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A review of the Local Strategic Partnership model and Sustainable Community Strategy

What is your request of the LSP Board?	The LSP Board is asked to: 1) Agree that officers review the Local Strategic Partnership framework to ensure it can lead and deliver the SCS in the most effective way possible. 2) Agree that the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Bath and North East Somerset is refreshed to accommodate local and national change. 3) Agree the remit, programme and timetable for the SCS refresh.
What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?	1) A commitment to contribute to the SCS refresh, especially the review of the vision, priorities and actions. 2) Identify up to date priorities and performance measures for the SCS performance management framework.
Background material	

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Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

Over the last year there have been a number of changes that will impact on Bath and North East Somerset's Local Strategic Partnership. This includes the withdrawal of the Government's performance assessment framework (LAAs and CAAs) and the introduction of new partnerships and Boards, such as the Health and Wellbeing Board. It presents both an opportunity and a challenge; The Partnership will have more scope to prioritise the issues that matter most to B&NES, but it will need to provide leadership and deliver the priorities within a difficult economic climate and a shifting partnership landscape.

Some of the changes that will have an effect on the partnership are listed below:

- A new national Government that has:
 - Withdrawn the local performance management framework, which includes Local Area Agreements.
 - Changed the local partnership landscape including changes to Health and Wellbeing and Local Enterprise Partnerships.
 - Introduced the concept of 'Big Society' and Localism.

- Locally there have been new local strategies and plans including the Economic Strategy and the Children and Young People's Plan.
- May local elections.

The Partnership will need to ensure that it is robust and able to adapt to change. As a result the B&NES LSP framework will be reviewed to make sure that it makes the most of new legislation, greater policy and performance freedom and effective decision-making. At present the LSP consists of:

- Board
- Executive
- Theme Delivery Partnerships
- Ad-hoc Project Groups
- Annual Forum

The LSP review will consider whether this partnership framework is right for effective partnership delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The review will present a proposal for a streamlined decision-making process that provides leadership, partnership coordination, delivery, monitoring of delivery, and makes the most of people's time and their contribution to the LSP. The proposals may include a change in the role, remit and frequency of partnership meetings. The LSP Review will run alongside the SCS refresh and will conclude in October 2011.

LSP Board members will be asked to contribute to thinking on the LSP review. We are keen to get individual views and different organisational/sector perspectives on the role and the future of B&NES LSP. Board members are asked to consider the below issues and should be prepared to contribute to discussion on the future of the LSP at the Board meeting on 23 March:

Discussion points:

- What does the LSP need to do to make the most of the changes taking place?
- How will the changes, impact on your organisation /sector /department?
How will this change how you work with the LSP?
- What should the LSP focus on in the future?
- What is working well? (e.g. Theme Delivery Partnerships)
- How can the LSP better utilise the expertise of the independent, voluntary and community sector?
- Should the LSP develop a locality based approach?

The LSP will continue to evolve as new legislation, partnerships, strategies and plans and community leaders develop and embed. The aim of this review

is to develop a partnership model that can best deliver LSP priorities at this point in time.

Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

The current B&NES SCS was launched in 2009. It sets out a vision for B&NES and drives service priorities across the LSP and Theme Delivery Partnerships. Since its publication in 2009 there have been a number of changes, as described above, that will have had an impact on the way the SCS is managed and delivered. Perhaps the most significant is the withdrawal of the Governments Performance Management framework (LAA and CAA). Local elections in May and the introduction of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will further impact on the role and delivery of the SCS.

Regardless of this change the SCS remains a statutory responsibility. There is a need to refresh the B&NES SCS to reflect these local and national changes, ensuring that it is up to date and leads service delivery across B&NES.

The refresh will consist of a review of the vision, priorities and actions as well as the performance management framework. It will look at how the SCS fits with other strategies, plans and partnerships including the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Board. The end product will be a revitalised SCS that inspires aspirational service delivery in B&NES.

Appendix 1 Programme and Timeframe

An outline programme and timeframe for the SCS refresh:

Action	Timeframe (2011)
Review of new legislation and impact.	April
Review of Localism and how the SCS can contribute to delivering this agenda.	April
Initial consultation with LSP Board members, partners and services to review the vision and priorities.	March - May
Consultation with Council to review the vision and priorities.	May - June
Work with theme delivery leads to identify up to date key priorities.	May - June
Review performance management framework.	August
Develop refreshed SCS	August
Agree refreshed SCS with LSP Board / Council	September
Publish refreshed SCS	October