



North Hertfordshire Partnership

Actions in line with the LSP's Aspirations

The Sustainable Community Strategy was replaced by 5 aspirations for the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in 2012:

- We will support individuals and businesses to develop and grow by provision of training and skills
- We will aim to work together to reduce the number of 'troubled families' reported in North Herts
- We will support 'civic engagement'
- We will aim to promote the health and wellbeing of all age groups by encouraging and facilitating healthy lifestyles
- We will play our part in the global effort to avoid climate change

In May 2014 the LSP reviewed the aspirations and reduced the number to 3 as follows:

- We will support individuals and businesses to develop and grow by provision of training and skills
- We will support 'civic engagement' - Encouraging communities and individuals to have a greater voice and participate in local activities and community groups
- We will play our part in the global effort to avoid climate change

The following outline some of the actions taken by the LSP partners to support these aspirations.

Action Title	We will support individuals and businesses to develop and grow by provision of training and skills
Milestone Description	
HCC fund SCoOTS a project designed to help people aged 16 to 25 living within the rural parishes of North Hertfordshire to access a work or education placement through the loan of a 50cc scooter or bicycle, safety equipment and training.	
Herts Constabulary supported an apprenticeship scheme for young people that include the individual completing a NVQ (usually level 2 in Business Administration) with North Herts College.	
NHAPTCC (North Hertfordshire Association of Parish Town and Community Council's) will encourage sharing of best practice in local/rural business network meetings.	
NHCVS (North Herts Centre for Voluntary Services) will offer Dragon's Apprentice Challenge to all secondary schools in North Hertfordshire to build business skills and encourage partnership working between local businesses, schools and local communities.	
NHDC has created eight new full time apprenticeship posts and four new internships to help increase employment opportunities for local young people.	
NHDC will support the development of businesses in rural areas through the recruitment of a Rural Business Advisor funded by NHDC and East Herts DC.	
NHH (North Herts Homes) is working in partnership with Groundwork Hertfordshire to develop a social enterprise 'Shoots and Roots' offering gardening and grounds maintenance works for local businesses and residents.	
NHDC has produced a new Economic Development Strategy in 2015/16. The purpose of Productive North Herts is to present, as the basis for delivery, the Council's aims and proposed actions for improving economic prosperity across the District so that residents and businesses can thrive and contribute to creating sustainable communities.	
The strategy recognises the importance of considering all aspects of community life and (as promoted by the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership) champions the concept of 'Smart Growth' rather than growth at any cost.	
<p>The key priorities of the strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Increase investment and business engagement • Priority 2: Improve the business environment • Priority 3: Championing learning and skills • Priority 4: Supporting business. 	
North Herts Ethnic forum provide information, advice and guidance and run employability and skills development courses for ethnic minorities and Educational support services and extra-curriculum activities for children and young people	

Action Title	We will work together to progress the 'Hertfordshire Thriving Families' project in North Herts
Milestone Description	
CAB will help families by providing financial literacy and money management programmes as well as giving advice and information about rights and responsibilities in all areas of life.	
Herts Constabulary will work in partnership with Children, Schools and Families (HCC) on the issue of Safeguarding Children.	
Herts Constabulary will work to carry out the Thriving Families project through the Community Safety Unit.	
Herts Fire and Rescue continue to deliver community reassurance days aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour.	
NHDC will provide appropriate community development support to enable NH areas with the highest concentration of 'thriving families' to make their needs known and access local services.	

Action Title	We will support 'civic engagement' - Encouraging communities and individuals to have a greater voice and participate in local activities and community groups
Milestone Description	
CAB to encourage local people to take part in volunteering for the CAB service.	
Herts Constabulary continue to encourage civic engagement through Constabulary Panels and Surgeries.	
Herts Constabulary continue to support and encourage major arts/cultural events e.g. Hitchin Rhythms of the World and Baldock Festival.	
Herts Constabulary provide opportunities for the community to communicate through social media with Facebook and Twitter accounts as well as OWL messaging and Op Saturnalia which is where PCSOs cold call and provide advice about community safety.	
Herts County Councillors award grants to community groups from their Locality Budget. There are 9 members within North Hertfordshire and since the beginning of the financial year 634 grants totalling £393,791.39 have been allocated.	
Herts Fire and Rescue continue working with partners to prepare for and ensure Public safety e.g. at the Olympic Torch relay and Royal Diamond Jubilee celebrations.	
Herts Fire and Rescue continue the Community Safety Volunteer Scheme to provide support delivering Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSVs) and arson reduction patrols across the District.	
NHAPTCC will encourage community wide topics are raised for discussion at parish and town council meetings.	
NHAPTCC will encourage their members to maintain village halls and other rural community rooms to encourage civic engagement.	
NHCVS continue to create a local hub for voluntary and community organisations to access to advice and information.	
NHCVS will build on the resources, skills, expertise and knowledge of the voluntary and community sector.	
NHCVS will build the capacity of voluntary and community organisations through volunteering.	
NHCVS will provide online resources to improve accessible information and support.	
NHCVS will support the development and support of small voluntary and community groups.	
NHDC Community Development Officers continue to ensure community groups are fully supported in their work across the district to the benefit of local residents.	
NHDC will support and encourage major arts/cultural events e.g. St Kings Walden Big Lunch, Hitchin Rhythms of the World and Baldock Festival.	
NHH developed a network of tenants to undertake audits of our services, fulfilling partly the scrutiny required.	
The LSP awarded £112,000 to the NHDC Rural Community Halls Capital Funding Scheme to help facilitate the refurbishment of village halls and other qualifying community amenities in the rural areas of North Hertfordshire. In total 11 community halls were funded to improve their various facilities.	
Partnership Enhanced Communities (June 2011-December 2011) - The project provided an intensive, focussed partnership support to a given area, in this case Wilbury Ward, and parts of the adjacent Grange Ward, each high scoring IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation Wards). The scheme will provide community safety support, advice on benefits/welfare issues, healthy eating and activity for families/children, provision of fire safety advice and fire alarms, the opportunity for increasing volunteering and	

developing Timebank (community 'trading' of favours and individual support).

The LSP allocated funding to a project entitled - Strengthening Communities and Involving People 2012. The two year project aimed to build greater community engagement in the sector, across two years. The scheme included a number of activities, led by the CVS, NHDC, CAB and NH Minority Ethnic Forum to build greater community engagement in local schemes and being more involved in the making of decisions, particularly directed at those from minority communities, traditionally hard to reach communities and younger/older age groups.

The LSP allocated funding for a second Partnership Enhanced Community (PEC2) project. North Herts CVS delivered a 100 Day 'Love Your Neighbourhood' campaign across the neighbourhoods of Hitchin (Westmill) and Royston (Coombes) during 2015. Over 100 days a series of activities were held. These events aimed to make a positive difference within the community, supporting active citizenship and positive resident contribution.

The activities included advice about healthy living, home security, children's fun days, the opportunity to join Time Bank and more on how to make your neighbourhood bloom. The aims of the Love Your Neighbourhood campaign were to :

- To target areas of high deprivation
- To enhance engagement with local residents
- To promote partnership working
- An opportunity for face to face contact with local residents
- Learn about key issues at a localised level through consultation

NHMEF provide a range of courses – ESOL, IT training and various other skilled activities to increase the skill base of the community.

Action Title	We will promote the health and wellbeing of all age groups by encouraging and facilitating healthy lifestyles
Milestone Description	
CAB encourages people to be active and self reliant helping to improve their mental wellbeing and giving self-esteem and confidence.	
HCC Health and Well Being team helps schools to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in relation to all aspects of health and well being, including bullying.	
Herts Fire and Rescue continue to visit local schools to engage with the students to deliver youth engagement activities promoting teenage fitness and nutrition and healthy lifestyles.	
NHAPTCC will encourage their members to continue to maintain play areas, allotments and open spaces within their remit to encourage healthy lifestyles.	
NHDC will continue to provide parks, open spaces, allotments, leisure centres and outdoor sports facilities for all.	
NHDC will work with partner organisations to deliver a range of local events to celebrate the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.	
The North Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership, a sub committee of the LSP continue to progress the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.	
The LSP awarded £14k to Royston Rockets BMX Racing Club towards the refurbishment of the track.	
The LSP awarded £10k to the NHH&Wb Fund for 2012-13 to address health inequalities in North Hertfordshire.	
The LSP awarded the Countryside Management Service £60k for a Green Infrastructure project. The project sought to enhance green spaces and nature reserves and voluntary enhancement works. This provided conservation activities with volunteers, way marked walks, restore wildlife habitats, ponds in a number of locations across the district.	
The LSP awarded funding to the Active Children in North Herts project, (a combination of two projects – North Herts is Ready for Winners and Active Children) focussing on Olympic and Paralympic programmes and on Swim 4 Life and Change 4 Life programmes.	
NHMEF provide Services for the elderly people to reduce their isolation and improve their well-being.	

Action Title	We will play our part in the global effort to avoid climate change
Milestone Description	
CAB provides telephone and email advice so people can access the service without having to travel to the office for face-to-face advice. We also recycle materials where we can and hold all our client records electronically.	
Citizens Advice is run regular Big Energy Saving Weeks to help people get the best deal on their fuel bills, giving tips on how they can use less energy and explaining what they can do to stop heat seeping from their home.	
Hertfordshire County Council is committed to reducing its carbon emissions and all Fire Stations are encouraged to identify where local improvements can be made to reduce the impact of our activities on the environment.	
Herts Constabulary are committed to implementing and embedding of a 5 year Carbon Management Plan across the force setting a target of 5% reduction in carbon emissions from 2010 baseline.	
NHAPTCC will encourage their members to review their premises/vehicles energy supply choices and current usage levels.	
NHDC will continue to progress the Climate Change strategy that works to reduce the levels of greenhouse gases from our own estate and encourage similar good practice across the district.	
NHH will ensure environmental sustainability by building homes that reduce carbon emissions and waste both during construction and during their life.	
NHDC have installed electric vehicle (EV) re-charging bays at six locations within the district, five of which will be available for public use. Installing EV recharging points in the district should encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transportation in line with our Climate Change Policy and Local Air Quality Management responsibilities.	