



## Devon Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy Evidence Base

### Summary of Issues – Environment

As well as the theme analysis identifying current and future issues, issues and strategic priorities have been identified from elsewhere, which must be taken into account. This document compares the issues raised by the theme analysis with those from the current Community Strategy for Devon, from District LSP Community Strategies, from partner strategic plans and it includes a link to a summary of regional drivers. In this way the importance placed on particular issues can be seen, and further issues identified. The information summarised here can be seen in fuller form in the 'Links to Other Strategies' section of the Evidence Base

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|                            |  |   |  | see ' <a href="#">The Regional Strategies</a> ' document in the Links to Other Strategies section of this evidence base |
| <b>Flood risk</b>          | Protect and improve the quality of our river and coastal environment   |   |  |   |
| <b>The waste problem</b>   | Devon Authorities Waste Reduction and Recycling Committee will continue to facilitate partnership working between Local Authorities and community groups | Waste                                     | Improving waste management: recycling: keeping the streets clean |   |

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|                              | Reduce, recover, re-use and recycle waste   | Waste management – landfill   | Increase recycling and reduce waste   |                  |
|                              |   | Environment:<br>Reduction of waste and increases in recycling,<br>Securing an alternative site for a civic amenity and recycling centre in the Bideford/Northam area,<br>Improving public conveniences,<br>Additional resources have been provided for the development control service and progress on the District Council's | To sustain and improve the environment of Torbay and reduce the amount of waste that is disposed of to landfill<br>Develop practical solutions to address key strategic issues on climate change, energy policy, and waste management<br>minimise waste, increase recycling and composting and reduce the landfilling of waste<br>Continue to raise awareness of the need to reduce waste |                  |
|                              |   | Support activities which minimise the amount of household and commercial waste produced and maximise the amount of this waste we recycle and reuse.   | minimise waste, increase recycling and composting and reduce the landfilling of waste   |                  |
| <b>Soils and run off</b>     |   |   |   |                  |
| <b>Habitat fragmentation</b> | Support Landowners/Managers and Businesses in measures to protect and enhance biodiversity and landscape<br>Landscape Protection policies, Structure and Local Plans<br>Should ow refer to local development frameworks, instead of local plans | Biodiversity  |   |                  |
|                              |   | Biodiversity loss   |   |                  |
|                              |   | Protect wildlife and habitats   |   |                  |

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|                                  |   | Promote the protection of and, wherever possible, enhance biodiversity, the diversity of species and habitats through sensitive land-use policy and practice;   |   |                  |
|                                  |   | biodiversity protected and enhanced   |   |                  |
| <b>impacts of climate change</b> | Understand, adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change<br>Key issue for the future | Environmental issues:<br><br>With an increasing population and mounting pressures on the environment, there is a huge challenge in maintaining the high quality of the natural and built environments while meeting the economic and social needs of the residents, and responding appropriately to the threat of climate change. | Manage and enhance the impact of the Council on the environment                                 |                  |
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|                                  |   |   | Work with businesses as a modern regulator to help them reduce their effect on the environment. |                  |

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|                            |   | Climate Change<br>areas for tackling with possible joint working include:<br>Maintaining a high quality environment<br>Biodiversity loss<br>Derelict land<br>Waste management – landfill<br>Lack of markets for all land based products – especially local – timber, food, flowers, etc.<br>Resolving recreation and tourism pressures with environmental quality<br>Reducing the area's contribution to climate change and adapting to the changing climate |                              |                  |
|                            |   | Promote and develop renewable energy e.g. wind, wave, hydro, biomass   |                              |                  |
|                            |   | (woodchip fuel, manure)  |                              |                  |
|                            |   | respond to the effects of climate change   |                              |                  |
| <b>Other</b>               | Issues to take forward to new strategy:<br>accessibility<br>grant funding for VCS transport schemes | Environment:<br>Water Quality  | Maintain a clean environment |                  |

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|                            | <p>Ensure that the supply of minerals is maintained having regard to the protection of Devon's environment and in accordance with the Devon Minerals Local Plan (adopted Summer 2004)</p> <p>Statutory role for Devon County Council Needs to be promoted wider with Construction industry, especially at SME level.</p> | <p>Protection and economic value of the landscape</p>  | <p>Maintain the district's distinctive environment whilst enabling access and sensitive development</p>                   |                  |
|                            | <p>Work with farmers to adopt best practice in water use for agriculture</p>   | <p>Derelict land</p>   | <p>Developing an effective transport system</p>   |                  |
|                            |  |  | <p>Promote sustainable economic growth</p>  |                  |
|                            | <p>Improve public spaces, the built environment and access to the countryside. IN particular, Town Centre enhancement schemes using local materials and high standard of design</p> <p>Important issue -links to the neighbourhood agenda and connecting with communities work.</p>                                      | <p>Lack of markets for all land based products – especially local – timber, food, flowers, etc.</p>  | <p>Develop practical solutions to address key strategic issues on climate change, energy policy, and waste management</p> |                  |
|                            | <p>Where possible build new housing, employment sites and other facilities on previously developed land and in ways which are sensitive to the surrounding environment</p>   | <p>Protecting and Enhancing the Environment:<br/>priority: Seek to improve access, value, quality and use of our local environment in order to improve the physical and mental health of local communities</p> | <p>Agreement on the role of the largest urban areas in attracting and delivering economic and population growth.</p>      |                  |

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|                            | . Lobby for a fair proportion of agri-economic expenditure for Devon  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote wider community use and ownership of public spaces, in particular where it contributes to healthy lifestyles and a reduction in the amount or fear of crime;</li> </ul> |   |                  |
|                            | . Support an improved network of advisory agencies, aiming to secure suitable funding for the advisory function and grants for schemes. | Support activities seeking to regenerate the built environment;  | Reduce congestion, make roads safer and improve air quality   |                  |
|                            |   | sustainable lifestyles promoted  | tackle traffic congestion and air pollution and improve public transport;   |                  |
|                            |   | quality of the built environment improved  | Improved and innovative public transport which will increase access to public services and reduce social exclusion                                |                  |
|                            |   | clean and tidy local environment   | Promote sustainable development and ensure it is at the heart of regional and local policy making   |                  |
|                            |   | reduction in waste and increase in re-use and re-cycling   | <p>protect the natural and built environment</p> <p>be responsible for, and work to alleviate, the environmental and social impact of tourism</p> |                  |
|                            |   | improved efficiency in use of natural resources  | Reducing congestion and improving reliability   |                  |
|                            |   | Resolving recreation and tourism pressures with environmental quality  | Improving road safety   |                  |
|                            |   |  | Respecting the environment  |                  |
|                            |   |  | LSP: Align partners' land use strategies and spatial plans through the Local Development Framework  |                  |

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|                            |   |  | tackle traffic congestion and air pollution and improve public transport;   |   |
|                            |   |  | conserve the natural environment and improve the environment in which we live and work  |   |
|                            |   |  | Seek to meet the needs of Devon's growing population in ways that protect and enhance the environment and support the use of brownfield sites for new development wherever possible |   |
|                            |   |  | Encourage developers to design and build new buildings in accordance with national environmental best practice  |   |
|                            |   |  | Make it easier for people to use alternative forms of transport to the car  |   |
|                            |   |  | Help to make Devon's town centres greener and cleaner   |   |
| <b>General</b>             |   | Built environment  | Take care of and improve our environment  | <a href="#">The Regional Strategies - summary.doc</a> |
|                            |   | Looking after the environment  | a City where the environment is cared for   |   |
|                            |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect the local environment around housing and villages</li> </ul>              | Managing the Environment  |   |
|                            |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage communities to reduce any negative impact on the environment</li> </ul> | Safeguard the environment   |   |
|                            |   |  | Making the Borough an attractive, healthy and safe place to live in   |   |
|                            |   |  | Maintaining a clean and sustainable environment   |   |

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|                            |   |   | <p>Work directly to tackle environmental problems as an efficient operator</p> <p>Highlight the problems facing the environment and explain the need for action as an active communicator</p>  |                  |
|                            |   |   | <p>A healthy natural environment: England's natural environment will be conserved and enhanced.</p> <p>Enjoyment of the natural environment: more people enjoying, understanding and acting to improve, the natural environment, more often.</p> <p>Sustainable use of the natural environment</p> <p>A secure environmental future: decisions which collectively secure the future of the natural environment</p> |                  |
|                            |   |   | <p>Look after Dartmoor's assets</p> <p>Provide sustainable access for all</p> <p>Maintain a living working landscape and thriving community</p>  |                  |
|                            |   |   | <p>To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Parks</p>  |                  |
|                            |   |   | <p>Seeking feedback from customers</p>   |                  |

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|                            |   |   | Making Devon greener   |                  |
|                            |   |   | conserve the natural environment and improve the environment in which we live and work |                  |