

# Devon's Sustainable Community Strategy

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Local partners in the Devon Strategic Partnership are working together to improve the quality of life for people in Devon. This leaflet outlines what the vision and the key priorities are for Devon and how we want things to be different in 10 years' time.

## The Sustainable Community Strategy

### Our vision is:

We want Devon to be... England's greenest county with strong local communities that are prosperous and welcoming with an excellent quality of life and a sustainable future.

### Our priorities are to improve aspects of the quality of life for everyone in Devon by:

- Promoting health and personal wellbeing for all so that people are as healthy as possible.
- Working to ensure strong, prosperous and inclusive communities with a sustainable and vibrant future.

- Creating the conditions to enable Devon to have a strong and growing economy, and ensuring maximum opportunities are available for everyone to contribute to and benefit from it.

- Supporting our County's world class natural environment, our built environment and cultural heritage to improve the look and feel of the places where we live.

- Ensuring the availability and balance of appropriate housing.

- Tackling behaviour that intimidates, hurts or offends people in Devon.

- Inspiring our County's young people to achieve their best and supporting them in tackling the issues that concern them most.

These priorities were developed in consultation and are supported by evidence which was collated by partners in the Devon Strategic Partnership.

For more information see

[www.scs.devonsp.org.uk](http://www.scs.devonsp.org.uk)

## Cross cutting themes

The Devon Strategic Partnership has agreed these top seven priorities for Devon, but there are also pressing cross cutting themes that must run through all of the work we do. We must:

- Improve accessibility to the services and opportunities people want and need, taking into account demographic change.

- Value diversity, using equality of opportunity for everyone as a guiding principle.

- Address the challenges and seize the opportunities of climate change, and reduce our impact on the environment.

## 10 year outcomes

Each priority also has one or more high level outcomes that we want to have achieved over the course of 10 years. Achievement of the outcomes would provide a tangible difference to the issues being addressed.

## The Devon Strategic Partnership

Many of the most challenging issues which face us, such as addressing climate change or rural deprivation are complex. They cannot be tackled by one agency or group working by themselves. Different ways of working together are needed to further improve the quality of life for people in Devon. This is what the DSP aims to do. The DSP is made up of people from the business, public, faith and voluntary sectors; people who can decide future plans and work together to assist in the implementation of this strategy. The DSP is responsible for delivering this strategy, and encouraging the work of all partner agencies and groups to have the needs of local people, as outlined in this strategy, at its core. If you would like to be more involved in the work supporting this strategy, please contact us.

## Want to know more?

For more detailed information we have designed a website ([www.scs.devonsp.org.uk](http://www.scs.devonsp.org.uk)) where you can find out more about each of the priorities, the evidence behind it, and how it links to actions that we plan to take. This can be continually updated as more information is gathered or action takes place. We have also produced a booklet that gives more information.

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