criteria for the Healthy and Warm referral scheme.	SDDC	Criteria established	September 2005	
3.2	Incorporate 'Housing Needs' into the proposed Family Health Needs assessment.	PCT	Assessment finalised	March 2006	

A Vibrant Economy

Priorities :		Performance Indicators			
• 'Developing and sustaining the local business base' • 'Encouraging inward investment and doing business in South Derbyshire'		• Percentage change in the number of local jobs (QoL 5) • Percentage change in the number of VAT registered businesses (QoL4) • Value of tourism to the local economy • No of businesses expanding • Number of people aged over 45 receiving advice • Number of Social Enterprises established			
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006					
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Timescale	Status
From these two priorities the 'Vibrant Economy' thematic has identified five action areas :					
1. Understanding and supporting local businesses. 2. Attracting and supporting businesses which can support vulnerable people. 3. Developing the workforce. 4. Improving access to employment opportunities, especially by public transport. 5. Progressing projects which have an immediate impact on the local economy.					
1. Understanding and supporting local businesses.					
1.1	Explore opportunities for establishing a Business Support Network in Swadlincote Town Centre by employing a part-time business liaison worker.	Chamber	Support Network established	March 2006	
1.2	Undertake and complete the Woodville to Swadlincote Regeneration Action Area - Wider Employment Options study.	SDDC	Study completed	March 2006	

2. Attracting and supporting businesses which can support vulnerable people.				
2.1	Undertake investigation with regional agencies of the potential for promoting support for employing vulnerable people.	Chamber	Investigation completed	September 2005
2.2	Hold scoping event for employing disadvantaged and disaffected groups with local agencies and employers.	Chamber	Event held	January 2006
3. Developing the workforce				
3.1	Work with partners to identify the training needs of the local workforce.	Chamber/DLSC	Baseline established	September 2005
3.2	Report on the Needs and Opportunities relating to the Woodland Economy and Tourism in the National Forest.	The National Forest Company	Report published	September 2005
4. Improving access to employment opportunities, especially by public transport.				
4.1	Undertake feasibility study and develop pilot scheme to provide public transport links to Nottingham East Midlands Airport.	Derbyshire County Council	Pilot scheme in operation	December 2005
5. Progressing projects which have an immediate impact on the local economy.				
5.1	Implement National Forest Business Grant scheme	The National Forest Company	Scheme implemented	March 2006
5.2	Support Social enterprise development for the Voluntary and Community Sector in South Derbyshire.	SDCVS	Training and development undertaken	March 2006
5.3	Investigate the potential for the extension of the industrial estate facelift scheme or the development of 'gateway' improvements to Swadlincote.	SDDC/Groundwork	Study completed	September 2005
5.4	Improve and expand the tourism service in the District by providing a local delivery point at Sharpe's Pottery.	SDDC	Tourist Information Point established	January 2006

5.5	Investigate and promote the availability of external funding opportunities to develop the economy across South Derbyshire.	Chamber as Group Leader	Investigation completed	March 2006	
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A Sustainable Environment

Priorities : • <i>'Improving our environment by working together.'</i> • <i>'Reducing waste and improving our public space'</i>		Performance Indicators • increase in the number of Local Nature Reserves • BVPI's 199 (street cleanliness, graffiti, fly tipping etc) • BVPI 89 (satisfaction with cleanliness) • BVPI 82 (proportion of waste composted/recycled) • BVPI 216 Abandoned vehicles.			
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006					
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Timescale	Status
From these two priorities the 'Sustainable Environment' thematic has identified five action areas which are seen as key to the economic success and social well being of the area: 1. Establishing an Environmental Forum 2. Undertaking an audit of environmental assets, actions and opportunities 3. Improving the cleanliness of our streets 4. Reducing Waste and recycling more 5. Improving parks and open spaces					
1. Establishing an Environmental Forum					
1.1	Hold event with a view to engaging partners, environmental organisations and interested bodies to establish an Environmental Forum.	TNFC as Group Leader	Event held	October 2005	
1.2	Identify key sources of information relative to environmental matters in South Derbyshire	TNFC as Group Leader	Sources identified	July 2005	

2. Undertaking an audit of environmental assets, actions and opportunities					
	TNFC as Group Leader	Parameters and lead agency agreed	October 2005		
2.1	Identify and agree parameters to determine basis for the environmental audit. Identify lead partner and resources.				
2.2	Undertake audit and prepare baseline.	Audit undertaken and baseline prepared	March 2006		
3. Improving the cleanliness of our streets					
3.1	Review the Council's street cleaning operations and devise a programme to deliver improvements.	Action Plan in place	Sept 2005		
3.2	Devise a programme to provide higher profile enforcement and education on litter and fly tipping.	Action Plan in place	Sept 2005		
4. Reducing waste and recycling more					
4.1	All partners to implement at least one waste minimisation measure.	Number of Waste minimisation measures implemented	March 2006		
4.2	Prepare educational programme in relation to waste reduction.	Programme fully developed	Dec 2005		
4.3	Engage Partners in implementing an educational programme to reduce waste	At least two key partners also delivering programme	March 2006		
5. Improving parks and Open Spaces					
5.1	Complete implementation of capital works at Maurice Lea Memorial and Coton Parks.	Works completed	March 2006		

5.2	Develop and establish more 'Friends of' groups for Maurice Lea Memorial Park and other major Open Spaces.	SDDC	More 'Friends group' established	March 2006	
5.3	Ensure operational links with other priority areas are developed, particularly those actions relating to antisocial behaviour and nuisance in parks and open spaces.	SDDC	Linkages established	March 2006	

Lifelong Learning and Culture

Priorities : • <i>'Improved access and choices for learning and skills development'</i> • <i>"Increasing the number and range of leisure, arts and heritage opportunities"</i>		Performance Indicators • %age of population of working age qualified to level 2 or equivalent • participation rates in leisure and cultural activities • External funding attracted for cultural projects • BV119 %age of residents satisfied with sports and leisure facilities and museums		
Next Review date : Review annually, next review 2006				
No	Action	Lead Organisation	Target	Status
From these two priorities the 'Lifelong Learning and Culture thematic has identified four action areas :				
1. Clarifying the roles and responsibilities for learning and skills development.				
2. Establishing a delivery mechanism for the co-ordination of learning and skills development.				
3. Developing and supporting the establishment of a Cultural Forum.				
4. Improving collaboration between the different agencies.				
1. Clarifying the roles and responsibilities for learning and skills development.				
1.1	Undertake local audit and publish findings in relation to the respective roles and responsibilities for local skills and learning.	DLSC	Results published	December 2005
1.2	Undertake collaborative activity to promote learning opportunities in South Derbyshire	DLP	At least one event held to distribute DLP Local Learning Guides	September 2005
2. Establishing a delivery mechanism for the co-ordination of learning and skills development.				
2.1	Agree the establishment of a Lifelong Learning and Culture Group to be serviced by the DLP	DLP/LSP Co-ordinator	DLP Director to propose to Board	May 2005

2.2	Convene initial meeting of partners involved with learning and skills issues to agree Membership, Remit and meeting dates for 2005/06.	DLSC/DLP	Initial Meeting held Regular meetings held	June 2005 ongoing	
3. Developing and supporting the establishment of a Cultural Forum					
3.1	Establish a baseline for community participation in leisure and other cultural activities	SDDC	Baseline established	September 2005	
3.2	Review research and information available from the pilot cultural forum event held in 2004 and establish a South Derbyshire Cultural Forum with a formal 'Forum' committee.	People Express	Findings published	December 2005	
3.4	Arrange and hold a local culture event focussing on funding opportunities	Community and Leisure Services SDDC	Event delivered	March 2006	
4. Improving collaboration between the different agencies.					
4.1	Develop co-ordinated approach to providing access to information on funding opportunities.	DLSC as Group Leader	Approach agreed by partners	September 2005	
4.2	Develop and implement web linkages between the principal agencies.	DLSC as Group Leader	Web linkages activated	September 2005	