

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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ITEM 4

The Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy - Update

1. Revised Timescales

It has recently been announced by Government that the County Council elections will now be held in June next year. This impacts on the Community Strategy project timescales which have now been revised accordingly. It is now planned that the County Council (reflecting the legal requirement) will be asked to approve the Sustainable Community Strategy following the June elections.

2. Establishing the Evidence Base

The work carried out in preparing for the new Local Area Agreement was extremely useful in drawing together an evidence base. This is now being built on as the evidence base is expanded to pave the way for the new Sustainable Community Strategy. Elements of this evidence base include:

- **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on Health and Social Care:** work has been ongoing over several months to produce this new statutory document. It consists of three chapters based on children, adults, and older and vulnerable people, together with an Executive Summary chapter. It has now been reported to the Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust Board, the Nottinghamshire LSP Board and the Nottinghamshire Partnership.
- **The Condition of Nottinghamshire:** this is a document that contains ward level data on an extensive range of topics including deprivation, learning, regeneration, crime and health. It was last published in 2005. A revised and updated version will be available in January.
- **The State of Nottinghamshire:** work has begun on updating the 2006 State of Nottinghamshire report which benchmarks the county regionally and nationally on a range of socio-economic and environmental indicators. This year it is also intended to extend the benchmark to some European regions as well. It will also form the basis of the **Our Future Economic Prosperity** event on the local economy which will be held in January.
- **Economic Assessment:** the City and County Councils have agreed to produce a joint Economic Assessment for Nottinghamshire. This will involve all district councils as well. Currently the Government is

considering the results of consultation before publishing its guidance on what should be contained within an economic assessment.

3. Working Group

A Sustainable Community Strategy Working Group, including all District Councils, has been established to help develop the Sustainable Community Strategy. It met on 5th December to consider and validate the Condition of Nottinghamshire.

4. Proposed Sustainable Community Strategy Themes

On the basis of the evidence base, it is proposed that the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy is structured around six themes.

The six themes as follows:

- **A Safer Nottinghamshire** – this includes crime and also the wider community safety agenda.
- **Making Nottinghamshire's Communities Stronger** – this includes access to local services as well as democratic participation.
- **A Place where Nottinghamshire's Children Achieve their Full Potential** – this includes various Key Stage results, access to Further Education and Special Educational Needs data.
- **A Healthier Nottinghamshire** – this includes a wide range of health indicators as well as access to health services.
- **A More Prosperous Nottinghamshire** – this includes a range of economic indicators such as unemployment rates, VAT registrations and benefit details.
- **A Greener Nottinghamshire** – this includes recycling, bus frequencies, CO2 emissions and listed buildings among others.

5. Group Discussions

Rob Crowder, Chair of the Sustainable Community Strategy Working Group, Ruth Hyde, Chief Executive of Broxtowe Borough Council, and Alistair McGrady, Research & Information Service Manager will lead group discussions around the themes and vision of the strategy.

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