

Derby's Sustainable Community Strategy

Item 7

Report for Scrutiny Management Commission

18 November 2008

Background

Derby City Partnership is in the process of updating Derby's Sustainable Community Strategy – Our 2020 Vision. A first draft of the strategy is attached in Appendix One. The priorities in the strategy have been identified through an evidence base and through consultation undertaken with approximately 820 residents and partners in March 2008. Additional consultation on the first draft was undertaken during October 2008. Approximately 150 people took part, either via an online survey or through consultation events. The draft strategy has also been considered by the Derby City Partnership Board. The results of this consultation are currently being used to refine the draft of the strategy ahead of its publication in April 2009.

Results of consultation

The vast majority of respondents agreed with the ambitions and the actions in the strategy. However the key areas for improvement were identified as follows.

Themes:

- Many respondents felt that more emphasis could be placed on *climate change*, *sport and physical activity* and how Derby would respond to *national and global events* such as economic difficulties.
- *Opportunities for lower skilled workers* - residents felt that the aim to have a high-skilled knowledge based economy would mean there would not be opportunities for those who required lower skilled work.
- *Improving the built environment* - many residents were concerned that issues such as litter, chewing gum mess, pot holes in pavements could be overlooked.

Process:

- *Greater clarity needed in visions to 2011 and 2020* - many respondents felt that the ambitions to 2011 were unrealistic within the timescale and that more clarity could be given to what would be achieved by 2011 and what would be achieved by 2020.
- *Greater clarity needed on the process for identifying priorities* - better explanation could be given about the evidence gathering and consultation process.
- *Cross-cutting agendas* – some felt that these were not adequately reflected in the document and that there is an appearance of silos rather partnership working.
- *Role of the third sector* – this is not currently highlighted in the document
- *Housing and homelessness strategies* - to meet government expectations, further alignment is required with these strategies.

Next Steps

It is proposed that the draft strategy be updated to take into account the results of the consultation highlighted above. The updated strategy will be submitted to the Sustainable Community Strategy Project Board on 17 December to approve before the final version is submitted to the Derby City Partnership Management Group, Council Cabinet, partner organisations and Full Council early in 2009. The final version of the strategy will be brought to the Derby City Partnership board for final approval on 16 March 2009.

Action

- To note the results of the consultation
- To consider the proposed amendments to the strategy and make recommendations for any additional amendments by 25 November 2008. Comments should be sent to katrina@derbycitypartnership.co.uk.

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