

Devon Strategic Partnership



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Devon Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy Evidence Base

Summary of Issues – Strong Communities

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 ' The Regional Strategies ' document in the Links to Other Strategies section of this evidence base
Participation, Involvement and Influence	Raise levels of community participation and involvement we probably still need a DSP action plan, owned by the new governing body	Tackling social exclusion/isolation/deprivation		

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	we do need a DSP action plan, owned by the new governing body. ESSG action plan in preparation which will include proposals for Get Heard Devon workgin with national partners from DWP, Oxfam etc (wholed the national project) to develop mechanism for involving excluded people in Devon.	The Forum will take action across the Borough to reduce the impact of social exclusion by:	Develop a strategy to increase demand for learning in the most disadvantaged areas of Devon and Cornwall	
		Investing in measures that prevent social exclusion		
		Re-integrating those who have become excluded		
		Ongoing encouragement of the take up of benefits by local people	include local people in key decisions about the future of tourism in the South West	
		Also focussed work in areas of particular deprivation	promoting independence and choice for Devon's adults	

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		<p>LSP:Co-ordinate the development of a strong, and accessible voluntary sector CVS, linked to the Devon network</p> <p>Local strategic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver Compact. • Support voluntary sector development to: meet the needs of as many people as possible; develop partnerships in the statutory sector; support the needs of front line organisations; have greater influence on policy; and support the delivery of quality and diversity. • Provide improved response to reported street and public open space issues including providing a contact centre and targeted, more proactive response on the ground. • Deliver CCTV programme. • Mainstream Transform Neighbourhood management programme. • Provide social and physical infrastructure alongside future development. 		
		The need to use sport to combat social exclusion		
		The reliance upon the voluntary sector to provide much of the opportunities for participation		
		Community vibrancy:		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the opportunities for volunteering in our communities, particularly amongst young people. 		

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		To ensure that whilst effective and widespread consultation takes place that this does not lead to overload, does not ignore the special but significant needs of small minorities, and does not raise unrealistic expectation.	Put in place the research needed to allow us to identify and deal with issues related to the participation of minority groups.	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop ways to engage effectively with all sections of our communities about concerns and successes, ensuring a regular two-way flow of information; 		
		LSP: Examine and respond to Parish Plans, and identify programmes in response to community issues and gaps.		
			Encourage wider participation in economic activity	
Equalities and diversity	Tackle prejudice and champion equal opportunities	The low numbers of people from BME and non Christian faith groups raises questions about the level of support they may receive.	<p>Reducing disorder, crime and the fear of crime</p> <p>Treating everyone fairly and increasing public confidence and trust in the police</p>	
			Promoting inclusive communities	
			Work towards parity of outcomes for ethnic minority customers	
			To increase economic inclusion	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieve a society in which we tackle inequality and welcome diversity and local people are able to influence local decision-making and public service delivery. 	
Accessible services	Improve access to services for excluded people - Can we develop an integrated model of access to services?		an electronic City	

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		Consider the linkages that need to be continually brokered between community, leisure and health;		
	Financial exclusion: Need to raise priority of this action as fuel poverty increasing. Proposal being developed jointly - balance energy efficiency and fuel poverty actions. Need to roll out advice services work of WBIG task group and review CLSP work. Also need to accelerate and deepen impact of LPSA2 targets for income maximisation and consider needs of other groups. Work of Devon Pound needs wider understanding and full commitment of partners. NOW need to also add in work with Migrant workers.	Consider leisure in its widest sense seeking to ensure that the infrastructure is relevant to the needs of all West Devon residents	an accessible City	
		Access to services:	Improving the way you can access our services	
		In a rural district where public transport is limited, it is important to ensure that people have access to the services they need, particularly those on low incomes and those who sick or disabled. People also need easy access to information about services at the right time and in the right place whether that is by phone, website or face to face.	Work with others to improve access to key services	
		For others the most important thing is providing information about services, so that they can access them in the way and at the time they want. We will be working to provide better channels of communication so that people have the information they need.	Provide sustainable access for all	

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		<p>Providing better opportunities:</p> <p>A number of people in Mid Devon are doing significantly worse than the rest of the population. Many organisations will need to support those individuals, families and neighbourhoods to make sure they are able to access the opportunities they need to do well in life. These include education and training providers, health and social care agencies, employers and the Department for Work and Pensions</p>	<p>Improve continuously the quality, accessibility and delivery of services to all customers</p>	
		<p>Inclusion and Access:</p> <p>Priority: Target community support work into those geographical areas where we have recognised difficulties</p>		
		<p>Physical access to services, including education and training, work, leisure and social activities is difficult for many.</p>		
		<p>Youth services are provided by a wide range of voluntary agencies, together with Devon Youth Services. Many of the rural areas have poor access to youth facilities.</p>		
		<p>The opportunities for independent travel by young people are especially constrained.</p>		
		<p>The ageing population will make high demands on health and social care services.</p>		
		<p>Housing provision needs to be appropriate to people's needs, particularly in relation to health and age</p>		

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		Everyone needs to be able to access leisure, cultural and learning opportunities, both physically and financially.		
		meeting people's needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increased police presence and neighbourhood wardens • customer focussed service delivery to meet people's needs • facilities for young people/ organised activities • supporting voluntary and community organisations: • money from Govt to cover Social Services need • address sustainable funding issues of vol orgs 		
		An electronic city:		
		e-learning		
		maximise business take-up of technology		
			Deal with the needs of learners who are at a disadvantage through rural isolation.	

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			<p>Increase the effective supply of labour by promoting work as the best form of welfare and helping unemployed and economically inactive people move into employment</p> <p>Help people facing the greatest barriers to employment to compete effectively in the labour market and move into and remain in work</p> <p>Ensure that people receiving working age benefits fulfil their responsibilities while providing appropriate help and support for those without work</p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase physical and electronic access to key services and advice, including health and housing issues, for all groups in society, particularly in isolated areas; 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide everyone with accurate and accessible information about the transport choices available to them; 		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for, and encourage, walking, cycling, and other outdoor leisure and recreation, to increase levels of physical activity and improve health; 		
	<p>Improve economic inclusion by tackling the effects of low pay and improving access to financial services and benefits</p>			
		<p>Communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide better information for residents – more information that people need 		

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		Equal access to services and information		
		One of the priorities in the new Teignbridge strategy likely to be around the increasingly ageing population		
		The population of Mid Devon is expected to rise by nearly 15% over the next 10 years, with the greatest increase amongst those of retirement age. The challenge will be to provide the services, facilities and community infrastructure that people need, particularly in those communities where there will be the highest growth - Cullompton and Tiverton. The rise in the number of over 75s will put increased pressure on health and social care services. The challenge will be to help older people stay healthy and active through focusing on preventative services.		
		• Improve public access to all services.		
		• Implement E Government.		
		• Develop Broadband and IT partnership.		
		• Deliver One Stop Shops in South Molton and Ilfracombe.		
		• Plan for appropriate level of services and new development for settlements of all sizes.		
		• Plan for accessibility equal opportunity and job creation		

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Community development	Regenerate Devon's electoral wards which are among the 25% most disadvantaged in the Country: 5 of 7 first phase communities have now met with LAA for discussion. Action plans beign developed in all 5. LAA leads to identify priority neighbourhood actions in 2007. The neighbourhood dimsension needs to be strengthened significantly. Discussions with remaing comms in phase 1 nad then phase 2 to be initiated. Transform delivery plan updaetd to align with LAA and performing well. Neighbourhood Managment as a concept need wider understanding and more systematic application in appropriate areas across Devon.	electronic access to public services	Achieve thriving, balanced communities Provide community leadership and good value for money, customer focused services	
		Sustaining and improving our Village Halls, Community Centres and Leisure Facilities	a City of strong communities	
		Ensure that all partners recognise the importance of a physical "hub", social and leisure, in each community;	The promotion of economic prosperity and tackling of poverty and exclusion within the Borough Enabling and supporting public and community facilities	
		Encourage partners to consider ways in which the delivery of their services could help to support long term viability of existing facilities;	To inspire and enable the development of sustainable communities in Torbay	
		Encourage local people to make full use of local facilities;		
		Developing safer and stronger communities: • Encourage a culture of responsibility for the environment		

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		In our towns we have recognised that specific areas have particular difficulties, which we need to tackle through regeneration and community support initiatives.		
		A city of strong communities: sense of community and pride in the city improved partnership working		
		To ensure that there is a balance between government demand and community leadership in guiding local organisations	Tackle anti social behaviour and enforcement Improve public car parks and toilets	
			Support the regeneration of disadvantaged communities	
			Maintain a living working landscape and thriving community	
			Enabling and supporting public and community facilities	
			to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Parks by the public	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inclusion and Well-being • Improved and innovative public transport which will increase access to public services and reduce social exclusion 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional housing growth and improvements to the housing stock made to support the development of mixed and sustainable communities which promote job opportunities and help to narrow inequalities in health, education, employment, liveability and crime. 	

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General		Work with the Bridges partnership. Local Strategic Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop action plan for community planning issues, affordable housing, resources for young people, economy, employment, traffic, transport, environment, community safety. 	Community Well-Being Providing good efficient services	
			Improve the quality of life for all	
			To work in partnership with others to improve the quality of life and create a safer environment for all	
			To improve the health and social wellbeing of Torbay residents and reduce inequalities	
			The promotion of economic prosperity and tackling of poverty and exclusion within the Borough	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make the South West one of the safest places in the UK, with strong communities which are empowered to have a greater role in reducing inequality and improving the areas in which they work, live and play. 	