

Identifying Cross cutting issues

Several of the workshop groups raised similar issues and solutions. Below is a list of cross cutting issues that were raised across a range of themes:

- Improve transport infrastructure
- Improve access to transport services
- Enable 'hard to reach groups' to access services, opportunities for education & employment
- Support capacity building within local communities and groups
- Support groups and communities to bid for new and sustainable funding streams
- Improve community involvement and engagement across communities in North Somerset, making use of local knowledge
- Improve communication between organisations
- Work to build strong leadership not only within the local authority but also within local communities and wider area agencies, such as sub-regional bodies
- Ensure that issues relating to rural communities are addressed
- Support Parish Councils and Parish Planning
- Understand that decisions made elsewhere can impact on North Somerset e.g. homelessness, housing pressures, transport infrastructure, Police, Health Authority and can affect service provision

Sharing progress

Working together to develop a North Somerset Sustainability Wheel

During the workshop session's delegates worked together to

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- Develop a shared understanding of the key principles, values, and activities that underpin the community strategy
- Use their expertise and knowledge to review the extent work carried out so far contributes to improving quality of life for people living, working and visiting North Somerset
- Identify what else needs to be done to put the key principles and components of achieving sustainable communities into practice, and how this could be further achieved through working in partnership

To summarise the key issues and actions that came out of the nine thematic sessions delegates built a North Somerset Sustainability Wheel as shown below.



Next Steps

To bring the event to a close Jean Erskine (Economic Development and Regeneration Group Manager of North Somerset Council) recapped on the mornings activities. Bob Wayne, NSP Chair, thanked all participants for their work during the morning.

All the work undertaken has been collated and compiled into this report which will be sent to all participants and others who have registered an interest in being kept informed.

The information contained within this report will be used in a number of ways.

- The NSP Board will consider issues and ideas documented in this report to inform the North Somerset Community Strategy Refresh process, to be undertaken in 2006
- A copy of each of the thematic workshop notes will be sent to the appropriate delivery partnership/s for consideration during their action planning processes.
- Views and feedback received about the event as a whole will be used to help plan future events

Finally, in response to the number of people who expressed an interest in being regularly kept up to date on development and implementation of the Community Strategy, a stakeholder e-bulletin will be launched in March 2006. This bulletin will provide quarterly updates about the work of the NSP Board and its associated Delivery Partnerships, all working to implement the North Somerset Community Strategy.