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City of Durham District Community Plan



Summary Action Plan 2005 - 2006

City of Durham District
Local Strategic Partnership



1 Narrowing the gaps

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
Develop communities by supporting social, environmental and regeneration opportunities	Develop the use of the Flourishing Communities Fund	> Provide finance for community led regeneration projects, support mechanisms and wider regeneration schemes	Durham City Council	2005/06 ongoing	Housing & Environment Group
Improve business support	Identify skills shortages and engage young people and returnees to work in these trades	> Complete analysis/ survey to identify skill shortages	Economic & Regeneration Group, Job Centre Plus	2005 ongoing	Durham City Learning Partnership
Quality Learning	Explore learning standards across the district to ensure quality of learning.	> To work in partnership with the relevant partners to avoid duplication of service provision. > To engage learners in programmes of 30 hours plus.	Durham City Learning Partnership, New College Durham	2005 ongoing March 2006	All Learning Providers.
Improve Durham City centre as a centre for cultural development and activity	Support the implementation of the recommendations from the "City Visioning" studies	> Engage with consultants to ensure cultural activity is considered in its widest sense > Support the development of a quality environment policy to reflect a variety of cultural conditions, to include heritage and health	Cultural Development Group	2005 ongoing	Durham City Council, Durham County Council, Durham Diocese, Durham University, Durham City Arts, All policy groups
Promote affordable warmth	Develop an Affordable Warmth Strategy for the District	> Demonstrate progress on strategy by January 2005	Health Improvement Group, Durham City Council	Jan 2005	Housing and Environment Group, Tees & Durham Energy Advice (TADEA), Energy Action Grants Agency (EAGA), National Energy Action (NEA), Age Concern
Improve community safety	Develop Community Safety Strategy 2005/2008 Continue with implementation of 'StreetSafe' philosophy	> Analyse research and produce Community Safety Strategy inline with Community Safety Audit > Achieve targets as specified in the Community Safety Strategy 2005/2008	Community Safety Partnership	April 2005 2005 - 08	Community Safety Strategy 2005/08, Policing Plan, Fire Service Community Plan, Arson Reduction Strategy, Integrated Risk Management Plan

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2 Equal Access and Real Inclusion

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
Supporting vulnerable people	Meet the needs of vulnerable persons through the work of a Home Improvement Agency (HIA)	> Establish HIA	Durham City Council	April 2005	Chester le Street District Council, Primary Care Trust, County Durham Social Care and Health
		> Develop a home improvement agency to:-			
		> Support the independence of vulnerable persons in their own homes			
		> Work with Durham City Council on implementing the Empty Homes Strategy	HIA	Ongoing	Chester le Street District Council, Three Rivers Housing
		> Fully utilise any allocation of funds made available	HIA	March 2006 and annually	
		> Develop a range of meaningful indicators	HIA	Ongoing	
Business engagement	Understand the diverse needs of local business through an extensive consultation exercise	> Publish economic analysis of the City together with Economic Development Strategy	Durham City Council in partnership with Durham University Business School	March 2005	Economic & Regeneration Group
Develop lifelong learning through easier access to learning opportunities for all	Review the range and availability of educational and training provision.	> Carry out a district audit to identify all learning provision both statutory and non-statutory and make recommendations to Durham City Learning Partnership.	Durham City Learning Co-ordinator	March 2005	Durham City Learning Partnership, all learning providers.
Make community buildings and facilities more accessible	Establish a baseline position of existing cultural and community facilities in the district	> Cultural Development Group and Durham City Council to work together to establish a baseline of facilities in the district	Cultural Development Group, Durham University, Durham City Council	2005 - 2006	Housing & Environment Group
Promote social inclusion	Improve access to mental health service		Health Improvement Group, County Durham and Darlington Priority Services NHS Trust	2005 ongoing	
Reduce crime committed against a person or property because of their race, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation	Encourage the reporting of "Hate Crime" by developing local accessible sites for reporting	> Increase the number of sites - number to be determined	Community Safety Partnership, Ethnic Liaison Group	Early 2005	Voluntary Organisations, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council, Durham City Council

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3 Building Skills, Knowledge and Aspirations

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
Promoting sustainable communities	Support local communities	> Develop community information hubs in villages and towns for local accessibility to community services, information Communication and Technology	County Durham Strategic Partnership	2005/6	All Policy Groups
		> Deliver integrated information about services for communities via website	Durham City Council	2005/6	All partner agencies/organisations
		> Organise inclusive community based events advertising services, opportunities, support structures for community organisations, good practice information	Durham City Council	2005/6	SRB 6, 12 Villages Network, all partnership agencies/organisations
Building on success in partnership	Encourage the expansion and further development of the "fit for employment" scheme	> Sign up 2/3 more employers to the 'fit for employment' scheme.	Esh Group, Durham County Council, Single Programme, Learning Skills Council	2005/07	Durham City Learning Partnership
		> Sign up 100 trainees per year for two years to the 'fit for employment' scheme		2005/07	
		> Provide permanent employment for 20 trainees – taken from the 'fit for employment' scheme – per year for two years.		2005/07	
Improve Information Technology (IT) literacy for older people and help provide locally based learning that meets locally determined needs.	Increase older people accessing Information Communication Technology (ICT) courses.	> Within the full Learning Audit identify accessibility to courses within the outlying community.	Durham City Learning Partnership	March 2005	Community Network
		> Work in partnership with other providers to ensure appropriate measures are taken to improve accessibility in problematic areas.		2005/06 ongoing	

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Engage with young people	Undertake an audit of facilities for young people and use the information gathered to ensure this provision is accessible for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Develop a network of "outdoor sports" providers and engage young people in this service provision > Produce an information pack of those providing outdoor/extreme sports locally 	Cultural Development Group, Durham Sport, LEA, Durham City Council, Durham City Arts, Voluntary organisations	2005 ongoing	Health Improvement Group, Durham City Learning Partnership Children & Young Peoples Planning Group
Improve services for younger people, supporting families and children to get a good start in life.	Encourage healthy eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Achieve targets in relation to schools with 20% or more free school meals by March 2006 - in line with national Healthy Schools Programme 	Health Improvement Group, Healthy Schools co-ordinator (PCT), Durham County Council	2005/ 06	Healthy Schools Programme
Work to prevent people misusing and being addicted to drugs and alcohol	Raise the profile of Drug and Alcohol issues across the district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Develop a local Alcohol Misuse Strategy 	Health Improvement Group, Community Safety Partnership,	2005	National Drug Strategy, Substance Misuse Action Plan, Drug Action Team Action Plan, Community Safety Strategy, Policing Plan, Licensing Strategy, Local Education Authority

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4 Developing the Wellbeing of the Community

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
To improve transport links/arrangements within the district to reduce traffic impact on local communities	Reduce congestion within villages and the city centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Improve the A177 By pass (Bowburn to Wheatley Hill) > Construct Park and Ride sites within the district > Implement the walking strategy and develop walking networks to integrate with safer routes to school 	<p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p> <p>Durham County Council</p>	<p>2005</p> <p>Summer - October 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Housing & Environment Group, Economic & Regeneration Group
Business and young people	Instil a work culture and a sense of personal responsibility in young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Support and further develop the Junior Business Club > Provide positive work experiences through 'fit for employment' scheme > Establish working party to discuss hosting a 'Business & Young People' event 	<p>Economic & Regeneration Group, Esh Group, Durham Business Club</p> <p>Economic & Regeneration Group</p>	<p>2005 Ongoing</p> <p>February 2005</p>	Durham City Learning Partnership, Connexions
Support increased adult participation in learning, through work in the community.	Collaborative work with regeneration programmes and organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Establish a cohesive adult learning week. 	New College Durham, Durham City Learning Partnership, Education in the Community, Workers Education Association.	May 2005	All regeneration projects
Act as an advocate for cultural diversity and cultural cohesion in the district and wider world	<p>Work with Darlington and Durham Racial Equality Council to develop and deliver initiatives which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Raise awareness of the issues in regard to cultural diversity > Celebrate diversity through events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Undertake an audit of groups and activities involving people from black and minority ethnic communities > Celebrate Festivals and events - Durham Gala, Durham Brass Festival, Chinese New Year 	Cultural Development Group, Darlington and Durham Racial Equality Council	Ongoing	Durham City Arts, Durham City Council, Durham University, New College Durham East Durham and Houghall Community College

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Develop tobacco control and reduce smoking	> Support Smoke Free City developments	> Present Smoke Free City report to partnership April 2005	Health Improvement Group, Age Concern, Durham City Council	2005/06 ongoing	Cultural Development Group, Affordable Warmth Strategy, Leisure Services Strategy
Improve the health of the workforce	> Promote the "Working for Health" award across employers in the District	> Support and encourage all LSP member organisations to achieve the minimum of Bronze Level	Health Improvement Group, Working for Health Co-ordinator (PCT)	Mid 2006	All LSP members
		> Carry out a Working for Health Pilot Scheme.	Durham City Council, Durham and Chester-Le-Street Enterprise Agency	April 2005	
Reduce anti-social behaviour	> Co-ordinate services in dealing with this issue	> Establish baseline position regarding anti-social behaviour. > Establish measurable outcomes re anti social behaviour	Community Safety Partnership, Youth Agencies, Durham City Council	2005 ongoing	Voluntary Organisations, Durham County Council, Anti-Social Behaviour Strategies, Community Safety Strategy

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