

Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership

What is your request of the LSP Board?	The LSP Board is asked to: (1) Note the reports attached and receive Presentations from the Partnership chairs on key issues in the relevant theme areas (2) Offer suggestions and guidance on next steps to help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy
What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?	To identify areas of joint working particularly relating to using the capacity within the Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership to drive improvement and help deliver relevant LAA reward grant projects
Background material	Appendix 1: Stronger Communities Partnership: Update Appendix 2: Responsible Authorities Group: Update

Update from Stronger Communities Delivery Partnership

Why was it formed?

This Partnership was established following the LSP review in 2009. It is designed to deliver the SCS's "Stronger Communities" theme. It was formed by re-focusing the LSP Communities Group on the following:

- better use of existing community networks and engagement
- briefing on key issues in advance
- identifying specific priorities for further work
- managing the delivery of relevant targets
- responding to changing circumstances

Who sits on it?

Organisations represented are:

- Town and Parish Councils in Bath & North East Somerset (currently providing the link to the LSP Board from communities)
- Action for Pensioners
- Faith Forum
- Somer Valley Partnership
- Member of the Youth Parliament
- Chew Valley Area Partnership (currently providing the Chair)
- Federation of Bath Residents' Associations
- Volunteer Centre
- Student Community Partnership
- Environs of Bath Committee
- Bath People First
- Compact Board (observer status)

The Partnership has met quarterly since January 2010: attendance and engagement has been consistently high.

What has it done?

The partnership has received updates from both Council officers and from member organisations. This has led to

- Detailed analysis of the Localism Bill and the challenges and opportunities it presents (the outcomes of this work will be presented to the LSP Board)
- Discussions relating to the LSP's Whiteway project which led to the successful Connecting Communities bid to extend this work
- Detailed consideration of how the groups can contribute to the Localism agenda and to managing performance targets

Next Steps

The Partnership has expressed a strong wish to:

- Work with public services to reshape ways of working, helping in particular to support LSP reward grant projects across all LSP themes
- Be involved in further discussions about the implications of Localism and the Localism Bill
- Be involved in agreeing and setting appropriate performance targets