

# **Sustainable Community Strategy-Local Priorities Report of Key Findings**

## **Introduction**

South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) brings together all public service agencies; the Council, Police, Primary Care Trust, the voluntary and business sectors and community advocates to create a shared vision and sense of priorities for South Derbyshire. This vision will be set out in a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) which will describe how South Derbyshire will change over the next 10 years to make it a better place for the people who live, work and visit here. The SCS will become the overarching plan for the district and every other plan or strategy in South Derbyshire must relate to the SCS.

As part of the development process underpinning the strategy's development a detailed programme of consultation was undertaken between September 2008 and December 2008. The purpose of the consultation was to understand stakeholder's views on the area and to find out what issues are important and why. This was done using a mixture of quantitative i.e. local priorities questionnaire to residents and qualitative methods i.e. workshops with partners on the emerging priorities in the district.

This report presents the feedback that we received during the consultation process. The feedback suggestions from the consultation process will be fully integrated into the final formulation of the strategy. Therefore, this report presents the feedback separately from the strategy in order for us to demonstrate what was said to us. It must be emphasised that this is not the final stage of the process. A workshop will be held in February 2009 with key stakeholders. This will build on the outcomes from the consultation to develop a 2020 vision for the district and develop themes and actions to be addressed in the SCS.

The aims and objectives of the consultation process include:

- Consulting people, who live, work and visit South Derbyshire, partner organisations on the development of the SCS to date and to input their feedback into the final SCS document.
- Informing the SCS development process, by finding out local and emerging priorities in South Derbyshire.
- Giving an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide continued input into the SCS engagement process and wider place-shaping agenda for the district.
- Providing a range of opportunities for engagement with the SCS development process including, a survey and specially tailored events.

- Working with our partners to reaching a representative and inclusive audience using a range of consultation techniques.
- Providing South Derbyshire LSP partners with qualitative and quantitative findings showing what residents, workers and visitors to South Derbyshire feel are the most important priorities and why these are important.

South Derbyshire District Council feels that it has achieved all of these aims and objectives.

This report is presented in two sections: the first section describes the consultation process and the second section presents the key themes that arose from the consultation process.

The section on the consultation process explains which groups and individuals were involved and the methods we used.

The second section presents the feedback on local priorities and identifies the key themes that emerged via the consultation process.

## **What we consulted on**

The consultation was structured around nineteen priorities (see appendix 1 for more information on these). These emerged from previous consultation that had been undertaken at a County level. However, we needed to find out the local priorities for the district. In the questionnaires respondents were asked to think about the priorities in terms of how much they affect their life and local community and select their top five priorities and tell us why these are important. We did also ask participants to select the priorities they think are lesser priorities and explain why these are not as important.

It is from this quantitative information that we have generated the top five priorities and top five lesser priorities. In addition, we received a lot of literal comments, which have been analysed, and the key themes identified.

In addition, workshops were held with other stakeholders, including our partner organisations. We asked them to tell us from their perspective what they think are the emerging priorities for the district over the next 10 years. This information was collated and the key themes identified.

The consultation is underpinned by an 'evidence base' report for the district. This has been produced using existing research and consultation and performance information collected on key aspects of the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the district.

## Methodology

Between September and December 2008 consultation has taken place with key stakeholders on local priorities. This has been done in partnership with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and South Derbyshire CVS and included the following methods:

- A local priorities questionnaire sent out to South Derbyshire's Citizens Panel (1000 local residents, broadly representative of the make-up of South Derbyshire).
- A local priorities questionnaire sent out to residents via the South Derbyshire Safer Neighbourhood Meetings (approximately 160 residents).
- A local priorities questionnaire sent out to the National Farmers Union.
- An on-line local priorities questionnaire on South Derbyshire District Council's website.
- A local priorities questionnaire sent out to partners via the LSP theme groups.
- The National Place Survey sent out to 4000 randomly selected residents (this asked residents about living in South Derbyshire and local services).
- Joint consultation at the Area Forum Meetings in October/November with DCC on local priorities for the residents of South Derbyshire.
- A local priorities questionnaire sent out to Parish Councils.
- A local priorities workshop held with South Derbyshire youth forum (Chatterbox), voluntary and community sector organisations, representatives of the business community, council housing tenants, the Values and Attitudes Group (interest groups who represent the needs of individuals from communities of interest) and the South Derbyshire LSP.

A multi cultural event with the Black and Minority Ethnic Community was postponed from 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and is now being held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Consequently, the responses from the local priorities exercise will feed into the consultation process at a later date.

A workshop was held with elected members on 24<sup>th</sup> November to discuss emerging priorities in the district. The outcomes from this workshop will be made available in a separate report but this information will feed into the development of the SCS.

The results from The South Derbyshire Place Survey will not be available until January 2009. The results will be made available in a separate report and will feed into the development of the SCS.

Consultation Channel	Responses received
Quantitative responses:	
Citizens' Panel Questionnaire	375
Area Forum Questionnaires	79
Parish Council Questionnaires	8
Other Questionnaires	33
On-line questionnaire	2
Qualitative responses:	
LSP board members workshop	17
Business community workshop	18
Council housing tenants workshop	14
Voluntary and community sector workshop	24
Youth forum (Chatterbox workshop)	21
Values and Attitudes group workshop	8

## Key findings

This section outlines the main findings of the consultation process. From all of the quantitative responses the top five local priorities and the five lesser priorities have been identified (The actual figures are in appendix 2).

In terms of the lesser priorities a high number of respondents felt unable to identify these as they felt that all of the priorities are important. Consequently considerably less respondents completed this section. Of those respondents that completed this section they noted that none of the priorities are 'non-priorities' but less important than the five they have selected as top priorities, hence the term 'lesser priorities'.

Overall top five priorities:

- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime
- Activities for children and young people
- Clean streets
- Highways, roads and transport
- Decent and affordable housing

Overall top five lesser priorities:

- Tourism
- Climate change
- Traffic collisions
- Affordable decent housing
- Activities for adults

We asked respondents to also think about the priorities in terms of how much they affect their life and local community and tell us not only what is important but why it is important. The comments for each of the above priorities have been analysed and the key themes identified. For each priority there were several common themes.

### **Reduce Crime, anti-social behaviour:**

The majority of the respondents said that reducing crime, anti-social behaviour is a top priority for the district because feeling safe out and about in their community and in their homes is important. We received around 77 comments/related comments on this. A typical comment was *"We need to feel safe to go about our lives doing whatever we need to do and being able to relax and feel safe in our homes too"*.

Other respondents said that reducing crime, anti-social behaviour is a priority for the district because of...

The fear of crime *"fear of crime and ASB is relatively high in South Derbyshire and partners need to work together to reduce the issue"*.

The need to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the district *"Reduce anti-social behaviour, make people feel safe in their environment"*

The groups of young people hanging around on the streets *"There is a problem with gangs of young people wandering the streets or just congregating. The noise and numbers are intimidating."*

Some respondents said that crime can have a negative impact on the community and an individual's quality of life. *"If more was done to tackle these problems it could only lend to a better life in the community for many people. Much is talked about dealing with crime"*.

Other comments were about the need for greater police presence in the district *"More police presence in the area either on foot or car patrols"* and how offenders should be dealt with *"Discipline/punish persistent offenders to make people safe and free from fear of crime"*

### **Activities for children and young people:**

The majority respondents said providing activities for children and young people is a priority because reducing boredom and keeping children and

young people busy and off the streets is important. We received around 70 comments/related comments on this. *“Remove young people from the streets and give them some activities to occupy them “*

Other respondents said that providing activities for children and young people is a priority for the district because...

There is not enough for children and young people to do/ nowhere for them to go *“Living in a small village there are no activities i.e. youth club. Which means that they tend to gather on streets and bus shelters”.*

Children and young people need to be stimulated and learn how to interact with others. *“Very important for children etc to be involved in groups instead of playstations alone in bedroom”.*

They are less likely to get involved in crime and anti-social behaviour *“Because when children are involved in (sporting, cultural etc) activities they will be less likely to become involved in anti social activities”.*

It is important that children and young people feel part of the community *“These children are the next generation who need to feel part of the community...”*

Children and young people need to be active and healthy *“Young people need something to do to keep them active, linked to improving health and to building positive relationships/respect for each other, firm foundation for growing up”.*

### **Clean streets:**

The majority of the respondents said that clean streets is a priority as it helps create a pleasant place to live/improves the appearance of the district and it helps people to have a sense of pride in their area. We received around 77 comments/related comments on this. *“Creates a better living environment to live and work in coupled with visitor impressions of area and gives a sense of pride in the area.”*

Other respondents said that clean streets are a priority for the district because...

Of health reasons and the general well-being of the area *“If the streets around us are clean and tidy it creates a feeling of well-being...”*

There is too much litter on streets *“No one wants to walk through litter, tin cans and discarded gum”.* In relation to this some respondents felt that there should be penalties for people that dropped litter. *“I really would like to see greater responsibilities placed upon individuals who ignorantly drop litter. Streets can become so ugly simply because of it”*

There is too much dog fouling on the streets” *I like to walk and streets are often fouled by dogs and full of leaves this time of year”* and clean streets help

reduce vermin *“Clean streets are very important if not kept clean it attracts vermin e.g. (rats mice etc)”*.

### **Highways, roads and transport:**

The majority of respondents said that highways, transport and highways is a priority because maintaining and improving the condition of roads and footpaths is important. There were around 50 comments/related comments on this *“Highways and pavements are getting worse and worse not only creating a poor environment but increasing hazards...”* In relation to this safety on the roads was also a concern for some respondents *“Helps to reduce the rate of accidents on our roads and improve overall safety”*.

Other respondents said that highways, transport and highways is a priority for the district because it is important to provide easy access to all areas and some respondents felt that the road infrastructure for the district is inadequate. *“The road infrastructure for the district is inadequate. Civic way in rush hour is a disaster and access to Burton poor at times”*.

Some respondents said that reducing traffic congestion is important *“Good highways and roads is the only way to reduce road congestion and traffic collisions”*. Public transport was also mentioned in relation to this and the need to have a car to get around and outside of the district. *“Transport (public services) is very lacking, need direct links to notts, loughborough and leics.”*

Some respondents noted that parking in towns and villages was an issue *“The village can be choked by cars parked all over the place”*

### **Affordable decent housing:**

The majority of respondents said that affordable housing is a priority because enabling young people to buy housing locally rather than having to move away is important. There were around 42 comments/related comments on this *“Young people often have to leave the area as there is no/little affordable property...”* In relation to this there were also comments about the lack of affordable housing in the district. *“There are lots of new houses being built but nothing really affordable for first time buyers like myself”*

Other respondents said that affordable decent housing is a priority for the district because it creates a sense of belonging to the community. *“Makes people have a sense of belonging and proud of their area”*

Some respondents said that it should be the right of all to be able to live in decent accommodation whether it is owned or rented. *“An affordable decent house is something everyone as a right too. Both in the private and public sectors ...”*

We also asked respondents to think about the priorities in terms of those that are less important and tell us why this is. The comments for each these lesser priorities have been analysed and the key themes identified. For each priority there were several common themes.

### **Tourism:**

The majority of respondents said that tourism was a lesser priority in the district because they don't get tourists to their area or that their area wouldn't be of interest to tourists. *"There is very little in the area to attract visitors"*. Some respondents associate a negative affect from tourism on their areas *"Although it helps some businesses it can create a nuisance for many people e.g. congestion, parking, litter, noise"*.

Other respondents whilst feeling that this is important felt that resources should be directed elsewhere. *"Whilst this is obviously good for the area I believe resources should be concentrated on other items"*.

### **Climate change:**

The majority of respondents said that climate change was a lesser priority because it can't be solved locally at needs to be tackled at a national level *"Is not going to be solved locally. It has to be tackled at national government levels"*. In relation to this some respondents said that they didn't think it was the responsibility of the Council. *"Although important for the earth as a whole, this is for government to control rather than local authorities"*.

Other respondent's said that we can't make a difference as it's beyond our control. *"This is just a bandwagon everyone has jumped on. The climate has changed for centuries and will carry on doing so"*.

### **Reducing traffic collisions:**

The majority of respondents said that reducing road traffic collisions is a lesser priority because this is not a problem in their area *"I am not aware that there is any great problem in this area"*. Other respondents said that there was enough traffic calming methods in their area and were against anymore. *"There are already enough sign, speed humps, speed cameras, etc on the roads we don't need anymore"*. It must be noted though, that some respondents said that safety on the roads was a concern but commented on this as a highways, roads and transport issue rather than a reducing traffic collisions priority. .

### **Affordable decent housing:**

The majority of respondents said that providing affordable decent housing was a lesser priority because they felt that there was adequate housing in South Derbyshire and that there are too many housing developments in the district already *"South Derbyshire has been saturated by new housing developments"*.

### **Activities for adults:**

The majority of respondents said that providing activities for adults is a lesser priority because there is enough provision for adults already *"Most adults should be able to find activities with no need to make provision"*

Interestingly, affordable decent housing has emerged as a top priority as well as one of the top five lesser priorities. The literal comments from respondents do give some insight into the reasons behind this. The respondents who selected affordable decent housing as a local priority are generally concerned about the lack of affordable housing in the district especially for young people and first time buyers. Conversely, those respondents who selected affordable and decent housing as a lesser priority for the district are generally concerned with the building of new housing developments. This is also the general view of a high number of the Citizens' Panel members, who have said that there should be less housing development and open spaces preserved in the South Derbyshire of the future. Looking at the area forum meetings affordable decent housing was a top priority in the Linton and Repton community forum meetings and for those Citizens' Panel members who live in the Newhall and Swadlincote community forum areas.

The overall findings of this local priorities consultation exercise are useful in providing the LSP with an indication of the issues local residents and key stakeholders think are important. In addition, the qualitative comments recorded are essential in understanding why these issues are important. The results of the South Derbyshire Place Survey will provide additional feedback from residents on living in South Derbyshire and will further emphasize the priority areas for action.

### **Other priorities:**

We also asked respondents if there are any other priorities that they think are important in the district. There were comments on restricting large-scale development/ stricter planning control, energy conservation, traffic noise and aircraft noise in, ensuring value for money, fairer council tax, improving community resources, community resources e.g. shops/supermarket, reducing out of hours drinking in pubs and clubs and the better management of resources.

The quantitative results have also been analysed by respondent group. This enables a comparison of the priorities and lesser priorities to be done with the overall results.

### **Citizens Panel:**

South Derbyshire's Citizens' Panel is made up of 1,000 local residents and is broadly representative of the population of South Derbyshire. In November a local priorities questionnaire was sent out to panel members to find out what issues are most important to local residents.

Firstly, to gain an understanding of what local residents think about South Derbyshire we asked the Citizens' Panel to tell us what is special about living in South Derbyshire. (Appendix 3 highlights the key words from this). The comments have been analysed and the key themes identified. The Citizens' Panel said:

- The countryside and the national forest (around 103 comments) *“The development of the national forest is amazing and we love the countryside”*
- Friendliness/community spirit (around 96 comments) *“Good community spirit, great hospitality, people in the main are warm and friendly and generous”*

They also said:

- It's location and accessibility to other places such as Leicester, Birmingham etc.
- Interesting places to visit/ local attractions
- The feeling of being safe/low crime
- Good local services and facilities e.g. Council, health, education
- Mix of towns and villages
- Pleasant place to live

To gain an understanding of a vision of what South Derbyshire should be like in the future we also asked the Citizens' Panel what they think South Derbyshire should be like in the future (appendix 4 highlights the key words from this). The comments have been analysed and the key themes identified. The Citizens' Panel said:

- Not over developed -Less housing developments and open spaces preserved (60 comments) *“I feel that the area should not be saturated with more housing and concentrate on developing more open spaces and public facilities”*
- Vibrant town centres/leisure facilities (36 comments) *“It should also have sufficient facilities e.g. shops, places of entertainment etc which make it unnecessary to travel to Burton, derby etc except on rare occasions”.*

They also said:

- Better transport links/road networks
- Good local services
- A sense of community/community spirit
- Economically prosperous
- Clean and tidy
- Safe area to live

From all of the Citizens' Panel responses the top five local priorities and the top five lesser priorities have been identified

The top five priorities are:

- Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime
- Activities for children and young people
- Clean streets
- Reduce, re-use, recycle
- Parks and open spaces

The top five lesser priorities are:

- Tourism
- Climate change
- Reduce road traffic collisions
- Affordable decent housing
- Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects.

As with the overall results, reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime, activities for children and young people and clean streets have been identified as top priorities. However, reduce, re-use and recycle and parks and open spaces have been identified as top priorities. This is different from the overall results where highways, roads and transport and affordable and affordable decent housing were included in the top priorities.

As with the overall results, tourism, climate change, reducing road traffic collisions and affordable decent housing have been identified as lesser priorities. However, improving qualifications, skills and job prospects has been identified as a lesser priority which is different from the overall results where activities for adults was included in the top five lesser priorities.

### **Priorities by community forum area:**

The top five priorities have also been identified by community forum area to identify if local priorities differ according to where the Citizens' Panel members live in the district (the full results are shown in appendix 5). As a considerably lower number of respondents completed the lesser priorities section of the questionnaire, only the top priorities have been analysed.

The results reveal that activities for children and reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime are top priorities in every community forum area and clean streets is a top priority for every community forum area apart from Linton.

In addition:

- In the Etwall, Melbourne and Repton community forum areas access to services is one of the top priorities.
- In the Etwall, Linton and Swadlincote community forum areas parks and open spaces is one of the top priorities.

- In the Linton, Melbourne community forum areas highways, roads and transport is one of the top priorities.
- In the Newhall and Swadlincote community forum areas affordable decent housing is one of the top priorities.
- In the Linton and Repton community forum areas reduce, re-use and recycle is one of the top priorities.
- In the Newhall community forum area Improving qualifications, job prospects and skills is one of the top priorities.

### **Area Forum Meetings:**

Working in partnership with Derbyshire County Council, a priorities exercise was undertaken at each area forum meeting. These meetings are held quarterly and are attended by Elected Members, Parish Councillors and local residents. The Etwall area forum meeting didn't participate in this exercise. In the Melbourne and Swadlincote community forum meetings less than five priorities were identified as clear priorities.

As a considerably lower number of respondents completed the lesser priorities section of the questionnaire, only the top priorities have been analysed. It should also be noted that the attendance at each of the area forum meetings was different, thus there were a lower number of participants undertaking the exercise at some meetings than others. The literal comments from participants at the area forum meetings have been collated and have been analysed as part of the overall findings.

The top five priorities:

Linton area forum meeting

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities for children and young people</li> <li>• Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</li> <li>• Highways, roads and transport</li> <li>• Affordable and decent housing</li> <li>• Strengthening a sense of community</li> </ul> |
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Melbourne area forum meeting:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support people to live independently</li> <li>• Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</li> <li>• Highways, roads and transport</li> </ul> |
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Newhall area forum meeting:

- Highways Road and Transport
- Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce, re-use and recycle
- Access to services
- Activities for children and young people

Swadlincote area forum meeting

- Highways, roads and transport
- Support people to live independently
- Reduce, re-use, recycle
- Clean streets

Repton area forum meeting

- Highways roads and transport
- Reducing crime, ASB and fear of crime
- Activities for children
- Affordable housing
- Improve qualifications, skills, and job prospects/Vibrant town and village centres/ improve health and well-being

In all of the area forum meetings highways, roads and transport was identified as one of the top priorities. Interestingly, only those Citizens' Panel members in the Linton and Melbourne community forum areas identified it as one of the top priorities.

Whereas all of the Citizens' Panel community forum areas identified reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime as a top priority, only four out of the five area meetings, Linton, Melbourne, Newhall and Repton, identified this as one of the top priorities. Surprisingly, this did not come out as a top priority in the Swadlincote area forum meeting, although, Citizens' Panel members in the Swadlincote community forum area identified it as one of their top priorities.

All of the Citizens' Panel community forum areas identified activities for children as a top priority but only three out of the five area meetings, Linton, Newhall, Repton identified this as one of the top priorities.

In addition:

- The Linton and Repton community forum meeting identified affordable decent housing as one of the top priorities,
- The Melbourne and Swadlincote community forum meetings identified living independently as one of the top priorities.

- The Newhall and Swadlincote area forum meetings identified reduce, re-use and recycle as a top priority.
- Only the Newhall area forum meeting identified access to services as a top priority.
- Only the Swadlincote area forum meeting identified clean streets as one of the top priorities. However, this is a top priority overall and one of the Citizens' Panel's top priorities.

### **The South Derbyshire youth forum:**

The local priorities exercise was undertaken with the South Derbyshire Youth Forum 'Chatterbox'.

The top five priorities are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities for children and young people</li> <li>• Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime</li> <li>• Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects</li> <li>• Parks and open spaces</li> <li>• Clean streets</li> </ul> |
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The top five lesser priorities are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities for adults</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Reduce road traffic collisions</li> <li>• Tackling climate change</li> <li>• Support people to live independently/Reduce, re-use, recycle</li> </ul> |
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As with the overall results, reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime, activities for children and young people and clean streets have been identified as top priorities. However, improving qualifications, skills and job prospects and parks and open spaces have been identified as top priorities. This is different from the overall results where highways, roads and transport and affordable and decent housing were included in the top priorities. It is not surprising that these have emerged as priorities considering the age group of respondents.

As with the overall results, tourism, climate change, reducing road traffic collisions and have been identified as lesser priorities. However, supporting people to live independently and reduce, re-use and recycle have been identified as lesser priorities. This is different from the overall results where affordable, decent housing and activities for adults was included in the top five lesser priorities.

## **Stakeholders**

Workshops were held with different groups of stakeholders across the district. These were initial workshops to identify the emerging priorities for the district and the outcomes will be developed in more detail at the stakeholder's workshop in February. The qualitative information was recorded from the workshops and has been analysed and the 'over-arching' themes identified.

### **South Derbyshire LSP board members:**

A workshop was held with representatives from local public service agencies; including the Council, Police, Primary Care Trust, the voluntary and business sectors and community advocates. The emerging priorities for the district discussed included:

- Community Safety-neighbourhood policing
- Fear of crime-links with public confidence, develop positive links with media
- Developing the town centre/urban core,
- Provision of activities for children
- Planning community development around housing
- The 2012 Olympics-volunteering, links with rural areas
- Community cohesion-break down barriers, local involvement
- Rural needs-affordable housing, access to services
- Providing for the population growth-affect on services
- Environmental issues-making sure that new developments don't impact on the environment.
- The impact of the 'credit crunch' on the local economy
- Improving skills/training
- Providing local employment and getting people back into work
- Reducing health inequalities,
- Education on lifestyle factors i.e. healthy eating, obesity, smoking
- Joining up services and working together to target the 'hardest to reach' groups.
- Sustainability of the Community Strategy

### **Voluntary and Community sector workshop:**

A workshop was held with local and voluntary and community organisations and groups. Many of these groups represent the needs of disabled people, including mental health. The emerging priorities for the district discussed included:

- Reducing crime and fear of crime-more visible policing, better news stories in media.
- Developing community spirit-people being friendly, feeling involved
- Improving access to information-newsletters, area welcome packs, mobile libraries to deliver services.
- Improving public transport-linked to accessing services

- Providing for an aging population-health needs
- Provision of community facilities for young people-develop existing facilities, involving them.
- Provision of sport and leisure activities-no sports groups for disabled people
- Providing Affordable housing- young people
- Information and an awareness of life style factors e.g. healthy eating, obesity, mental health, cooking in schools
- Developing links with businesses-more integration between the private and community sector
- Developing community cohesion between young and old-hold events are inclusive for age groups.
- Developing tourism-promotion of national forest
- Provision of community green spaces

### **Sustainable Development Group:**

A workshop was held with the South Derbyshire LSP Sustainable Development Group. This group is made up of representatives from the local business community. The emerging priorities for the district discussed included:

- Providing small business space
- Developing town centre and tourism
- Improving image and attracting inward investment into the area
- Improving infrastructure/transport links
- Improving training/skills
- Getting young people into work/education/training
- Providing for population growth
- Addressing environmental issues
- Supporting business development

### **The Values and Attitudes Group and Council Tenants Housing Forum:**

A workshop was held with the Values and Attitudes group, which represents individuals from communities of interest and the Council tenants housing forum, which represents South Derbyshire Council housing tenants. As these are both small groups their comments have been collated and the key themes identified:

- Access to services in rural areas- especially for vulnerable and older people
- Accessing services in certain parts of the district such as Newton Solney and Repton
- The affect of the economic climate-high fuel prices and high cost of housing
- Improving public transport-access to services, especially for younger people and older people.

- Strengthening community cohesion-slight growth of BNP in the district, all partners working together on hate crime and common system to record it.
- Ensuring that there is sufficient funding for the VCS infrastructure to deliver services
- Developing a healthy, vibrant South Derbyshire-skill up the VCS so can deliver services
- Educating people via safer neighbourhood meetings on anti-social behaviour.
- Improving the condition of footpaths and pavements and car parking on the streets.

## **Next steps**

In February 2009 a workshop with key stakeholders will be held, to explore the feedback from the consultation. This will identify the main themes for the LSP to take forward.

Following the workshop the first draft of the SCS will be produced based on feedback from the consultation period and the evidence based report. This will contain the vision, priorities and draft action plans and will include the following areas:

- Action
- Target
- Lead Organisation and Partners
- Measure
- Outcome
- Resources to deliver

This will be circulated with key partners and residents for comment before a final draft is produced.

The final document will go to the LSP Board in April 2009 for adoption from April 2009. This will be printed and distributed to partners, agencies and residents throughout the district (e.g. libraries, housing offices and schools). A targeted publicity campaign that will include a launch and press campaign on the key priorities will support the new SCS. The review and monitoring timetable for the action plans will also be developed.

# Appendices

## Appendix 1

### The nineteen priorities

#### **Strengthening a sense of community**

##### **This priority covers the following topics:**

Community activities, community facilities, people from different backgrounds getting on well together, influencing decisions by service providers, supporting the voluntary and community sector, reaching all sectors of the community, supporting the local democratic process, volunteering

#### **Tackling climate change**

##### **Topics**

Saving energy, energy advice, grants available to the public, using your car more effectively  
using renewable energy, adapting to climate change

#### **Highways, roads and transport**

##### **Topics**

Road condition, pavement condition, verges, parking on pavements, traffic congestion, pollution, street lighting

#### **Access to services**

##### **Topics**

Public transport, walking and cycling, car parking, electronic access e.g. websites, libraries

#### **Parks and open spaces**

##### **Topics**

Play areas, parks, flower displays, 'in Bloom' awards, access to nature

#### **Support people to live independently**

##### **Topics**

Social care support, helping vulnerable people live independently, grants for people with disabilities to make adaptations in their home, support for carers and vulnerable people, services for disabled people, end of life care

#### **Affordable decent housing**

##### **Topics**

Delivering affordable homes, providing grants for home improvements to make them a decent standard

#### **Improve fire safety**

##### **Topics**

Deaths and injuries caused by fires, fire prevention

#### **Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime**

##### **Topics**

Vehicle crime, burglary, violent crime including domestic violence, preventing re-offending, young offenders, anti-social behaviour, drug misuse and adult drug treatment, CCTV, bullying

#### **Reduce road traffic collisions**

##### **Topics**

Road traffic deaths or serious injury, traffic calming

## **Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects**

### **Topics**

Increase income levels, increase post-16 skills and qualifications, skilled jobs, retaining graduates, increase number of young people in education, training and employment, adults with learning disabilities in employment, people out of work in deprived areas

## **Vibrant town and village centres**

### **Topics**

Develop the local economy, regeneration projects, more businesses, public toilets, car parking, paving, street furniture e.g. benches

## **Improve health and well-being**

### **Topics**

Reduce obesity, increase breastfeeding, reduce under 18 pregnancy, reduce alcohol related hospital admissions, increase life expectancy, health promotion

## **Reduce, re-use, recycle**

### **Topics**

Reduce waste sent to landfill, increase and promote recycling e.g. plastics, maintain/improve the condition of recycling facilities

## **Clean streets**

### **Topics**

Litter, graffiti, fly posting, enforcement

## **Activities for adults**

### **Topics**

Increase the number of adults participating in sport, leisure and cultural activities

## **Activities for children and young people**

### **Topics**

Sports and leisure, arts, young people being involved in their local community, youth centres, youth service provision

## **Tourism**

### **Topics**

Promotion of tourism, enhance positive impact on the local economy, increase day and staying visitors, tourist information centres

## **Educational attainment**

### **Topics**

Increase attainment at all key stages in Maths and English, reduce absenteeism, increase attainment levels of children in care

## Appendix 2

### Overall results

Priority	Number of respondents who said it is a priority.
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	288
Activities for children and young people	230
Clean streets	193
Highways, roads and transport	166
Decent and affordable housing	153
Reduce, re-use and recycle	149
Parks and open spaces	146
Access to services	142
Support people to live independently	108
Strengthening communities	107
Improve health and well-being	96
Improving qualifications, skills and job prospects	86
Vibrant town and village centres	85
Educational attainment	78
Activities for adults	60
Reduce road traffic collisions	57
Climate change	43
Tourism	21
Fire safety	16

Priority	Number of respondents who said it was a lesser priority
Tourism	106
Climate change	77
Traffic collisions	49
Affordable decent housing	43
Activities for adults	39
Educational attainment	36
Fire safety	36
Improving qualifications, skills and job prospects	36
Parks and open spaces	35
Vibrant town and village centres	30
Reduce, re-use and recycle	28
Strengthening communities	26
Improving health and well being	22
Supporting people to live independently	19
Access to services	17
Highways roads and transport	13
Reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	9
Clean streets	9
Activities for children and young people	6

South Derbyshire's Citizens' Panel -why is South Derbyshire special?  
The key words from the comments

access (30) **area** (79) beautiful (22) caring (13)  
centre (12) clean (11) **community** (44) council (18)  
country (13) **countryside** (54) crime (12) derby (12)  
**derbyshire** (54) easy (23) etc (15)  
facilities (19) feeling (11) **forest** (31) free (12)  
**friendly** (56) help (16) industry (12) life (11) **live** (54)  
**local** (37) lovely (10) major (11) mining (14) **national** (33)  
nice (13) **open** (26) parks (15) **people** (104)  
places (18) **pleasant** (20) pottery (10) road (11) **rural** (26)  
sense (15) **services** (19) shops (15) **south** (45)  
**spaces** (21) **special** (21) spirit (11) swadlincote (13) towns (13)  
**villages** (37) work (14) years (19)

South Derbyshire's Citizens' Panel -what should South Derbyshire be like in the future?

The key words from the comments

activities (10) **areas** (32) become (11) **better** (27)  
building (19) centre (15) clean (10)  
**community** (48) continue (12)  
council (16) countryside (11) **crime** (19)  
**derbyshire** (30)  
development (26) etc (16)  
facilities (26) feel (11) forest (14) future (10)  
green (17) **housing** (48) improve (17)  
industrial (14) jobs (18) **keep** (24) leisure (13)  
**live** (31) local (23) maintain (13) national (12)  
open (16) **people** (46) places (11) provided (14)  
recycling (10) retain (16) rural (11) safe (13) school (11)  
services (16) **shops** (30) **south** (31)

spaces (21)

street (10)

support (9)

swadlincote (12)

town (18) transport (9)

villages (22)

work (18)

## Appendix 5

### Results for the Citizens' Panel-top five priorities and lesser priorities

Priority	Number of Citizens' Panel members who said it is a priority
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	224
Activities for children and young people	171
Clean streets	162
Reduce, re-use, recycle	128
Parks and open spaces	123

Priority	Number of Citizens' Panel who said it is a lesser priority
Tourism	83
Climate change	59
Reduce road traffic collisions	36
Affordable decent housing	35
Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects.	34

## Appendix 6

### The top five priorities by percentage of Citizens Panel respondents living in community forum areas.

#### Etwell Community forum area:

Priority	% of Citizens' Panel Members
Activities for children and young people	9.1
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	6.7
Clean streets	6.7
Access to services	5.9
Parks and open spaces	5.9

#### Newhall community forum area:

Priority	% of Citizens' Panel Members
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	8.3
Clean streets	6.9
Activities for children and young people	6.4
Affordable decent housing	4.8
Improve qualifications, skills and job prospects	4.3

#### Linton community forum area:

Priority	% of Citizens' Panel Members
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	6.7
Reduce, re-use and recycle	5.1
Highways, roads and transport	4.5
Activities for children and young people	4.3
Parks and open spaces	4.0

#### Melbourne community forum area:

Priority	% of Citizens' Panel Members
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	13.6
Activities for children and young people	10.9
Clean streets	10.9
Highways, roads and transport	8.8

Access to services	8.0
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**Swadlincote community forum area:**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>% of Citizens' Panel Members</b>
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	9.6
Clean streets	6.4
Activities for children and young people	6.1
Parks and open spaces	5.3
Affordable decent housing	4.8

**Repton community forum area:**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>% of Citizens' Panel Members</b>
Reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime	14.9
Activities for children and young people	8.8
Clean streets	8.5
Reduce, re-use and recycle	8.0
Access to services	8.0