

**COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY: 1. Narrowing The Gaps Housing & Environment Policy Group**

**Definition: Working in Partnership with key local stakeholders to narrow the social, economic and environmental gaps between the city centre area, the surrounding villages and between villages themselves.**

Objective	Actions	Targets	Responsible	When	Links to	
<b>Develop Communities by Supporting Social, Environmental and Regeneration Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the work of the Bowburn Regeneration Initiative (Master plan)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demolish 35 properties to assemble redevelopment land</li> <li>Build 30 properties for sale</li> <li>Build 48 properties for sale at Lawson Road, Bowburn</li> <li>Build 12 x 2 bedroomed flats and 12 x 2 bedroomed bungalows for rent</li> <li>Provide investment in infrastructure, recreation facilities etc</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	March 2005	Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham County Council, Keepmoat, DVRC, RDA, EP, Housing Corporation, GO-NE	
			Durham Villages Regeneration Company	2005/6		
			Three Rivers Housing	July 2006		
			Durham City Council	2005 ongoing		
			DVRC	2003/4		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the work of the Ushaw Moor regeneration initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide 146 new properties for sale</li> <li>Build 4 x 2 bedroomed and 4 x 3 bedroomed shared ownership houses</li> <li>Reinvest receipts from scheme into community led regeneration schemes</li> </ul>	Three Rivers Housing	March 2005		Durham City Council, Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham County Council, Keepmoat, DVRC, Housing Corporation, GO-NE
			Durham City Council	2003/4 ongoing		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the work of the Coalfield Communities Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pursue investment opportunities for market renewal schemes across the rural former coalfield communities across County Durham</li> </ul>	English Partnerships	2003/4 ongoing		Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham City Council, Durham County Council, Housing Corporation, GO-NE
			Durham City Council	2004/05 ongoing		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop the use of the Flourishing Communities Fund</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide finance for community led regeneration projects, support mechanisms and wider regeneration schemes</li> </ul>				Housing & Environment P/ship
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the work of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and complete 5 environmental</li> </ul>			Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham County		
		SRB 6, Durham City Council	June 2006			

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	the village based community partnerships in terms of environmental improvements	projects			Council, Community Partnerships, 12 Villages Network, Groundwork
<b>Assess Future General and Supported Housing Needs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise the Housing needs Survey to assess the requirements for a range of additional housing needs across all tenures</li> </ul>		Durham City Council	December 2004	Housing & Environment P/ship, DVRC, Developers, Housing Corporation, David Couttie Associates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make use of planning/development opportunities to support the findings of the Housing Needs survey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an appropriate % of affordable homes on all new developments of the scale set out in Local Plan policy and when needs exist (as determined in the Housing Needs Study)</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	Ongoing	Housing & Environment P/ship, DVRC, Developers, Housing Corporation, David Couttie Associates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake Housing Market Assessment modelling via the County Durham HMA group, community organisations and LSP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with partner LAs to develop cross-district analysis of supply and demand, and examine impact at district and sub-regional level</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2005/06	County Durham District Councils
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with housebuilders to target new build in areas of most need</li> </ul>		Durham City Council	Ongoing	Developers
<b>Increase the quality of new developments through the Local Development Framework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult on the development of Local Development Framework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have an inclusive and widely targeted consultation process, reflected in the "Statement of Community Involvement"</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/07	Housing & Environment Partnership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure existing planning framework is reflective of community needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement existing Local Plan policies to achieve, where possible, appropriate developments and regeneration</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/06	Housing & Environment Partnership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist with the preparation of master plans, development briefs and planning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to develop appropriate briefs (etc) to implement the Local Plan and to develop appropriate topic areas to address community needs through the emerging</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/07	Housing & Environment Partnership

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	<p>obligations for new developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare Local Development Documents that incorporate policies to achieve environmentally appropriate developments in sustainable locations</li> </ul>	<p>LDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve required new development (e.g. housing) that meets the latest requirements on environmental and sustainability guidance in order to create “eco-friendly homes” (as far as legislation allows)</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/07	Housing & Environment Partnership
<p><b>Achieve greater quality, choice and sustainability in the Housing Stock</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage reoccupation, sale and letting of empty properties</li> <li>• Encourage the repair, improvement and adaptation of private sector properties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise the Empty Homes Strategy</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/05	Housing & Environment Partnership
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree and identify funding</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/05 ongoing	Housing & Environment Partnership
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the findings of the Empty Homes Strategy</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/05 ongoing	Housing & Environment Partnership
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Establish a Home Improvement agency</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	2004/05	Durham City/Chester le Street District Councils, PCT, SSD
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of private sector vacant dwellings that are returned into occupation or demolished as a direct result of action by the local authority</li> </ul>			Housing & Environment Partnership
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proportion of unfit private sector dwellings made fit or demolished as a direct result of action by the local authority:-</li> </ul>			
	◇ 10			2004/05	
	◇ 10			2005/06	
	◇ 10			2006/07	
	◇ 1.06%		Durham City Council	2004/05	
	◇ 1.08%			2005/06	
	◇ 1.10%			2006/07	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduce district wide voluntary accreditation scheme for private landlords</li>   <li>▪ Achieve the Decent Homes Standard by target date of 2010</li>   <li>• Undertake a housing stock options appraisal</li>   <li>• Develop additional RSL accommodation for rent</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The proportion of Local Authority homes which are not decent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ 31%</li> <li>◇ 25%</li> <li>◇ 20%</li> </ul> </li>   <li>Consult with tenants and stakeholders, complete appraisal process</li>   <li>• Build 13 x 3 bedroomed houses and 1 x 4 bedroomed house at Winton Gilbert</li> <li>• Build 16 x 2 bedroomed flats, 2 x 1 bedroomed flats, 2 x 3 bedroomed houses at Gilesgate</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Three Rivers Housing</p> <p>Three Rivers Housing</p>	<p>April 2005</p> <p>April 2005 April 2006 April 2007</p> <p>April 2005</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>December 2005</p>	<p>Durham University Accommodation Office, Private Landlords Forum</p> <p>Housing &amp; Environment Partnership, RSLs</p> <p>GO-NE, Community Housing Task Force, Tenants Panel, Housing &amp; Environment Partnership</p>
<p><b>Improve the diversity, affordability and balance of city centre housing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Balanced Communities Strategy/Policy in consultation with partners and the local community</li>   <li>• Provide living accommodation within University sites for undergraduates</li>   <li>• Provide living accommodation for post graduate student families and undergraduates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish working group</li> <li>• Develop strategy/policy</li>   <li>• Develop 790 bedspaces at Howlands Farm</li>   <li>• Develop 210 bedspaces at Parsons Field</li>   <li>• Build post graduate accommodation (70 self contained flats for families and 8 x 6 bedroomed shared flats for single people)</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham University</p> <p>Durham University</p> <p>Three Rivers Housing</p>	<p>October 2004 March 2005</p> <p>September 2005</p> <p>September 2005</p> <p>September 2005</p>	<p>Housing &amp; Environment P/ship, Durham University, RSLs, City Centre Residents Forum</p> <p>Durham City Council, Housing &amp; Environment Partnership</p> <p>Durham University, Durham City Council, Housing &amp; Environment Partnership</p>

**COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY: 2. Equal Access and Real Inclusion Housing & Environment Policy Group**

**Definition: Providing equal access and real inclusion in services that are of excellent quality and are appropriate to the diverse needs of local people, businesses and visitors.**

Objective	Actions	Targets	Responsible	When	Links to
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce social Isolation in rural communities through providing better public transport</li> <li>Improve late night transport from the city to villages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the feasibility of late night bus services</li> <li>Examine the demand for/impact of any changes in provision of hackney and private hire licences</li> </ul>	Durham County Council, Bus Companies	Ongoing	Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham City Council, Economic/Regeneration Partnership, Licensing Panel, Community Safety Partnership
			Durham County Council, Bus Companies	Ongoing	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand opportunities to access health care services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop at least 1 demand responsive transport service to acute health care, primary health care and preventative health care</li> <li>Examine feasibility of a Volunteer driver scheme for GPs surgeries</li> </ul>	Durham City Council	Ongoing	“
			Durham & Darlington Transport & Health Group	Short term	Durham County Council, East Durham RTP,
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve patient choice through transport initiatives</li> <li>Expand the opportunity for people with mobility difficulties to access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the potential for a Community Transport scheme</li> <li>Expand “dial – a – ride” services in the district</li> </ul>	Durham County Council	Short term	Housing & Environment P/ship, Durham City Council, Economic/Regeneration Partnership, Licensing Panel, Community Safety Partnership, Durham County Council, East Durham RTP,
			Durham County Council	Ongoing	Disability Groups,

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	<p>local services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce barriers to employment resulting from lack of public or private transport</li> <li>• Improve public transport information by the provision of Real Time and SMS (Short Messaging Service) Text Messaging</li> <li>• Expand Opportunities for Learning</li> <li>• Expand Opportunities for volunteering in transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the potential for a "Wheels to work" scheme for unemployed people to access work without a car</li> <li>• Develop at least 1 moped loan scheme</li> <li>▪ Provision of 30 Real Time displays at key locations</li> <li>▪ Provision of SMS Texting at all other bus stops</li> <li>• Link transport to SRB6's local community training sessions</li> <li>• Promote access to after school activities for 14-16 year olds</li> <li>• Recruit and/or train at least 6 volunteers</li> <li>• Establish standards for drivers through MIDAS and countywide initiatives</li> </ul>	<p>Durham County Council Job Centre, Colleges</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>SRB6</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Volunteer Bureau, Vehicle Sharing Officer</p>	<p>Short term</p> <p>March 2006</p> <p>March 2006</p> <p>Short term</p> <p>Short-Medium Term</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>"</p> <p>East Durham RTP, SRB 6, VSO, LPCT</p> <p>"</p> <p>"</p> <p>EDRTP, Community Transport Operators EDRTP, SRB 6</p> <p>EDRTP, SRB 6</p>
<b>Recreational Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide improved recreational facilities for communities</li> <li>• Provide outdoor facilities</li> <li>• Expand access to recreational facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and complete 5 projects resulting in improved recreational facilities</li> <li>• Develop and complete 4 projects to improve outdoor facilities</li> <li>• Work with transport providers to improve access</li> </ul>	<p>SRB 6, Durham City Council</p> <p>SRB 6, Durham City Council</p> <p>SRB 6, Durham County Council</p>	<p>August 2006</p> <p>May 2006</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>12 Villages Network, Community partnerships, Culture Policy Group</p> <p>"</p> <p>Durham City Council, Community Transport Operators, Children &amp; Young People's Partnership</p>
<b>Supporting vulnerable People</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support people at risk of homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement the Homelessness Strategy Action Plan</li> <li>• Investigate the further provision of temporary accommodation for homeless persons</li> <li>• Provide 5 Units of 24 hour emergency</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>2004/05</p> <p>March 2006</p>	<p>Voluntary Agencies</p> <p>DASH, GO-NE</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute to the County Strategy for Housing and Older People, to address the housing needs of this group</li> <li>Meet the needs of vulnerable persons through the work of a Home Improvement Agency, SSDs, PCTs etc</li> </ul>	<p>accommodation for single homeless people at Churchill Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop further partnership working with key agencies</li> <li>Support residents in managing their own accommodation through the floating support scheme</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish HIA</li> <li>Develop a home improvement agency to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the independence of vulnerable persons in their own homes</li> <li>work with Durham City Council on implementing the Empty Homes Strategy</li> <li>Fully utilise any allocation of funds made available</li> <li>Develop a range of meaningful indicators</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>HIA</p> <p>HIA</p> <p>HIA</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p></p> <p>April 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>March 2006 and annually</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Voluntary Agencies</p> <p>Moving On, DASH, DART</p> <p>Health Policy Group, Housing &amp; Environment P/ship, Durham City Council, Voluntary Agencies</p> <p>Chester le Street District Council, PCT, SSD</p> <p>Chester le Street District Council, Three Rivers Housing</p>
<b>Develop a purpose built Women's Refuge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a purpose built womens refuge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build new purpose built refuge facility for 8 families</li> </ul>	<p>Three Rivers Housing, Durham City Council</p>	<p>September 2005</p>	<p>Community Safety Policy Group, Housing &amp; Environment Partnership</p>
<b>Increase access to information about services for the community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide one stop direct access to information about all local authority services via website or contact centre</li> </ul>		<p>Durham City Council, Durham County Council,</p>	<p>2004/05 ongoing</p>	<p>County Durham e-government partnership</p>

**COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY: 3. Building Skills, Knowledge and Aspirations Housing & Environment Policy Group**

**Definition: Building skills, knowledge and aspirations within our communities and businesses, enabling them to work together to develop a strong social and economic base on which we can build.**

Objective	Actions	Targets	Responsible	When	Links to
<b>Developing Communities via Regeneration Opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help develop the capacity of target communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide training opportunities as part of development schemes</li> <li>◇ Establish training programmes in Bowburn linked to regeneration process</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>New College Durham, SRB 6, Durham City Council, Bowburn &amp; Park Hill Community Partnership</p>	<p>2004/5 ongoing</p> <p>Sept 2005</p>	<p>Learning Policy Group, Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group, Keepmoat, DVRC, SRB6, Three Rivers Housing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a community based training programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish and support community enterprise</li> <li>Help to raise employment levels in the district to the regional average</li> <li>Develop integrated training, offering courses in 10 community based venues</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council/SRB6</p> <p>Durham City Council/SRB6</p> <p>SRB 6, New College</p>	<p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	
<b>Promoting Sustainable Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support projects which provide training or work experience</li> </ul>		Housing & Environment Partnership	2004/05 ongoing	Learning Policy Group, Economic & Regeneration Policy Group
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage a culture of learning and aspiration to underpin local</li> </ul>		Housing & Environment Partnership	“	“

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	<p>sustainability and prosperity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase community participation and empowerment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake Community Appraisals/action plans, engaging the local community, linked to the Coalfields Communities Partnership proposals</li> <li>Develop e-consultation techniques to allow local residents, partners, community groups to easily provide comment</li> <li>Engage local communities in identifying local issues of concern, set priorities and seek solutions – e.g. Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership</li> <li>Provide support for community based and voluntary organisations (self governance, fund raising, project development/implementation), identify social, community and other needs and develop appropriate self-help activities</li> <li>Engage community &amp; other stakeholders in preparation of LDF via extensive front-loading of consultation process as set out in the Planning Services “Statement of Community Involvement”</li> <li>Develop community information hubs in villages and towns for local accessibility to community services, information and ICT</li> <li>Deliver integrated information about services for communities via website</li> <li>Organise inclusive community based events advertising services, opportunities, support structures for community organisations, good practice information</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council, SRB6, Three Rivers Housing</p> <p>CVS</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>County Durham Strategic Partnership</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>2004/07</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>	<p>Learning Policy Group, Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group, Coalfields Communities Partnership</p> <p>All partner agencies/organisations</p> <p>All partner agencies/organisations</p> <p>Durham City Council, SRB 6, 12 Villages Network, all partnership agencies/organisations</p> <p>All partner agencies/organisations</p> <p>All Policy Groups</p> <p>All partner agencies/organisations</p> <p>SRB 6, 12 Villages Network, all partnership agencies/organisations</p>
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**COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY: 4. Developing the Wellbeing of the Community Housing & Environment Policy Group**

**Definition: Developing the well-being of the district, through tackling inequalities in health, lowering crime and perceptions of crime, investing in our communities, improving local neighbourhoods, valuing creativity and diversity and providing social, economic and cultural prosperity.**

Objective	Actions	Targets	Responsible	When	Links to
<b>To improve transport links/arrangements within the district to reduce traffic impact on local communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce congestion within villages and the city centre</li> <li>Improve the general health and well-being of local people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the A177 By pass (Bowburn to Wheatley Hill)</li> <li>Construct Park and Ride sites within the district</li> <li>Implement the walking strategy and develop walking networks to integrate with safer routes to school</li> <li>Implement the cycle strategy and develop good cycling networks within the district</li> <li>Improve the street scene through traffic calming and parking schemes</li> </ul>	<p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p>	<p>Start 2005 Summer - October 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Housing &amp; Environment Partnership, Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>
<b>Maintain and improve open spaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Durham Riverbanks Management Plan</li> <li>Implement Durham Riverbanks Garden Restoration project</li> <li>Designate and Manage local nature reserves</li> <li>Improve and protect open spaces which are locally important for amenity, recreational or wildlife habitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the plan to help to improve and conserve this part of the city</li> <li>Complete initial analysis and implement the detailed project</li> <li>Protect appropriate sites through formal designation and management</li> <li>Implement Local Plan policy on protection of such spaces</li> <li>Carry out an Open Space Audit</li> </ul>	<p>Riverbanks Partnership</p> <p>Riverbanks Partnership</p> <p>Durham City Council, Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>On demand</p> <p>As required</p>	<p>Culture Policy Group, Housing &amp; Environment P/ship</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the Playing Pitch Strategy</li> <li>Implement the Environment Strategy for the district</li> <li>Implement the Durham Biodiversity Action Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete strategy and implement findings</li> <li>Formalise draft strategy and implement findings</li> <li>Continue development of the plan, expand into further areas to protect and promote biodiversity</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>December 2004 ongoing</p> <p>November 2004</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>“</p> <p>Culture Policy Group, Housing &amp; Environment P/ship, Durham County Council</p> <p>English Nature, Durham Wildlife trust, DEFRA, NEA,, Durham County Council</p>
<b>Maintain and Improve the Street Scene</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the general well-being of communities by tackling local problems in the street scene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement city centre improvements to the public realm/street scene</li> <li>Urban renaissance programmes in Shadforth Sherburn Hill and Bearpark</li> <li>Enhance public spaces and play areas</li> <li>Seek to expand, where possible, the homezone initiative</li> <li>Improve highways (roads, footpaths and unadopted areas) in line with the local transport plan</li> <li>Improve shop fronts via the Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme, SRB6 Scheme and Flourishing Communities Fund</li> <li>Improvement of village centres</li> </ul>	<p>Durham County Council, Durham City Council,</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>City Council, Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham City Council, Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Economic Development/Durham City Council</p>	<p>2004/5 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004-2007</p>	<p>Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group</p> <p>Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p> <p>Housing &amp; Environment Partnership, Economic Development &amp; Regeneration Partnership, 12 Villages Network</p>
<b>Environmental Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve general well-being by tackling local environmental conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve community education, through the Neighbourhood Warden Scheme, in dealing with:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Responsible dog ownership</li> <li>◇ Fly tipping</li> <li>◇ Fly posting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>2004/5 ongoing</p>	<p>Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group. Housing &amp; Environment P/ship, Durham County Council</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Graffiti</li> <li>◇ Litter</li> <li>▪ Apply enforcement measures to the above, where appropriate, through Neighbourhood Wardens and Community Support Officers</li> <li>▪ Identify potentially contaminated land sites and improve these:-</li> <li>◇ Complete identification in line with contaminated land strategy</li> <li>◇ Take appropriate action where there is a likelihood of significant harm</li> <li>◇ Ensure on redevelopment of brownfield sites that standard of remediation is suitable for the end use</li> </ul>	<p>Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council</p>	<p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>2004/05 ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p> <p>ongoing</p>	<p>Police, Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Economic &amp; Regeneration Policy Group. Housing &amp; Environment P/ship, Durham County Council, Environment Agency, Landowners, Developers</p>
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<p><b>To implement national and regional strategies relative to LA 21</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate Change – work with partners to identify and implement mitigation &amp; adaptation measures</li> <li>Apply the integrated Regional Framework for the North East</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply sustainable development criteria to emerging planning policy documents (e.g. RSS, LDF)</li> <li>Sign up to the Nottingham Declaration, formulate &amp; implement supporting action plan</li> <li>BVPI &amp; Local PIs</li> <li>Sustainability indicators</li> <li>Biodiversity Action Plan (NE)</li> </ul>	<p>Sustaine, Durham County Council, Durham City Council</p> <p>Sustaine, Durham County Council, Durham City Council</p> <p>Durham City Council, Durham County Council, other statutory bodies (e.g. Environment Agency)</p>	<p>Start 2005</p> <p>Jan 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Housing &amp; Environment Policy Group, Economic Development &amp; Regeneration Policy Group, GO-NE, One NorthEast, NEA, DEFRA, ODPM</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>
<p><b>To advance best practice &amp; stimulate community awareness of LA 21 issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote principles of sustainable development</li> <li>Support environmental education</li> <li>Identify practical forms of community engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Embed principles within Council policies (including procurement)</li> <li>Identify local producers and suppliers</li> <li>Highlight achievements through updates of LA 21 Strategy</li> <li>Roll out training &amp; education packages – deliver through focus groups</li> <li>Review leaflets, advice/guidance, and deliver online &amp; via customer information points</li> <li>Promote &amp; publicise through LA 21 Roundtables and “Action Packed Futures” themed event, e.g. biodiversity, lifestyle &amp; quality of life scenarios</li> </ul>	<p>Durham County Council, Durham City Council</p> <p>Parish Councils, Area Forums</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>April 2005</p> <p>Annual Report</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Housing &amp; Environment Policy Group, Economic Development &amp; Regeneration Policy Group, Culture Policy Group, Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, NHS, PCT, Landowners, Developers, English Nature, Durham Wildlife Trust, DEFRA, NEA</p> <p>“</p> <p>“</p>
<p><b>To develop local solutions to address LA 21 issues</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish local demonstration projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement countermeasures – energy conservation, green energy, alternative fuels, reduced car dependence, sustainable drainage, teleworking, healthy lifestyles, recycling, “Fair Trade”</li> </ul>	<p>Durham County Council, Durham City Council, University, LSP Partners</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Housing &amp; Environment Policy Group, Economic Development &amp; Regeneration Policy Group, Culture Policy Group, Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water, NHS,</p>

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<b>Balanced Communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve the well-being of local communities by implementing the Empty Homes Strategy, the Balanced Communities Strategy and the Local Development Framework</li> </ul>		Durham City Council,	2004/5 ongoing	Durham University, Durham County Council, Private Landlords, Housing & Environment Partnership