



The North Somerset Partnership is the local strategic partnership for the district. It brings together senior representatives from public, business, voluntary and community organisations to work together to improve quality of life for everyone in North Somerset

STAKEHOLDER BULLETIN

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Welcome to the North Somerset Partnership (NSP) E-Bulletin. Our aim is to keep you informed about the work of the NSP and its associated delivery partnerships.

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

May 2008

Chief Superintendent Kay Wozniak was elected as Vice Chair to the Partnership. Graham Turner, who was Vice Chair, will remain as a member of the Board.

The Board asked the sub-group to lead a review of the governance, structure and performance management framework of the Partnership in order to ensure that the Partnership is in a strong position to deliver the shared priorities of the new Sustainable Community Strategy.

A Local Area Agreement update can be found below.

A Neighbourhood Management Programme update can also be found below.

July 2008

This meeting was cancelled to allow work on the Partnership Review to be undertaken. Recommendations from the sub-group will be brought to the October Board meeting for decision.

Sustainable Community Strategy launched

'Improving our communities together'

North Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026

The Sustainable Community Strategy was launched at the Annual Stakeholder Event in April.

This Strategy outlines a shared vision for North Somerset over the next 18 years, bringing together the views of our local communities as well as key public, private, voluntary and community organisations.

The new vision for North Somerset is:

'Sustainable, inclusive, safe, healthy, prosperous communities, thriving in a quality environment'.

and to achieve this vision we have developed six shared priorities:

- **Tackling disadvantage and promoting equality of opportunity** – a priority that runs through the other five.
- **Developing strong inclusive communities**
- **Ensuring safer communities**
- **Improving health and wellbeing**
- **Developing a prosperous economy and enterprising community**
- **Living within environmental limits**

We would like to thank all those who have taken part in the process to develop the new Strategy by sharing their views and aspirations.

A copy of the Strategy can be downloaded from the Partnership website at www.northsomersetpartnership.org.uk. If you would like a copy of the Strategy please contact us via email northsomersetpartnership@n-somerset.gov.uk or phone 01275 884379.

Annual Stakeholder Event

Over 120 representatives from a wide range of organisations attended the North Somerset Partnership Annual Stakeholder Event on 22 April 2008 at the Winter Gardens, Weston-super-Mare.

The programme consisted of a number of activities including:

- Sustainable Community Strategy display
- Shared priority showcase
- Shared priority workshops
- Presentations

The Event also saw the launch of **'Improving our communities together'** the new North Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2026.

An Event Report will be available shortly, in the meantime further details can be found on the NSP website www.northsomersetpartnership.org.uk

LAA Update

Reaching Agreement – North Somerset Local Area Agreement 2008-2011.

The new North Somerset Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 received ministerial sign off from central government at the end of June 2008.

All local areas were required by central government to have a new Local Area Agreement in place by June 2008. As previously, the new LAA is a key mechanism to deliver the shared priorities identified in the North Somerset Sustainable Community Strategy.

The agreement, which contains a total of 69 performance indicators, is based around four theme blocks:

- Children & Young People
- Economic Development & Environment
- Health & Wellbeing
- Safer & Stronger Communities

The next stage in the LAA development process is to draw up detailed action plans to demonstrate how delivery of the targets will be achieved. Work around equalities and sustainability will feed into this process.

News from South Ward Neighbourhood Management Partnership May 2008

Key priorities over the period since October have been to continue to progress the work programme; develop our communication strategy and deliver our community engagement work.

1. Work Programme

- The Community Warden scheme has been established. Working in partnership with NSHousing 2 wardens and 2 street cleaners have been recruited. The area is looking much cleaner. The response to fly tipping has been stepped up and work with Streets and Open Spaces is taking place to prevent dumping of black bags of domestic waste.
- Work has commenced on delivering the open spaces strategy including final plans for Jubilee Park, on the Coronation and Millennium Green, on the Potteries. Work will commence on both parks over the summer and be completed by December 2008. Plans are available to view at the Neighbourhood Management office in the Healthy Living Centre.
- Working with the Environment Agency and Streets and Open Spaces a stretch of the Uphill Great Rhyne has been cleaned, removing 25 tonnes of waste material. The 4youth group is working to build wildlife areas and improve planting of native species.
- Two detached youth workers started work in January and are out on the 4 estates in the evenings working with young people aged 13 - 19.
- A reparation worker has been employed through the Youth Offending Team. This post will develop community based projects with young offenders on South Ward.
- A domestic abuse worker started on 1st May. This post is jointly funded with NSHousing and will work with the most high risk cases of domestic abuse.

2. Community Engagement

- The Youth Forum continues to meet every two weeks. A core group of young people have been involved in environmental projects including an inter generational gardening project with older residents.
- Monthly meetings take place on each of the four estates bringing key service providers together with local residents. The newly formed Oldmixon Residents Association held its first meeting on 12th May.

3 Communication Strategy

- The summer edition of the Connect4 newsletter will be distributed to all households in South Ward in late July.
- The website is up and running and can be viewed at www.southward.org.uk

Delivery Partnership Update

Community Safety – The Community Safety and Drug Action Team and Crime and Drug Reduction Partnership have worked together to produce a joint assessment of needs in North Somerset and plan how to address these issues.

At the end of the financial year crime had fallen generally across the Avon and Somerset area. In North Somerset the reduction (about 16% across all crimes) has been greater than in other areas. This means there have been 3500 less victims of crime in the last year.

Health & WellBeing – There has been some successful joint working between Adult Social Services and the Health authority, particularly around improving services for older people.

Economy, Environment and Transport

This group is finalising its action plan, based on the new SCS. Priorities are to improve awareness and communication, to improve monitoring and management of existing workstreams and to identify gaps that need to be addressed to implement the SCS.

Local environment groups are holding a 'green event' at the end of August in Weston Quarry. This will be a showcase for voluntary groups. For further details see the TENONS website www.tenons.org.uk

Housing – A Social Housing Event was held on 21 May, 3pm-7pm.

Learning & Skills – The College have been awarded the contract to deliver adult apprenticeships. This means that clients who come off incapacity benefit will be able to re-train without having to pay fees as previously.

If you would like any further information on items mentioned in the Bulletin, or have any comments please contact: northsomersetpartnership@n-somerset.gov.uk