

DSP COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR DEVON -Actions identified in strategy as those which the DSP itself will promote which will add value								
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1.1	Homes for all: Building for the future	Make sure everyone has the chance of a home at a price they can afford	Develop an evidence based profile of housing need and homelessness to inform strategic planning	yes	1. Devon Homeless stats produced regularly 2 Devon's Housing Evidence first draft produced 3 Housing Market Srea groups formed and work beginning	Devon Homelessness Coordinator Corporate Intelligence and DSHG	Needs regular updates, monitoring and links with HMA work	Yes Yes Yes
			Lobby locally, regionally and nationally for funding, research and promotion of radical and practical solutions for the housing shortage to deliver:		DSHG, Devon County Council and Districts responded to consultation papers, GOSW and Housing Corp part of DSHG. DSHG made representations to Affordable Rural Housing Committee on Affordable Housing. Involvement in the Regional Housing Forum and its delivery groups for the Regionla Housing Strategy.	DSHG	Ongoing	Yes although Devon received an increase in Housing Corp allocated funding for 2006/8. Devon needs to lobby for that level of investment to be sustained for 2008/10
			. Intermediate housing	Proposed	Housing Corp may commission research on intermediate housing providers as SW wide initiative	Local Housing Authorities	To be identified	Yes
			. More affordable land	Yes	SHDC ideas as Beacon Council facilitated by LGA	DSHG	To be identified	Yes
			. Permanently affordable solutions		Support for Community Land Trusts			
			Use land and buildings held by public sector bodies to help meet the need for affordable housing	Yes	As part of the regeneration initiative and work on priority communities	LAA	To be identified	Yes
			Determine affordable housing priorities for "key workers" such as teachers, social workers and nurses	Yes	Undertaking work on defining key workers LHAs' involvement with Homebuy and zone agents	DSHG	A consensus on definitions is needed	Yes
1.2		Provide enough homes and minimise environmental damage	Promote good practice in regard to design, sustainable construction and energy minimisation and efficiency in new homes	Yes	Influencing LDFs Participation in the Dev Sustainable Buildings seminar, affordable warmth initiatives and decnt home agenda Devon wide bid on maintenance Input of advice to regional spatial strategy Environment Agency planning staff's input to regional strategies and LDFs	Devon County Council, LHAs, DSHG  Env Agency	To be identified	Is this a Devon or regional objective? Not in DSHG control  Yes
				Yes	EN national guidance & regional Green infrastructure project - particular work on new communities in E Devon and S Hams - EN rpe as statptory consultees	EN, CA, AONBs etc		
				Yes	Inclusion of appropriate policies in all Local Authorities' LDFs. This means that all future development will have to comply. Major issues for the new towns of Sherford and Cranbrook. Sherford is seeking to be an examplar project for building a sustainable community eg SuDs; waste minimisation; renewable energy	Environment Agency planning staff's input to regional strategies and LDFs		Yes
1.3		Ensure homes are built and maintained in a way that creates healthy communities		Yes	Modernised single service model, Home improvement Agency service that DCC has just tendered and awarded the contract for, on behalf of a wider partnership including all DCs and PCTs. Service includes a new home safety assessment, energy advice, home improvements, handyperson etc Improved, co-ordinated consistent service now available across the county under one joint commisssioned contract for only £220k more than old inefficient service	Devon County Council, LHAs	To be identified	Yes
2.1	Improving the life chances of children and young people	Help children and young people to obtain the skills, knowledge and understanding to get the most out of life, manage transitions and thrive as adults	Encourage close relationships between LSPs and clusters of schools so that the full capacity of local people to raise achievement is harnessed	No				Probably but the Extended Schools' agenda etc. is helping to deliver this anyway
				Yes	EN education programmes eg NNR programmes, intranet work with further education establishments	EN		
2.2		Support for parents and carers	Support the development of a set of Entitlements for Parents and Carers	Yes	Part of the core offer of Extended Schools	Children's Trust	No	N/a
2.3		Improve physical and		Yes	Healthy Schools; CAMHS work; Child Concern Pathway	Children's Trust		Yes

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		mental health and promote healthy lifestyles		In some places	Provision of green spaces and recreational opportunities through project initiatives such as better canoeing access and angling participation	Environment Agency in part, through recreation project initiatives such as better canoeing access and angling participation		
				Yes	Promote access to greenspace and the environment - promote healthy activities	EN education programmes eg NNR programme, intranet, work with further education. EN, CA Aonbs & partners	EN	Overview of all the activity
2.4		Enable young people to make a positive contribution to the community		Yes	Youth Councils and Parliament; DYA and Devon Play work			
				Yes	EN volunteering programmes on NNRs			
2.5		Improve outcomes for children and young people looked after by the Local Authority		Yes	Key priority. Child protection - new Safeguarding Board	Devon County Council/Children's Trust		
2.6		Protect children and young people from harm and neglect	Provide facilities and things to do for young people. Promote them and ensure they are accessible	Yes	Many varied e.g. Youth Cafés, play parks, skate areas, police-run skateboard competition 'Oblivion'	Various	Yes gaps around transport - access and geographic gaps	Yes
			Investigate the housing needs of young people and commission services accordingly	Yes	Housing Strategy for Vulnerable Children, Young People & Families  LPSA2 target	Children's Trust links with Devon Strategic Housing Group Supporting People	Yes strategy first step	Yes
3.1	<b>Protecting and improving our outstanding environment</b>	Reduce, recover, re-use and recycle waste	Lobby for continued Government leadership and funding	Yes	The Devon Authorities Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee has written to the Minister concerning a number of issues. DCC are about to respond to the government's Consultation on the National Waste Strategy for England. Other waste related consultations are regularly responded to and officers sit on a number of national groups which lobby government.	DAWRRC and DCC officers		Yes
			Facilitate the development of links with industry about waste reduction	In part	Support for waste minimisation projects eg Envision; Net Regs workshops; Green Tourism initiatives. Ensure new development in Exeter has re-used construction waste in the re-build	Environment Agency	Much more could be done in this regard but resources do not allow	Yes
3.2		Develop and implement measures to reduce congestion and manage the demand for travel	Encourage the public sector to set an example through personnel and procurement policies		Promotion of Internal Environmental Management Systems through work with Local Authority LSPs	Environment Agency		
					EN internal environmental management systems, local procurement policies and green travel plan	Environment Agency		
			Encourage transport service providers to understand the benefits of a long-term commitment to improving services	Yes	Demonstration projects - sustainable public transport to NNRs, Jurassic Coast WHS bus service, Trans Moor bus service	EN, DCC, WHS, DNPA		
3.3		Manage water and mineral resources in a sustainable manner		Partly (for water use)	Establishment of Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies throughout Devon; promotion of public behaviour change through initiative such as World Environment Day	Environment Agency		
				Yes	Statutory consultee role re water abstraction, AMP and minerals planning	EN		
3.4		Protect and improve the quality of our river and coastal environment	Develop a coastal forum and coastal recreational strategy		Environment Agency's routine regulatory and monitoring work results in water quality improvement eg compliance with Bathing Water Directive; enforcing compliance with effluent discharge conditions	Environment Agency	Environment Agency's routine regulatory and monitoring work results in water	

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				Yes	Coast SW regional managed retreat opportunities study, ERICIPs project, Invest in Fish, Finding Sanctuary, Oil Spill Contingency Planning, Rovers Catchment Sensitive Farming, AXE Project, Torridge Project, Estuary Partnerships, WCRT Projects EN Statutory consultee role	EN Maritime Forum, Estuaries Partnerships, DWT, WCRT etc	Coastal Forum needs formal relationship to DSP	
			Lobby for better shipping regulation	Yes	EN nationally and local with DCC	EN, DCC, DWT		
3.5		Where possible build new housing, employment sites and other facilities on previously developed land and in ways which are sensitive to the surrounding environment	Develop effective working arrangements with all relevant partners to meet new planning legislation requirements, particularly in relation to delivering Local Development Frameworks	Yes	Environmental conditions and advice included in planning application responses to Local Authorities Devon County Council and other consultees have a role in influencing policy in LDFs	Environment Agency and Devon County Council as statutory consultees	No	Yes
				Yes	EN statutory consultee role in relation to new settlement development at Exeter and Sherford and LDFs-Env Devon and SWBAP Partnership LDF workshops with LPAs	EN, CA SWBAP Partnerships. AONBs, NPAs etc		
3.6		Support Landowners/Managers and Businesses in measures to protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape	Through the Devon Strategic Partnership's "Devon Rural Network":	Yes	DRN's Sustainable Farming and Food Action Group are focusing on specific issues. DRN are developing a Rural Renaissance bid to SWRDA under which one of the themes is SFF and we are discussing the possibility of facilitating the 'Environment Devon' group Projects on Rivers Axe, Culm, Torridge working with farming community to encourage best practice	DRN		
				Yes	£16M annual spend on agri-environment schemes. EN WES scheme & traditional breeds scheme etc. DWT Confidence in the Countryside programme, SW Forest, Culm Partnership, AONBs NPAs	EN, RDS, DWT, SWF, AONBs NPA etc		
			. Raise awareness of best farming practice and the latest research to maximise environmental benefits	Partly (with others)	Projects on Rivers Axe, Culm, Torridge working with farming community to encourage best practice	Environment Agency in partnership		
				Yes	Workshops, farm visits etc. Research projects eg on Culm, Grassland restoration	RDS, EN, TCCT, DWT etc		
			. Lobby for a fair proportion of agri-economic expenditure for Devon	Yes	Undertaken through the Sustainable Farming and Food action group of the Devon Rural Network	Kate Harris		Yes
				Yes	Regional and national influencing being undertaken by NE partners	RDS, EN, TCCT, DWT etc		
			. Lobby for the readjustment of agricultural payment regimes to encourage the enhancement and protection of Devon's biodiversity and landscape		Undertaken through the Sustainable Farming and Food action group of the Devon Rural Network and system set until 2013 but % of EU funds available for this purpose	Kate Harris		No
				Yes	Regional and national influencing being undertaken by NE partners	RDS, EN, TCCT, DWT etc		
			. Support an improved network of advisory agencies, aiming to secure suitable funding for the advisory function and grants for schemes.	Yes	Undertaken through the Devon Rural Network especially in the form of a Rural Renaissance scheme and through the LAA	Lisa Henry		Yes
				Yes	NE being formed. Innovative projects eg Dartmoor Moor Futures and Uplands Farms Projects	NE partners, DNPA, ENPA	Links between environmental and business support need to be better	
			. Provide simple, understandable information for land managers about improving biodiversity and landscape		Encouraging developers to build conservation opportunities into plans eg creation of new wetland			
				Yes	New guidance delivered or being developed to help land managers. Projects eg Two Moors and Culm Marsh Fritillary Project focussing on working with land managers	EN, RDS, DWT, SWF, AONBs, NPA etc		
			. Encourage the creation and re-creation of new habitats linked to new development and changed land use	Partly	Encouraging developers to build conservation opportunities into plans eg creation of new	Environment Agency (routine work)		
				Yes	SW Nature built into Regional Spatial Strategy. Extensive research work on habitat restoration eg Culm	EN + partners, NPAs, AONBs, DWT etc	Not embedded into new LDFs	

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3.7		Understand, adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change	Via the Devon Strategic Partnership's "Sustainable Energy Network"	Yes in part. No real work on the adaptation agenda has taken place so far	DSEN can only deal with the mitigation agenda (reducing greenhouse gases). It is a networking activity and has no Executive authority or funding to deliver. A DSP Climate Change group is beginning to consider the adaptation agenda	DSEN and the DSP Climate Change Group	Not embedded into new LDFs	
				Yes	SWCCI Research on impacts, DCC Climate Change Report, National projects eg Monarch	EN, DCC + partners	SEN not the appropriate body - DSP Climate	
			. Provide a strategic, co-ordinated and practical approach to promoting renewable energy	Yes	The RED Bid through CEx.	Devon County Council		
				Yes	Devon Strategy for Renewable Energy produced and projects such as Renewable Energy Devon being pursued	Devon County Council		
			. Market the concept that emissions reduction is achievable at local community level	Yes in part but a DCC rather than DSP activity	Our climate change communications plan is to concentrate on what the home owner can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Devon County Council Climate Change Officer		
					Promotion of sustainable behaviours (including domestic car use) via World Environment Day initiative	Environment Agency		
			. Support community based energy conservation schemes		NPA & AONB Sustainable Development Grant Schemes	NPAs & AONBs		
			. Develop a partnership between Devon's construction professionals, building materials industry and academics to develop a credible system for true energy costing in the manufacture, supply and use of construction materials	Yes in part but this is a DCC rather than DSP activity	Devon Property and Devon Sustainable Building Initiative	Devon County Council		
			Produce a Climate change report for Devon and take action on recommendations	Yes but this is a DCC rather than DSP activity	This is in effect the Climate Change Strategy which was approved in Nov 2005	Devon County Council Climate Change Officer	Needs to have a higher profile with DSP members and be better understood	
			Influence SWCCIP to give greater prominence to the effects of climate change on the transport infrastructure	No	The Transport Sector group of the SWCCIP was strangled at birth.			
				Yes	EN partners in SWCCIP and influencing	EN + partners		
3.8		Improve information systems so that we can know if we are winning	Produce a "Climate Change Scenarios for Devon" document based on UKCIP 2002 projections	Yes but this is a DCC rather than DSP activity	This forms part of the Climate Change Strategy which was approved in Nov 2005	Devon County Council Climate Change Officer		
			Develop common information systems and indicators for monitoring biodiversity and landscape factors in conjunction with the Devon Biodiversity Record Centre	Yes	EN, EH, CA, DCC projects, Devon Landscape Character Assessment & Historic landscape Assessment. Biodiversity recording and monitoring	EN, EH, CA, DCC, DWT, EA InDevon etc	Indicators need to be embedded in Community Strategy	
			Hold a periodic state of Devon's Environment conference and publish a regular report	No			This needs to be progressed urgently	
3.9		Improve public spaces, the built environment and access to the countryside		Yes	EN through NNRE and Local Nature Reserve and staff support programmes and statutory duties. EN and CA Countryside in and Around Towns Projects eg Plymouth, AONBs, NPA, DCC		Limited improvement in public spaces - the opportunities need to be seized now	

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4.1	Working for sustainable wealth creation	Ensure an innovation friendly environment which encourages entrepreneurship	Encourage broadband usage and take-up by Small and Medium sized Enterprises throughout Devon		100 exchanges upgraded to broadband (complete coverage of Devon by June 2006); 4,500 businesses advised; 930 new jobs created through Broadband4Devon	Broadband4Devon		Yes
			Improve entrepreneurialism in Devon, targeting key sectors such as traditional sectors facing restructuring, young people and social enterprise		Actions proposed in the draft Devon Economic Concordat and Economic Development and Enterprise block of the LAA	Devon County Council		Yes
			The provision of incubator and managed workspace and maximise the opportunities afforded by existing and planned Science Parks in Devon and adjacent areas		As above and a number of projects under development	Devon County Council		Yes
			The potential of Higher Education and other research institutions in Devon to encourage innovation amongst SMEs, particularly through the encouragement of technology transfer		Under development, especially through the Science Park proposal with Exeter University.	Devon County Council		Yes
4.2		Raising productivity levels to the national average	Exploit the role of Devon's market and coastal towns as key drivers for rural economic development		Promoted through the Devon Towns Forum and individual towns, supported by a range of programmes such as Devon Renaissance.	Devon County Council		Yes
			Encourage businesses in Devon to collaborate and co-operate through, for example, business-to-business networking and joint ventures		Being supported through the proposed Devon Economic Partnership	Devon County Council		Yes
				Yes	Land Between The Moors Project encouraging agricultural businesses to work together	EA, CA, SWF, DWT etc		
			Attract funding to help with restructuring of traditional sectors of the economy		A key action of the Economic Development and Enterprise block of the LAA	Devon County Council		Yes
			Work in partnership to encourage new opportunities for employment - for example, the relocation of the public sector through the Lyons Review		Development of Skypark as a major strategic employment site which will provide opportunities for substantial additional employment. Sector specific initiatives such as support for the creative industries.	Devon County Council		Yes
4.3	Use the environment as an economic driver		Bring together partners in the economy and the environment sectors to promote understanding of the 'environment as an economic driver', share best practice, develop joint actions and encourage growth in specific economic sectors	Beginning	Work by RDA at regional level. Conference held in Exeter 21/22 February on this subject which will prompt a range of specific actions. Incorporated into Economic Development and Enterprise block of the LAA	Devon County Council		Yes
				Yes	DCC, EN, EA, RDA projects to demonstrate the concept Objective 2 Environmental Theme Managers delivering joined up projects - Public Product model - work with tourism sector eg S Hams Green Tourism	DCC, RDA, EA, EN, CA, AONBs, NPSAs, SWF etc		
			Help businesses reduce costs by managing environmental impacts	Partly	Specific initiatives such as Envision; DEBI; advice 'on the ground' as part of routine work	Environment Agency (with others)		Yes
				Yes	Envision	Envision		
			Link management of the environment to economic development and regeneration		Covered by two items above and, eg, expansion of the Environmental Sustainability Manager role from Objective 2 and the Greening Regional Development programmes initiative	Devon County Council	Have to understand how this works & how to measure first	Yes
				Yes	DCC, EN, EA, RDA projects to demonstrate the concept. Objective 2 Environmental Theme Managers delivering joined up projects - Public Product model - work with tourism sector eg S Hams Green Tourism - Sustainable Development Grant Funds	DCC, RDA, EA, EN, CA, AONBs, NPSAs, SWF etc		
			Develop new sectors of the environment that deliver integrated economic and environmental benefits	Yes	As above		See above	
			Through the Devon Rural Network the Devon Strategic Partnership will:					
			. Implement the Devon Rural Strategy	Yes	See Rural Strategy progress table. The RS is in the process of being revised	DRN		Yes
			. Develop integrated, accessible funding programmes and delivery partnerships to resource regeneration projects.	Yes	Work with Devon Renaissance and SWRDA to develop a Rural Renaissance bid to cover the whole of Devon. Also work with DEFRA, GOSW and the LAA to plan and deliver the Rural Social and Community programme in Devon - 412k pa over 2 years.	DRN		Yes
				Yes	NE grant schemes in development - potential broker for major elements of HLF funding, NE will continue to deliver ERDP funding streams	NE partners, DEFRA, HLF		
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4.4		Promote a culture of training and development and raise aspirations overall	Further improve the database of participation rates, levels of achievement and retention rates so that more valid, local data is available		Being undertaken through the LPSA2 skills theme, incorporated into the Economic Development and Enterprise block of the LAA	Devon County Council		Yes
			Seek greater flexibility with the use of national funding to enable a greater emphasis on initial, widening participation activities which may later lead to formal qualifications		As above			
4.5		Ensure an adaptable, skilled and flexible workforce suited to available employment opportunities	Equip Devon's workforce with the skills employers need, including ICT skills, through appropriate and accessible courses to match the jobs available		As above and specific programmes eg Broadband4Devon			
			Expand on research carried out by Learning and Skills Council (Employer Needs Survey) to obtain more information on skills gaps in the modern Devon economy		As above and specific initiatives such as a study of creative industries and a business survey carried out by Devon Renaissance			
			Encourage Small and Medium Sized Enterprises to invest in workforce development programmes, such as Employer Training Pilots		As above			
4.6		Improve access to vocational learning opportunities in rural Devon			Range of initiatives, eg CCD's CORA project and COBRA in the Blackdown Hills			
4.7		Improve transport accessibility in rural areas	Seek support from the South West Regional Development Agency for longer term, and on-going, funding to support programmes for transport in rural areas	Yes	Lobbying on the importance of funding for rural transport initially through SWRDA MRD funds	Devon Rural Transport Partnership, DRN, Devon Renaissance		
				Yes	Demonstration and encouragement of sustainable approaches to transport eg DNMPA schemes, WHS bus service etc	DCC, NPAs etc		
4.8		Work together to provide sustainable solutions to transport problems which will promote economic growth	Lobby for, and promote, the essential improvements to Devon's road, rail, air and sea connection to the rest of the United Kingdom and continental Europe in an integrated way, as identified in the DSP Task Group's "Joining Up Devon Position Statement". This to include the upgrading of the A30/A303	Yes	Demonstration and encouragement of sustainable approaches to transport eg DNPA schemes, WHS bus service etc	DCC, NPAs etc	The SCS must recognise the environmental costs of such improvements and ensure that	
5.1	<b>Making Devon an even safer place to live</b>	Tackle those offenders responsible for the volume crimes of burglary, violent crime and vehicle crime	Improve the quality of information in order to deal with violent crime	Yes	Via SDP volume crime task group the Prolific and Priority offender schemes are being co-ordinated within the two BCUs in Devon	D&C Constabulary		
			Development of Project Amethyst to provide a Peninsular Information Hub	Yes	Amethyst Hub is steadily being expanded in its content and producing increasing number of regular performance monitoring reports	Amethyst data team and analyst		
5.2		Reduce the fear of crime in this low crime area	Provide a unified voice for countrywide community safety marketing messages	No	This area of activity has not yet progressed			
			Co-ordination of timely and appropriate consultation processes	Yes	This was completed for the revision of CDRP strategies for 2005-08 future will be covered by a rolling audit process as part of the LAA/SDP work	Via Amethyst and Police/SDP strategic assessment approach		
			Via the social Inclusion Task Group - Develop and implement the "Neighbourhood Action Support Programme". This programme, to be run in targeted communities will provide a framework to aid understanding and learning, support local action, promote policy change and challenge existing practice in regard to reducing social exclusion					
5.3		Tackle the impact of drug and alcohol misuse on communities	Support co-ordinated alcohol and substance misuse treatment and education programme for Devon	Yes	Part of ongoing DAAT/SDP task group work	DAAT and SDP task group		

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5.4		Increase the reporting of domestic violence and decrease the number of repeat victims	Continue to implement the Devon Domestic Violence Strategy which the DSP initiated by:	Yes	Part of adva strategy	adva partnership		
			. Encourage other agencies to understand and respond appropriately to domestic violence	Yes	Part of adva strategy	adva partnership		
			. Lobby at national level for the criminal justice process to support specialist domestic violence service provision, through domestic violence courts, domestic violence solicitors etc.	Yes	Part of adva strategy and approval of Exeter as one of the first 21 pilot areas for specialist DV Court from April 2006	adva partnership		
			. Raise awareness of domestic violence and of support mechanisms amongst the public and employers alike	Yes	Part of adva strategy and ongoing training and awareness courses	adva partnership		
			. Provide high quality support services for the victims of domestic violence, and effective intervention services for perpetrators	Yes	Part of adva strategy and use of pooled partnership budget to fund core services	adva partnership		
			. Develop networks to combat domestic violence, and to share data between partners accordingly	Yes	Part of adva strategy	adva partnership		
			. Encourage common minimum standards amongst partner agencies in regard to internal domestic violence policies	Yes	DCC and few other statutory agencies have policies - adva is trying to get all agencies to adopt a policy using DCC model as standard	adva partnership		
			. Develop educational materials and intervention services to support children affected by Domestic Violence and reduce the longer term impact it has on them as developing adults	Yes	adva strategy has developed pilot materials and this programme to roll out to more schools	adva partnership		
5.5		Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour	Provide feedback to central government on progress and emerging issues about anti-social behaviour in Devon	Yes	Done as part of responses to Govt Policy	ASB task group		
			To identify and progress pan-Devon work on community cohesion, including the Neighbourhood Action Support Programme and other social inclusion initiatives					
			Encourage agencies to sign up to minimum standards of response to anti-social behaviour, within agreed frameworks	Partly	SDP ASB task group is beginning this piece of work in 2006	SDP task group		
			Encourage acceptable behaviour, through active marketing and publicity	Yes	SDP ASB task group is beginning this piece of work in 2006	SDP task group		
5.6		Lessen the effects and incidence of prejudice in Devon, and increase victim confidence about reporting hate crime	Co-ordinate work against hate crime by creating a network for individual agencies working in the arena, providing practitioners with information on best practice and resource opportunities	Partly	SDP has newly established task group that is beginning to deal with this	SDP task group		
			Develop support services for victims of hate crime and incidents	Partly	SDP has newly established task group that is beginning to deal with this but work is hampered by lack of funding to establish these services	SDP task group		
			Encourage acceptable behaviour, through active marketing and publicity	Partly	Part of work of SDP task group	SDP task group		
			Identify and progress pan-Devon work on community cohesion, including the Neighbourhood Action Support Programme and other social inclusion initiatives					
			Engage partners within the public and private sector to identify and promote diversity policies and reporting mechanisms for incidents of intolerance					
5.7		Manage safety and speed on Devon's roads	Creation of a Devon Strategic Road Safety Partnership, which amongst other issues will promote good practice					
6.1	<b>A county for everyone</b>	Tackle prejudice and champion equal opportunities	Establish an equalities reference group to promote best practice throughout Devon. Its actions will include:	Yes	Sub group of Exec. Report supplied to last meeting	DCC support		In progress
			. Make recommendations about how to address the issues identified in the recent survey undertaken by the Devon Race Equality Council	Not yet	To form a part of the work programme that is currently being developed	ESSG		In progress
			Undertake an enquiry into the needs and experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans-gender people	In progress	To start discussion at next ESSG on 15th Feb	Intercom Ttrust/ESSG		

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			Investigate the issues faced by women who live in rural locations and recommend action	In progress	Gender sub group as per report	Gender Sub Group Chair		
6.2		Regenerate Devon's electoral wards which are among the 25% most disadvantaged in the Country	Seek to gain agreement about the communities which should be given a greater level of support, where an agreed plan of action can be developed and to work effectively in those places	Done	Targeting work now being implemented as per report	Targeting sub group		
6.3		Improve partnership working, leadership and organisational capacity	Develop and implement the "Neighbourhood Action Support Programme" (NASP). This programme, to be run in targeted communities will provide a framework to aid understanding and learning, support local action, promote policy change and challenge existing practice	In progress	First proposal has been consulted up. Revised proposal to be considered at Common Ground on 17th Feb.	NASP sub group		
			Build on and develop the Common Ground Partnership to become Devon's Social Inclusion Partnership the main purpose of which will be to become a learning and support network promoting self-assessment and peer review	In progress	As above			
			Through the Devon Rural Network the Devon Strategic Partnership will		?? - Not Common Ground			
			. Unite all those with interests in and responsibilities for, rural Devon to work together and speak with one voice	Yes	Membership of DRN is on the increase. The CRAG (consultation and rural proofing action group) has been established to interpret and respond to consultations, rural proof policy and strategy affecting rural Devon and lobby where relevant.	DRN		

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			. Create an efficient mechanism for communication between partners and out to their networks	Yes	A number of seminars and workshops have been held, the DRN website and newsletter links partners and work through different sectors and levels.	DRN		
6.4		Raise levels of community participation and involvement	Develop a resource library of good practice and make recommendations about how community development activity can be supported	Yes	Library of toolkits and good practice examples starting to build up and be circulated. Common Ground NASP project is about sharing good practice around social inclusion projects in Devon.	DRN, Common Ground		
			Through the Devon Rural Network the Devon Strategic Partnership will:	??				
			. Enable community groups based around market towns and their hinterlands to link with each other and other agencies to share experience and best practice	Yes	DTF are organising seminars and workshops and DRN are providing information on what support etc can be found at a market town level generally across Devon although there is more detail work being undertaken by partners in the priority areas.	Devon Towns Forum, DRN		
6.5		Improve access to services for excluded people	Make services and information accessible to everyone	Just starting	To be discussed on 17th Feb			
			Develop the specification for a "service/information centre" that would be available in identified centres of population which in turn will serve their hinterlands and provide "assisted access" for socially disadvantaged people. The "centre" would provide cost effective services, both direct provision (eg supporting employment, health education and on-line)	Not being taken forward in this way	Was an Eddie Farwell action that is now being revised			
			Pilot the specification in targeted communities	In progress	As per report	Sub Group		
			Develop the idea of an access and cultural entitlements. The Devon Rural Network will develop a "blueprint" to ensure all rural communities have access to a target range of facilities and services within a specific radius or via outreach		Government has introduced a range of standards for service accessibility	DRN		No
			Put schools at the centre of their communities via the "extended schools programme"		??			
			Produce a periodic survey of Rural Facilities		Undertaken by CCD on behalf of Countryside Agency	CCD		Yes
6.6		Improve economic inclusion by tackling the effects of low pay and improving access to financial services and benefits	Improve financial services by initiating discussions with financial institutions and other providers to establish what action can be taken locally to reduce financial exclusion	Well advanced	Business Plan nearing completion as per report	Community Banking Partnership		Yes
			Support and extend the work of the Access to Benefits Implementation Group to maximise incomes to:	Done	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			
			. Older and disabled people, including those with disabled children	Done	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			
			. Increase awareness of Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credit available to families with children	Done	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			
			. Continued active participation in the Local Government Association's "Quids for Kids Campaign" on maximising take-up of Tax Credits among families with children living on a low income in Devon	Now finished	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			
			Completion of Access to Benefits Implementation Group mapping project, aimed at mapping geographical resources for benefits advice	Done	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			
			Continue to develop existing benefits take up strategies through multi-agency benefits training, telephone consultancy and casework services	Done	Report to be submitted to Exec shortly			

Ref	Theme in Strategy	Challenge in Strategy	Actions identified in strategy as those which the DSP itself will promote which will add value	Is this happening?	If so, what (briefly)?	By whom?	Gaps in Action	Is action still relevant?
7.1	Promoting a healthy and caring Devon	Prevent illness, provide effective treatment and care and reduce health inequalities	Ensure ease of access to specialist services					
			Develop a "Devon Food Strategy"	Work about the topic of food rather than a strategy	Devon Food Forum There is work going on this topic from an economic viewpoint and a health one.			
					Table of actions has been prepared		Need to link to NE and our role in promoting local food derived from environmentally sustainable farming	Yes
			Develop an "Active Devon Strategy"	Yes but may not be comprehensive	lots going on from a obesity agenda, sport agenda, play etc. Not necessarily joining up the strands			
					About to be finished		Need to link to NE and our role in promoting recreation for all	
7.2		Improve the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities		Yes	Being tackled by various bodies under the Equality and Diversity agenda. Will be prioritised from a health perspective later in 2006		Need to link to NE and our role in promoting recreation for all	
7.3		Promote the health and independence of older people	Develop a workforce strategy that ensures that there are enough people skilled to the appropriate level who can deliver the services designed to enable people to live as independently as possible		This challenge is being tackled by Public Health and other bodies in a variety of ways	Health, social services, voluntary sector		
			Modernise services for older people, by breaking out of traditional ways in which services are delivered, in order to deal with the increasing numbers of people who require health and social care services					
			Promote positive images of older people as citizens in their communities					
			Promote employment policies that recognise and value the contribution of older people					
7.4		Support carers of vulnerable people		Yes	The carers project funded partly through the DEFRA RSCP - more details from Geoff King	Common Ground		
					Carers register, groups etc	Health, voluntary sector		
7.5		Find solutions to the housing needs of the increasingly vulnerable population	Provide 'joined up' information about housing and support issues	Yes	Supporting People agenda, district Housing groups linking with LSPs, DSHG			
7.6		Improve mental health and wellbeing including reducing harm from drug and alcohol misuse	Promote emotional health and wellbeing	Yes	very wide challenge, needs to be more precise. Links to much work already happening in health (Primary Care/ mental health), well being agenda, DAAT/CDRPs/Safer Devon			