

Devon's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-18

Vision:

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.

Devon Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities and Outcomes			
No:	Sustainable Community Strategy Priorities (agreed and approved)		Draft Sustainable Community Strategy outcomes proposed March 2008
	Improve the quality of life for everyone in Devon by:		By 2018, measurable improvements will have been made in the following areas:
P1	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	SCS1	The waste produced in Devon has been reduced so that the reliance on landfill has decreased, the need to process waste has reduced, recycling of all types has increased, and the impact on the environment of the waste produced in the County is minimised.
		SCS2	The natural environment of Devon has been sustained and continues to be a priority for all those involved in planning for the future. The quality of our built environment and public spaces has been maintained, and steps have been taken to enhance those areas that need further work.
		SCS3	Devon has reduced its carbon emissions, has incorporated the necessary adaptations to manage the effects of climate change, in particular flooding, into new buildings, roads and infrastructure, is adapting existing structures and is monitoring what else can be done to ensure that wherever possible the effects of climate change are mitigated.
		SCS4	Opportunities have been taken to promote participation in and contribution to activities to support Devon's cultural heritage, arts initiatives have been supported and Devon's rich heritage has been strengthened.
		SCS5	People in Devon report that they have good opportunities to influence decision making which affects them

P2	Working to ensure strong, prosperous and inclusive communities with a sustainable and vibrant future	SCS6	Everyone has access to services and facilities whatever their particular needs or home area
		SCS7	People who belong to vulnerable groups report that they are fairly treated by public and private service providers and within their communities
		SCS8	The challenges presented by demographic change in Devon are being addressed and the opportunities taken
		SCS9	Our communities, including villages and smaller settlements have a continuing and vibrant role in people's lives.
P3	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	SCS10	Sustained investment will have been achieved and as a result business infrastructure and communications, including the transport infrastructure, have improved
		SCS11	Worklessness and economic exclusion have been reduced, the employment rate and wage levels of the disadvantaged have increased, and more affordable housing is available
		SCS12	Co-ordinated strategies are in place to unlock the economic potential of the most disadvantaged communities, and positive progress has been made as a result
		SCS13	Skills have been developed and harnessed, in particular greater investment has been made in workforce development plans, barriers to learning opportunities have been reduced, graduates have been attracted and retained and, as a result, the economy is more competitive.
		SCS14	Business start-up and growth has increased as a result of the promotion of enterprise, improved productivity, promotion of innovation and development of the knowledge economy
P4	Ensuring the availability and balance of appropriate housing	SCS14	Everyone will have access to housing that is of good quality, is affordable and in an environment where people wish to live. Devon will have sufficient development in the pipeline to respond to projected growth
		SCS15	Improve housing options for the homeless and vulnerable clients
P5	Inspiring our County's young people to achieve their best and supporting them in tackling the issues that	SCS16	All children and young people to have access to good education 0 - 19 and they feel supported and encouraged to take advantage of it.
		SCS17	We have a variety of education, employment and training routes that give young people real choice as they approach adulthood so that they have the chance to achieve economic wellbeing in Devon

	concern them most	SCS18	Effective prevention processes are in place so that any problems that children, young people or families have are prevented from escalating unnecessarily
		SCS19	The gap between the lowest and highest achieving children and young people has been narrowed with an overall rise in achievement. The achievements of children and young people in Devon are celebrated
P6	Promoting health and personal wellbeing for all so that people are as healthy as possible	SCS20	People who experience a down turn in their health and well being will have been identified earlier and have access to effective prevention services and wide ranging community services and activities.
		SCS21	The gap that makes people's well being and life expectancy unequal will have been reduced.
		SCS22	People will have choice and control to arrange and direct their own care and support services
		SCS23	People with disabilities and long term conditions will have access to advice and services that promote independence, make best use of technologies and support them to remain at home
		SCS24	All carers will have timely and easy access to information, advice and support.
		SCS25	People will have opportunities to have a say and influence on all aspects of our work including people who are often overlooked and excluded
P7	Tackling behaviour that intimidates, hurts or offends people in Devon	SCS26	The causes of behaviour that intimidates, hurts or offends have been addressed
	Cross Cutting Themes		
CCT1	Value diversity, using equality of opportunity for everyone as a guiding principle		Themes will be tested in all actions but outcomes included in P2 above
CCT2	Improve accessibility to the services and opportunities people want and need, taking into account demographic change.		Themes will be tested in all actions but outcomes included in P2 above
CCT3	Address the challenges and seize the opportunities of climate change, and reduce our impact on the environment		Themes will be tested in all actions, but outcomes included in P1 above