

ACTIV8 PARTNERSHIP: 10TH OCTOBER – AGENDA ITEM 3

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN

The lists below summarise the changes being proposed to the draft Plan in response to comments received during the recent consultation exercise.

CHAPTER 2: SUPPORTING CULTURAL LIFE (P12)

Proposals from the Cultural Services Task Group:

- Addition of references to the **National Forest** and the **National Forest Company** within “The Current Situation” section (pages 12 and 13). Inclusion of National Forest Company as a partner within the Action Plan where appropriate (and following further discussion with the Company). *Pages 15 and 16.*
- Amendment of the title of the third aim to read “**Leisure, Tourism and Heritage**”. *Page 14.*
- Addition of a reference to the aims and actions for walking and cycling in the Improving Transport chapter in relation to the issue of improving **access to the countryside**. *Bottom of page 14.*
- Revision of actions and targets relating to **arts facilities** and **sports facilities** to strengthen the emphasis on partnership with the Community Colleges (discussion with the Colleges to clarify exact changes). *Page 16.*
- Addition of **Twycross Zoo** to the list of tourism sites listed in the first action under aim number 3 and also a reference to **local archaeological groups** in relation to “Who will be involved?” *Page 15.*

CHAPTER 3: YOUNG PEOPLE

Proposals from the Youth Task Group:

- **Bosworth College** to be added to the list of Community Colleges. *Page 17.*
- Wording of the second aim to be simplified to read: “**Increasing support for young people in their own communities to create opportunities for themselves.**” *Page 19.*
- Target for second aim to be re-worded to read: “Covering all areas of the Borough.” *Page 19.*
- Wording of third aim to be changed to read: “**More leisure facilities for young people.**” and target to read: “To improve both the range and accessibility of facilities.” *Page 19.*
- Specific reference to be made to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Leicestershire County Council and the Community Colleges under “Who will be involved?” in setting up a Young People’s Council. *Page 20.*
- Additional wording to be added to the action under the second aim, so that it reads: “The Youth Task Group will support local communities to bid for funding for youth projects which respond to local needs – particularly where these will support the employment of youth workers *and are actively involving young people in their development.*” *Page 20.*

- Wording of first action under the third aim to be amended to read: “The Youth Task Group will support efforts to set up skateboard parks where there is a need. Eg. the Burbage/Hinckley area.” Page 20.

CHAPTER 4: A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

Proposals from the Health Forum:

- The wording of the ‘**exercise referral**’ action (*first action for aim number 1, page 24*) to be amended to read: “An exercise referral scheme will be set up in 2001, in which local GPs will be able to *refer patients to* a course of exercise at local leisure facilities.....”

Proposals from the Housing Sub-Group of the Health Forum (convened as a result of the work of the Social Inclusion Task Group):

- A new long term aim within chapter 4 (*page 23*): “**Ensuring that all people are adequately housed in well maintained dwellings that meet their needs.**”
- Addition of the following new actions relating to this new aim (*pages 24-26*):

Actions	Expected Results	Who will be involved?
The Borough Council will continue to pay Home Improvement Grants.	These grants will help to improve the quality of the private housing stock.	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.
Apply for resources to set up an ‘ Empty Properties Initiative ’.	Such an initiative would bring empty properties back into use – reducing the need for new housing and improving the quality of the existing stock.	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will seek to work with property owners.
Apply for resources to encourage landlords to maintain their property to a high standard and, where necessary, take enforcement action.	This would help ensure that well maintained accomodation continues to be available for rent.	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will seek to work with landlords wherever possible.

- Amending the existing health aim number 4 from “Improving the health of homeless people” to read: “**Improving the health of homeless people through increased provision and support.**” Page 23
- Addition of the following new actions relating to this aim (*page 24-26*):

Actions	Expected Results	Who will be involved?
Subject to funding being approved, to create a Domestic Violence Refuge.	The refuge will provide new emergency accomodation for victims of domestic violence.	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council will work with a housing association and the voluntary sector..
Additional ‘ move on ’ accomodation will be provided.	This will free up places in emergency accomodation for people who have become homeless.	Housing Associations, the voluntary sector and the Borough Council will work together .

CHAPTER 5: PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Proposals from the Environment Task Group:

- Addition of reference to the **National Forest Company** in “The Current Situation” section. *Page 27.*
- Addition of the **Council for the Preservation of Rural England** in the list of Task Group members. *Page 28.*
- Amendment of the second aim to read: “**Heritage – Protecting and enhancing the Borough’s heritage.**” *Page 29.*
- Inclusion of **commercial waste** as well as household waste in aim number 5. *Page 29.*
- Addition of the **National Forest Company** as a partner in several of the actions, and inclusion of the **National Forest Biodiversity Action Plan.** *Page 30.*
- Reference to the **reuse of derelict land** to be added to the second action for aim number 3 – in response to public concern about the issue. *Page 31.*
- Addition of reference to **waste minimisation** in the second action for aim number 7, in response to concerns expressed by the Environment Agency. *Page 33.*

CHAPTER 6: IMPROVING TRANSPORT

Proposals from the Transport Task Group:

- Amendment of cycling proposals to make specific reference to the need for safe **cycle routes both on and off road** (at request of Cyclists’ Touring Club). *Pages 35, 36 and 38.*
- Long term aim for **Car Parks** to be amended to read: “Managing existing public car parks to give greater priority to shoppers, service users and other visitors.” In response to public concerns about restricting car parking availability for commuters. *Page 36.*
- Addition of reference to “employment, leisure and other destinations” for new cycle routes, in response to comments from the **National Forest Company**. Also inclusion of the National Forest Company in the list of partners to implement a network of new cycle routes. *Page 38.*

CHAPTER 7: A SAFER COMMUNITY

It is important that any aims and actions within the Community Plan relating to crime and disorder issues must be entirely consistent with the **Crime and Disorder Strategy** – which is currently under review. The timing of the review is linked to the County-wide Best Value Review of community safety work and delays in this review mean that the revised Strategy is now unlikely to be approved until March 2002.

It is therefore proposed to include the aims from the *current* Crime and Disorder Strategy and some of the current actions in the Community Plan when it is initially published (in early 2002) and then to update the Plan with the revised crime and disorder aims later in the year. For this to be possible, it is proposed to publish the Community Plan in a loose leaf format (eg a ring binder or similar).

The current aims of the Crime and Disorder Strategy are listed at the top of page 40 of the draft Community Plan, and would be moved into the Long Term Aims section of the revised Plan – replacing the set of “Possible Long Term Aims” which were included for consultation purposes.

Actions to be highlighted would be selected to demonstrate the range of partnership activity which is underway or planned in the near future. Suggestions from the Partnership are welcome.

In the meantime, the Crime and Disorder Partnership will be asked to consider the findings from the public consultation on the draft Community Plan as part of their review of the current Crime and Disorder Strategy between now and March 2002.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

All the Task Groups have discussed how to ensure that the implementation of their chapters helps to bring about better social inclusion. However, many of the issues are common to all of the chapters and the proposal agreed at the last ACTIV8 Partnership meeting – of adding a separate section on social inclusion to each chapter – has not proved to be a practical way of handling the issue.

The Task Groups felt that the best way forward was to expand upon the existing statement within chapter one of the Plan (under the heading “A Plan for Everyone” – page 11) to set out some key principles for promoting social inclusion as part of the implementation of the later chapters. In particular, this section should include a clear statement about promoting equal access to services, for example for disabled people.

Advice is to be sought about the wording of this.

OTHER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS

There will need to be a number of changes to the text in chapters 1, 8 and 9 to remove references to the Plan being a draft, and to update it. We have also received several suggestions for further documents to be included in chapter 10.

In addition, the Partnership might also want to consider how it wants to be presented in the final document, and how we might give credit to all the other organisations and individuals that have taken part in the process so far.

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