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Area Committee Community Renewal Plan - Stourbridge Updated Jan 10

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Strategic driver		Where/ localities/ neighbourhoods	Actions/ activites	Partners included (responsible in bold)	Timescale & progress	Success factors	LAA Indicators
	improving the environment and creating improved quality of life	Stourbridge area- all wards	Tenant and Resident Association walk abouts to identify local housing and environmental issues in targeted areas.	Housing , tenant participation, TRA's, community renewal, elected member's police		Improved street scene and better housing conditions	NI 192, 7
		Progress - Housing managers set dates and inform partners					
		Hill Bank Cradley/ Foxcote	Support the residents in making the making Hill Bank a better place to live.	Tenant Participation , Housing, Community Renewal		Meet the needs of local residents to improve their quality of life	NI 17, 16, 20, 7, 192
		Progress - Awaiting date of next meeting					
Young people Matter/Stronger Communities	Developing inclusive service provision and decision making	Stourbridge Area Youth Forum	Encourage young people to engage in democratic decision making	Youth Service , community groups, faith groups		Improved public perception of young people. Representation of young people at area committee	NI 163, 165, 7,
	Progress - Encourage the Youth Forum to be representative of the local population						
	Reducing ASB and perceptions of ASB and increase community reassurance	Wollescote	Set up a working group to address problems of anti social behaviour. The area is a crime hot spot for ASB	Community Renewal , Police, Youth Service		Reduction in levels of anti social behaviour and reduced public perception	NI 16, 20, 17,
	Progress - action plan with Service Providers has been developed.						
	maximising provision for youth activity	Queensway	Work with agencies to provide youth activities.	Youth service , Police		Local consensus on the provision of youth activities.	NI 8, 7
		Progress - Activities have been identified and programme has been compiled.					
		Stourbridge	Provision of a second youth facility in the Stourbridge township	Police , Youth Service,		Opening of a second youth facility in Stourbridge	NI 17
	Progress - Building has been identified but funding is needed to do some improvement work						
	Co-ordination of schools and childrens extended services	Stourbridge township extended schools steering group	Steering group that co-ordinates extended school activity across the township	Extended services , Primary and secondary schools, integrated services, PCT		Co-ordinated activity across the schools and better communication between services	NI 163, 165, 56, 8, 1, 7, 69
	Progress - An action plan has been put together for extended services across the Stourbridge township						

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Healthy Communities / Car Matters	Improve public health and reduce mortality rates for men.	Lye	Hold a series of Health Fayre's to encourage men to take up health check's and increase awareness of good health.	PCT, Adult Learning		Increase in take up of health check's for early diagnosis of illness and the reduction of mortality rates. Lifestyle changes to improve mortality rates for men.	NI 120, 121, 39,
	Progress - Further health fayre's are planned for spring 10						
	Access to services to meet community needs.						
	Improving access to services for people who have low level mental health issues	Stourbridge township	Providing informal and formal cognitive behavioural therapy to the local community. (improving access to psychological therapies)	PCT		Reducing rates of anxiety and depression and removing the barriers to work and skills within communities	NI 120, 121,
	Progress - This service is new and is currently operating via referrals. It is hoped that a drop will be launched in the near future.						
	Reducing levels of obesity and incresing exercise to reduce health inequities and improve public health	Lye	Provision of free gym classes to women with qualified supervision	PCT, , Adult Learning		Improved health of local residents	NI 8
	Progress - Class has become so popular a second class has been formed.						
	Improve access to food and health/improving community cohesion	Lye	Community lunch club	Community Renewal, social services		The club will become permanent. It will address isolation and community cohesion.	NI 120, 121, 1, 7,
	Progress - Evaluation is currently being written.						
	Improving nutrition and cooking skills	Stourbridge Area	Six week 'get cooking' courses run with qualified supervision for local residents.Teach local residents healthier ways of cooking	PCT, Adult Learning		.improving skills, health, community cohesion and community activity	NI 120, 121
	Progress - Classes are delivered by demand.						

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	Reducing obesity and improving community health	Stourbridge	Engagement with stake holders and community members to deliver the Healthy Towns programme	DUE, Community Renewal		Provision of Healthy Hub in the Stourbridge township	NI 120, 121, 8, 7
	Progress - Information sharing event held in August 09. Public engagement activity late October to view plans.						
	improve quality of life through prompting healthy life styles	Stourbridge area	Link with health practitioners to engage with local community at community events to encourage health promotion to the wider community.	PCT , Adult learning, social services,		Local residents - taking up health promotion.	NI 120, 121, 7
	Progress - Need reasonable notice to co-ordinate health promotion activity at an event.						
Regeneration matters/ wealthy communities	Improve economic regeneration	Regenerate district centre/ Lye town centre	Lye district centre as outlined in Lye District Centre Action Plan.	Economic Regeneration , planning, street care, highways		Regeneration of Lye High Street	NI 171, 152, 153,
	Progress - Planning issues have delayed progress on parts of the regeneration scheme.						
	Decreasing financial exclusion by providng access to credit and savings	Lye	Set up a branch of the credit union in the Stourbridge township. Training of volunteers to man the credit union.	Castle and Crystal credit union , Lye community project,		Launch of the credit union at a community venue.	NI 116, 166, 163, 165
	Progress - Looking for alternative venue as CP is looking to relocate services.						
	Tackle worklessness	Lye	Positive Directions Job Club to provide job search, write a CV and benefits advice for local residents	FSD , Community Renewal, LARA (Lye Area Regeneration Alliance)		Reduce numbers of local benefit claimants and increase those in skills and training and work	NI 116, 166, 152, 153,
	Progress - Job club has been running to capacity for a while, looking for a second session						
	Tackle worklessness and skills	Lye	Job Club to provide job search, write a CV and benefits advice for local residents and those suffering addiction	Shaw Trust, Turning Point.		Reduce numbers of local benefit claimants	NI 116, 166, 152, 153
	Progress - Reliant on JCP to refer to Job Club.						

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Safety matters / Safer Communities	Reducing crime and improve public reassurance	Stourbridge PACT areas	Engage local people in the identification of local priorities, report priorities to JAG where needed.	Police , Community Renewal, housing, youth service, elected members, local residents		Information sharing with local people to reduce crime and increase public reassurance	NI 7, 1, 16, 20,
	Progress - Some of the PACT meetings are now police surgeries. These are not well attended like the PACT meetings.						
	Reduce ASB and improve environment during night time economy trade.	Stourbridge Town Centre	Support a street pastor scheme covering the town centre night time economy and bus station on Sat evenings	Churches Together in Stourbridge , Police, Community Renewal		Reduction in levels of ASB during the night time economy. Reduction in A & E admissions. Improved town centre environment through the reporting of environmental issues.	NI 7, 16, 20, 17, 115
	Progress - Pastors launched in June 2009 and proving to be very successful in identifying issues of concern in the High Street						
	reduce local community tensions and promote cohesion	Lye and Stourbridge	engagement with community groups and joint problem solving across the area	Community Renewal , Community Safety, Social Services, Police		Reduction of community tensions and improved cohesion	NI 1,35, 17
	Progress - Regular communication with appropriate service providers						
	Coordinate local service response into target crime hot spots.	Stourbridge area committee area	Share local intelligence and call on support of partners to reduce crime. Work with traders and local community to gather intelligence on criminal activity.	JAG Police, Community Renewal , Fire Service		Reduction in overall crime levels. Reduce public perception of crime levels.	NI 16, 20, 115
	Progress - Issues that need support of partners are discussed at JAG.						
	Reduce business crime and associated ASB	Lye High Street	Increase partnership working, Provision of Business Link Radio system in Lye High Street	Dudley Business Crime Partnership , Community Police, Lye traders association		Reduction in Business Crime in Lye. Quicker response to incidents by the Police, deployed via the radio link system.	NI 115, 16, 20
		Progress - System has taken longer than expected to bring to fruition due to the unexpected costs of necessary installation equipment.					
		Lye High Street	Provision of CCTV cameras in Lye High Street to	Dudley Business Crime Partnership , Police		Current use of traffic management cameras as cctv during the evening and the subsequent reduction in crime levels.	NI 115, 16, 20
		Progress - Need to identify funding for permanent CCTV.					

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Local People Matter/ Stronger Communities	Reduce cases of domestic violence and raise awareness	Lye	Set up a project to tackle Domestic Violence. Project will raise awareness and offer support to victims.	Police , Community Safety, social services and adult learning		Reduction in DV cases as measured by Police and Social Services	NI 16, 20,
	Progress - Lye is a hot spot area for DV as recorded by WMP. DMBC rates for sanctioned detections are not being met as outlined in LAA targets.						
	Reduce community tensions arising from Gibbs Road	Lye and Wollescote	Working with Gibbs Road House to set up a residents association to develop social activities with clients.	Midland Heart , Community Renewal		Provision of social activities and resources for residents of Gibbs Road House	NI 17, 115
	Progress - Looking at funding to purchase resources.						
	Support BME groups to participate in community life.	Lye (Humaara project)	Group for women to address personal development within the Asian community.	Humaara project , community renewal, adult learning		15 Women achieved a personal development programme.	NI 163, 165, 7,
	Progress - The group have been very successful in engaging women and are looking to offer further activities for continued development.						
	Promote community cohesion and access to services	Lye	Provision of an internet café for asylum seeker/refugee and local community members offering a place to socialise, access information and have lunch.	Christ Church , asylum seekers team		Better integration of newly arrived families in the community locality and increased knowledge of locally available services.	NI 163, 165, 1, 7,
	Progress - Café is running well and looking to expand its services.						
	Support newly arrived families.	Stourbridge area	Provision of ESOL classes and for newly arrived families.	Adult learning.		Increase in learner enrolment	NI 163, 165
	Progress - Currently a waiting list for classes.						
	Increase participation in family learning activities.	Stourbridge area targeting Lye, Wollescote, Hob Green community localities	Encourage the take up of family learning activities.	Adult learning. Extended schools, social services,		Increased participation in family learning; equipping family members with confidence, creativity & enjoyment in their learning journey. Reduction in poor levels of education.	NI 163, 165
	Progress - Recent questionnaire done on Claycroft Place to identify training requirements.						
	Encourage community influence in local decision making	Lye and Wollescote (Lye and Wollescote neighbourhood partnership)	Continue to develop the Lye and Wollescote neighbourhood partnership to become an effective body taking an strategic overview locally and to take community ownership of planning for the area.	Community renewal, DUE		Active involvement in local decision making by local people. Production of a neighbourhood action plan	NI 1, 7,
	Progress - Need to encourage more residents onto the partnership. Away day is planned for 26th Jan 10						
	Access to services to meet community needs.	Amblecote	Work with Holy Trinity church to extend services from the church building. Looking Proposals for job club, youth club and TRA.	Community Renewal , Holy Trinity, Shaw Trust, Police, youth service, Jephson housing, tenant participation		Increased use of church for community activity. Meeting community outcomes such as increasing employment and cohesion	NI 7, 16, 20, 17, 115, 152, 153
	Progress - Start dates for activities yet to be set.- initial discussion have taken place						

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	improve service delivery and communication in hard to reach community.	Claycroft Place, Lye	Multi agency questionnaire. This is a pilot project to engage with a community via a multi agency approach.	Community renewal , police, housing, adult education, connexions,		A co-ordinated partnership approach to working with a disadvantaged community	NI 7, 16, 20, 17, 163, 165,
	Progress - The report containing the results from the questionnaire is due to be completed late summer.						
	Increase community cohesion	Lye and Wollescote (Lye and Wollescote carnival committee)	Encourage community cohesion in this diverse area by holding festivals, celebrations and cultural events.	Friends of Wollescote park , Adult learning, DUE, Police, community renewal, elected members		Successful community events with good local support and reduction in levels of crime and racism	NI 1, 7
	Progress - Planning for this year's carnival will start in spring.						
	Access to services to meet community needs.	Community centres	Promote and develop community centres as places for learning and activities to develop social capital. Build links with user groups.	Adult learning , voluntary/community sector, community renewal		Maximise activity and resident use within community centres. Understanding the needs of local people and services of the centres.	NI 1, 7, 163, 165, 152, 153, 120, 121
	Progress - Audit on Community Centres is almost complete.						
	Increased partnership working to meet community needs.	Stourbridge (Neighbourhood Services Group)	Information sharing and action planning between service providers working across the Stourbridge area	Community Renewal , Police, Green Care, Adult Learning, Youth Service, Extended schools		reduction of duplication, conflict and isolated working. Increased joint problem solving, sharing of resources and intelligenceincreased effectiveness.	NI 7, 16, 20, 115, 116, 166
	Progress - Group is to become more formalised and more regular meetings.						
	Ensure volunteers are cleared for working with vulnerable members of community	Stourbridge area	Provision of CRB checks for local community/voluntary group to enable them to run	Community Renewal		Groups able to run with appropriate mechanisms in place	NI 7
	Progress - Checks are done as necessary						
	Increased communication with elected members	Stourbridge area (elected member briefings)	Sharing information and discussing priorities and requirements	Community renewal , elected members		Better understanding of work priorities.	NI 7
	Progress - Elected members to contact ACRO via issue logs.						
	Reduce community tensions	Stourbridge	Flag up policy gap regarding work with migrant families to ease integration and reduce community tensions	Community Renewal , Community Safety, Social Services		Reduction in tensions arising form from migrant workers in communities	NI 1
	Progress - There is currently not corporate policy for the integration of migrant workers.						
	Increase participation in housing issues	Claycroft Place, Lye	Set up a residents forum for Claycroft Place.	Tenant Participation , Housing, Community Renewal		Creation of a new forum to discuss housing issues in Claycroft Place.	NI 7, 1, 192, 16, 20, 17, 115
	Progress - Need to arrange dates for consulting with residents.						