

# Appendix B

## Community Strategy action plan - October 2007 to November 2009

### The principle of community engagement and participation

What do say we would achieve	How did we say we would do it	Who was be involved	Progress to date
<p>We want Cheltenham to be a place where all our communities feel engaged and where there is participation by local people, groups and businesses across the borough in the long term stewardship of their community.</p>	<p>Develop a shared approach to consultation with all communities across the borough in a community engagement strategy.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships led by Stronger Communities Partnership</p>	<p>We've worked with the county council and other district councils in Gloucestershire to prepare and agree a county-wide framework for community engagement.</p> <p>We've produced our own draft framework which has been approved by the CSP and the borough council.</p> <p>This has prompted much discussion about how we take forward community engagement particularly at the recent community development conference in April 2009.</p>
	<p>Develop a neighbourhood management approach to consultation and engagement which will be based around the police's neighbourhood policing structures.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships led by Stronger Communities Partnership</p>	<p>We agreed to try out a "neighbourhood management" approach in south Cheltenham, particularly focusing on the Hatherley and Benhall area. We used the neighbourhood policing work as our starting point and involved a range of different organisations to help solve local priorities.</p> <p>The pilot work continues to go well and we are now consulting on proposals for improving neighbourhood working across the borough of Cheltenham.</p>
	<p>Improve the CSP's working relationships with parishes, faith communities and with businesses.</p>	<p>Stronger Communities Partnership</p> <p>Economic Development Partnership</p>	<p>We have a parish council and a faith community representative on our Stronger Communities Partnership.</p> <p>We involve businesses through the Cheltenham Business and Economic Partnership.</p>

	<p>Ensure that the CSP, its partner organisations and delivery partnerships adhere to the principles of Hear By Right to inform engagement with children and young people.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships led by Children and Young People's Partnership</p>	<p>Although a number of organisations on the CSP are signed up to the principles of Hear by Right, we have not made as much progress on this as we would have liked.</p> <p>We sought advice from our Children and Young People's Partnership and they have asked individual organisations to commit to look into hear by right in 2009.</p> <p>CBC has started this work and held a mapping day in May 2009.</p>
	<p>Support collaborative working across the county to support the delivery of the local area agreement, the urban economic strategy and the development of local development frameworks.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships</p>	<p>We have been involved in lots of county-wide work this year.</p> <p>We now have much better representation on the important county partnerships that look after the local area agreement. We have also tried to make the linkages between our partnership action plans and the actions in the local area agreement.</p> <p>The urban economic strategy has been discussed at our economic partnership.</p> <p>In terms of the local development framework this year the CSP has been involved in preparatory work for the Joint Core Strategy including supporting the visioning event that was held in November 2008. We are very clear that we will work hard to make sure the vision and aspirations set out in our community strategy are reflected in the Joint Core Strategy</p>

## The principle of tackling inequalities and promoting cohesion

What do say we would achieve	How did we say we would do it	Who was be involved	Progress to date
<p>We want Cheltenham to be a place where everyone across the borough has similar life opportunities regardless of where they live or their background or circumstances. We will continue to tackle deprivation wherever it occurs in the borough through a co-ordinated approach to physical, social and economic regeneration</p>	<p>Ensure that the CSP's activities support improvements in quality of life for people who live in our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships led by Stronger Communities Partnership</p>	<p>Through the work of our partnerships we are starting to make improvements.</p> <p>The CSP has now agreed a more explicit focus on supporting deprived communities with a particular focus on St. Pauls.</p> <p>Our Stronger Communities Partnership leads on the regeneration agenda and has been encouraging collaborative working between regeneration partners.</p> <p>The health and wellbeing partnership is committed to tackling health inequalities and allocated £25k to support projects to do this while also pulling together more information on the extent of health inequalities in Cheltenham. Also, the Children and Young People's partnership has also been supporting projects in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.</p> <p>We are also now working with partners in Gloucester on a collaborative approach to improving quality of life in the 7 most deprived communities in the county.</p>
	<p>Develop an integration and cohesion group that will create a clearly defined and widely shared sense of the contribution of different individuals and different communities make to</p>	<p>Stronger Communities Partnership</p>	<p>Our Stronger Communities Partnership has agreed an action plan to promote integration and cohesion and the CSP is supporting three projects to make this a reality;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting Cheltenham West End Partnership deliver a cohesion project to improve community relations in the Lower High Street area.</li> <li>• Improving community relations as part of the</li> </ul>

	<p>delivering our community vision for Cheltenham.</p>		<p>neighbourhood management work in south Cheltenham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the Fiesta Day which was held on 4 July at the Pittville Pump Room.</li> </ul>
	<p>Ensure that the CSP and its constituent partners and partnerships all adopt equality impact assessment processes and a common set of standard equality and demographic monitoring and evaluation procedures.</p>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships led by Stronger Communities Partnership</p>	<p>A number of organisations already have equality impact processes in place and we hope to use further develop this work in 2009.</p>

## The principle of tackling climate change

What do say we would achieve	How did we say we would do it	Who was be involved	Progress to date
<p>Recognising that climate change is a key issue for Cheltenham, we will strive for Cheltenham to be a carbon-neutral borough where all our residents, businesses and community organisations do their bit to live within the environmental limits of our planet, and are able to adapt to the inevitable consequences of the changing climate. We will therefore make sure that all of our actions contribute to this ambitious goal.</p>	<p>Partners will ensure that issues such as reducing carbon emissions and our dependency on carbon-based energy sources, and adapting to the inevitable consequences of climate change are embedded into their decision-making processes, especially for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchasing decisions, particularly for local goods and services</li> <li>• Travel and transport</li> <li>• Waste and recycling</li> <li>• Building projects</li> <li>• Energy and water use</li> <li>• The use, development and management of land assets.</li> </ul>	<p>All CSP partners and partnerships, led by Low Carbon Partnership</p>	<p>This year, we established our Low Carbon Partnership. The first go at this didn't work out as we were asking the partnership to do too much.</p> <p>Fortunately, the partnership went away and came back with plans to focus on just two areas; energy use and transport with the view to agreeing a methodology for measuring carbon footprints.</p> <p>In February 2009, the partnership agreed its collective CO2 emissions baseline (33,775 tonnes) and a reduction target of 2,055 tonnes to be achieved by Feb 2010.</p>