







Area Committee Community Renewal Plan - Stourbridge Updated April 10


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Strategic driver	Where/ localities/ neighbourhoods	Actions/ activites	Partners included (responsible in bold)	Timescale & progress	Success factors	LAA Indicators	
Environment Matters/ Environmentally aware communities	Improving the environment and quality of life for families on flatted estates	Claycroft Place drying area.	Feasibility has been done to transform this under used site for community use. Working with housing services to produce action plan for Claycroft.	Community Renewal , Housing, DUE		Redevelopment of the site and use by local community for leisure and recreation purposes.	NI 1, 7, 16, 20, 17
	Progress - Multi agency group to develop action plan. Timetabled to coincide with modernisation works to achieve efficiencies and economies of scale (April 2011)						
	Climate Change: Reducing carbon footprint.	Wollaston	Work with communities to develop low carbon emissions pilot programme.	Marches energy agency, local agenda 21, strategic research and intelligence.		Lessons learnt for rolling out the programme to other communities	NI 186, 198
	Progress - Wollaston has been identified as area for programme. Update to next working group.						
	Reducing the visual and community impact of abandoned sites- coordinating the approach to these sites in the area	All wards in Stourbridge area	Identify with elected members and communities sites of concern and work with partners to improve these sites	Community Renewal , Police, Green Care		Reduction of fly tipping and ASB. Return sites back to use.	NI 192, 16, 20, 115
	Progress - Work is identified at community meetings and through police logs as identified hot spot areas - process now identified - higher level work through TRAs to take forward . Situation likely to deteriorate in medium term due to budget cuts and housing DUE service level agreement .						
	Community involvement in 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							

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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 - Youth forum gave presentation on their work at the June Area committee - work is continuing								
	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, Housing , ASBU		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 - Original Building identified has not been taken up because of funding needed for improvement work - youth service have now relocated the second provision to Beauty Bank childrens centre community facility - now operates 2 nights per week								
	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 - Links between ACCR plan and extended services plan developed - newsletter covers activity for young people in the area								

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Healthy Communities / Car Matters	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 - progressing well -							
	Reducing levels of obesity and incresing exercise to reduce health inequaities 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	Lye Community Project		The club will become permanent. It will address isolation and community cohesion.	NI 120, 121, 1, 7,	
	Progress - Evaluation is currently being written - slow porgress							
	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.							
	Reducing obesity and improving community health	Stourbridge	Engagement with stake holders and community members to deliver the Healthy Towns healthy hub	DUE , Community Renewal, Friends of Mary Stevens Park and wider community stakeholders		Provision of Healthy Hub in the Stourbridge township at Mary Stevens park	NI 120, 121, 8, 7	
	Progress -							

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Safety matters / Safer Communities	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						
	Reducing crime and improve public reassurance	Stourbridge PACT areas	Engage local people in the identification of local priorities, report priorities to NSG 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 - PACT meetings now align with ward boundaries - still some reorganisational issues to sort out - generally moving in the right direction _						
	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.						

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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 - CST ran domestic absue workshops - domestic absue remains an issue for Lye						
	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, Lye & Wollescote partnership exec. , Dosti		Active involvement in local decision making by local people. Production of a neighbourhood action plan	NI 1, 7,
	Progress - Away day set priorities for the partnership which included community cohesion						
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 incresing employment and cohesion	NI 7, 16, 20, 17, 115, 152, 153	
Progress - initial discussions have taken place - advice from the working group on their priorities for this							

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	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.						
	Promote and develop community centres as community hubs with access to services, enterprises /joint delivery with communities	Community centres	Community space audit for Lye - to use space more efficiently and effectively. Community led decision making on Lye community centre, Asset transfer of Lye cemetery chapels , Review of Community centres across the borough underway	Community Renewal voluntary/community sectorl		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 - moving forward well						
	Increased partnership working to meet community needs.	Stourbridge Neighbourhood Services Group	Information sharing and action planning between service providers working across the Stourbridge area to drive the ACCR plan and realise more effective services	Community Renewal , Police, Green Care, Adult Learning, Youth Service, Extended schools- other providers as appropriate		reduction of duplication, conflict and isolted working. Increased joint problem solving, sharing of resources and intelligenceincreased effectiveness.	NI 7, 16, 20, 115, 116, 166
	Progress - Group is to be set up by new ACRO						
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.							