

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

Board Meeting 22 July 2004

Agenda Item 5

Draft Community Strategy

Introduction

This report outlines the contents of the Draft Community Strategy and proposes arrangements for finalising the document, prior to the Forum Meeting on 19 August 2004.

Form and Contents of the Draft Strategy

It is envisaged that the draft Strategy will be a fairly short document of around 30 pages that will focus on the provision of information to support the consultation process.

A list of the proposed contents is attached at Annexe A.

Annexe A also contains a 'sample' section on the Community Safety Theme. This is give the Board an indication of how the information collected from partners at the 'theme' meetings is being presented in the document.

Finalising the Strategy

Staff illness and other priorities have meant that progress on producing the document has been slower than expected. This means that it will be necessary for the Board to agree specific arrangements for finalising the document prior to the Forum Meeting.

It is proposed that the Chair should be authorised to agree the general sections and that the lead Board Member for each 'thematic' Working Groups (or their nominee) be authorised to agree their specific section. To recap, these are:

Theme	Lead Board Member
Safe Communities	Tony Hurrell
Healthy Communities	Nina Ennis (Vicki Price)
A Vibrant Economy	Sharon Forton
A Sustainable Environment	Susan Bell (Clive Keble)
Lifelong Learning and Culture	Paul McGregor
Creating Opportunities for All	Jo Smith

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Theme 1: Safe Communities

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Burglary and car crime have been targeted by the Crime and Disorder Partnership through initiatives like the 'Safer Homes South Derbyshire Handyman Scheme', the distribution of burglary reduction packs to all households, the 'Foot in the Door' campaign (to protect elderly people from bogus doorstep traders and distraction burglaries) and the provision of CCTV cameras at locations subject to high levels of car crime.

Many of these initiatives are also intended to help reduce the fear of crime, particularly amongst vulnerable groups such as older people and people with disabilities. Examples of other projects include Liberation Day (to help older people overcome their fear of crime) and School Safety Day.

Over the next year, the Crime and Disorder Partnership has prioritised assistance for local crime reductions groups and domestic abuse support groups and the use of new legislation to reduce anti social behaviour. The Partnership will also be publishing a new three year Crime and Disorder Strategy.

Anti Social Behaviour

Public perceptions about the safety of an area will often be influenced by levels of anti social behaviour experienced personally or by family and friends.

The following statistics provide an indication of the scale and nature of the problem in South Derbyshire:

- criminal damage accounted for 22% of recorded crime in 2003/04
- over 64% of disorder is youth related
- last year, the District Council responded to 1600 complaints of flytipping, dog fouling and litter; 290 reports of abandoned vehicles; and, 1300 complaints about noise, dust and other public health matters.

Public agencies are already taking action to deal with the causes and effects of anti social behaviour by, for example,

- providing more opportunities for young people to be involved in activities which reduce the possibility of their involvement in anti social behaviour - the new BMX facilities at Swadlincote and Hilton, the 'Youth Engagement Through Sport' Project etc
- setting up the rapid response 'Clean Team' to respond to incidents of flytipping, litter and dog fouling
- placing Anti Social Behaviour Orders on persistent offenders
- introducing mediation services to try to resolve neighbour disputes
- establishing procedures for reporting and monitoring racial harassment

The recent Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 gives public agencies stronger powers to deal with a range of issues including unauthorised encampments, premises used for drugs, noise nuisance, graffiti and fly tipping, high hedges, anti social behaviour by tenants.

carried out in the home), the *'Firesafe Advisory Scheme'* (which provides advice to parents and children that play with fire) and *'Action against Arson'* (a confidential free phone service to encourage members of the public to report suspicious/deliberate fires).

Road Safety

Last year, there were fatal and serious injuries on South Derbyshire Roads.

In a 2002 survey of South Derbyshire residents, 62% of respondents thought that excessive speed is the most important factor in road traffic accidents, a view regularly endorsed at Area Meetings organised by the District Council.

The Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership (comprising the Highways Agency, County and City Councils, the Police, Crown Prosecution Service and the Derbyshire Magistrates Service) is working to reduce the number of speed related collisions and casualties through a combination of education, publicity and enforcement action.

Fixed speed cameras are in place along stretches of the A444 and A511 and mobile cameras are deployed on the A514, the A6 and local roads in Swadlincote.

The County Council Road Safety Unit also delivers a comprehensive programme of road safety training, education and publicity.

Food prevention

Following the floods of 2000, a twice-yearly *'Flooding Forum'* was established to develop a more co-ordinated approach to flooding issues. Representatives of the District, County and Parish Councils, the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Ltd attend.

Outcomes to date include the development of emergency response plans at village level for communities alongside the Rivers Trent and Dove and regular monitoring and feedback from agencies on flooding problems. In addition, a scheme to alleviate flooding in Hatton is due for completion in 2005.

Challenges

Over the next five years, the main challenges faced by the Partnership and the communities of South Derbyshire are to:

- continue to work in partnership to reduce levels of crime and disorder
- adopt a more proactive approach to environmental 'crime' such as fly tipping, dropping litter and dog fouling
- do more to prevent drugs, alcohol and substance misuse
- establish and support Local Crime Reduction Groups (as a means of reducing the fear of crime within local communities)