

STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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Subject: **Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Stockport Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is the means of ensuring commitment from partners to addressing spatial inequalities in the borough. This is a priority for Stockport Partnership and with the current economic downturn is now even more relevant.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 To ask members to approve the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy for the Priority 1 areas and the associated performance framework; both have been subject to extensive consultation (documents are attached).

Note: The Strategy has already been approved by the Stronger Communities Partnership; the Health, Children and Young People, Environment and Economy and Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committees and the Council's Executive Committee.

3. Summary of the Strategy

- 3.1 The NR strategy **aims to improve quality of life in priority neighbourhoods in Stockport through partnership working and targeting resources.**
- 3.2 The strategy focuses on the following Priority 1 areas for neighbourhood renewal as the most deprived neighbourhoods in Stockport, identified using findings from the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 (IMD 2007):
- **Adswood & Bridgehall**
 - **Brinnington**
 - **Lancashire Hill & Heaton Norris**
 - **The Town Centre**
- (The next phase of the strategy will address the Priority 2 areas and pockets of deprivation.)
- 3.3 Using findings from the Indices of Deprivation 2007, the strategy highlights deprivation relating to the following issues as of particular importance:
- **Employment**
 - **Health and disability**
 - **Education, skills and training**

All actions in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas will be prioritised by the extent to which they address these issues.

- 3.4 The objectives, outcomes and performance measures included in the strategy have been identified by analysing evidence of local conditions, evaluating past

performance of local neighbourhood renewal and consulting with local people to establish their perception of improvements and outstanding priorities. This has then been shared with partners to incorporate their valuable local knowledge and experiences. The intention is to ensure partners' ownership of the objectives and their commitment to working together with the Neighbourhood Renewal Team to deliver improvements. This consultation culminated in the first Stronger Communities Partnership wider membership event in December 2008. The event was attended by over 80 senior managers who all signed up to achieving the outcomes of the strategy on behalf of their organisations.

3.5 The 9 objectives and related outcomes are:

Objective 1: Safer place to live

- People feel safer
- There is less crime
- There is less anti-social behaviour

Objective 2: Stronger local communities where people feel that they can improve their area

- People are involved in their local community
- People feel that they can influence decision making
- Local people are proud of their area and satisfied with living there
- Local residents are well informed about what is happening locally and how to get involved

Objective 3: Improved outcomes for children and young people

- Children and young people are healthy
- Children and young people stay safe
- Children and young people enjoy and achieve
- Children and young people make a positive contribution
- Children and young people achieve economic well being

Objective 4: Good quality local environment

- Good quality open spaces that meet the needs of local people
- The areas have a good general appearance
- Local people have access to a good range of quality local shops

Objective 5: Quality housing and housing services

- Improved quality of homes
- Excellent quality landlord services
- A choice of quality homes that meet the needs of residents

Objective 6: Improved economic well-being for local people

- Fewer people are out of work
- More people are engaged in education and learning

- More people know where to go for good quality advice about economic well-being
- People are able to maximise their income through access to appropriate grants, financial services and products

Objective 7: Better health and mental well-being for local people

- People are healthier
- Fewer people smoking
- Reduced alcohol abuse
- Fewer people with obesity
- Improved mental well-being

Objective 8: Improved quality of life for older people aged 50+

- There are opportunities for older people to participate and engage in their communities
- Older people are kept well informed about what is going on in their area
- There are opportunities for older people to be involved in decision making
- Older people feel safe and secure in their homes
- Older people are able to improve and maintain their health
- Older people are able to maximise their income

Objective 9: A positive image

- Local people feel that their area has a positive image
- Local people are well informed about local renewal

4. Managing performance

- 4.1 A mixture of indicators, largely from the new National Indicator Set (NIS) and the local residents' surveys, has been identified to show performance against the objectives and outcomes of the strategy. Where possible the indicators in the NIS have been disaggregated down to small area level so that performance at neighbourhood level can be assessed. Where this isn't possible, proxies have been identified. Where the sample size is small progress will be measured for all the Priority 1 areas added together.
- 4.2 Outcomes, related indicators and targets have been agreed with relevant partners and service providers. For some indicators data is not yet collected or disaggregated (eg from the Place Survey) – there is a commitment to identify targets once this information is available.
- 4.3 The Performance Framework sets out the 9 objectives in the strategy and the 35 related outcomes. The aim is to have at least one robust performance indicator for each one.
- 4.4 It is envisaged that as trends begin to emerge over time that the number of indicators will be reduced to a smaller, more manageable number of key indicators.

4.5 To assess progress in achieving the outcomes, an assessment will be undertaken, at least annually, against the 3 priority issues of employment, health and education, skills and learning (see 3.3):

- Employment – Fewer people are out of work
- Health – Demonstrable improvements in life expectancy
- Education, skills and learning – Young people have the qualifications they need to secure employment

The assessment will also involve consideration of the extent to which plans are in place to make improvements and sign up from partners.

4.6 Since the Performance Framework was completed the country has moved into a recession. The success of the strategy is now even more pertinent. However it will be important to incorporate the implications of the economic downturn into risk assessment of the strategy.

4.7 Progress in achieving the outcomes will be overseen by the Stronger Communities Partnership on a highlight and exception basis.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members of the Partnership are asked to approve the Strategy and reporting arrangements.

Background documents (attached with papers):

Stockport's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, Jan 2009
Neighbourhood Renewal Performance Framework, Jan 2009

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