

MEMBERS' INFORMATION SERVICE**Information Item**

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DRAFT "PLACES IN LEICESTERSHIRE" REPORT**Introduction**

1. As part of the development of the new Sustainable Community Strategy for Leicestershire, the Policy, Research and Information Group, on behalf of Leicestershire Together, have produced an evidence base to inform the section of the Strategy on "**Places in Leicestershire**".
2. The new focus on places in the Sustainable Community Strategy reflects the emphasis of the Local Government White Paper and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill and the move toward the Comprehensive Area Assessment, where we will be assessed on what we collectively (Leicestershire County Council with partners such as the District Councils, PCT and Police) do to improve places.
3. "Places in Leicestershire" reports have been produced for each District in Leicestershire. The content in each report is structured around the Community Forums in that District and focuses on Main Towns, Rural Service Centres, Priority Neighbourhoods and Rural Areas. Additional information will be added into the report as the remaining neighbourhood profiles are produced between now and the end of November.
4. Each report focuses on the aspects that make a place different from other places in Leicestershire, for positive or negative reasons. It will help to inform the place outcomes (for example "reduce violent crime in [name of] town") that are included in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.
5. The key messages within each report will be discussed at the first round of Community Forum meetings to be held between October and December around the County.
6. In addition to Members, these reports are being circulated to a limited number of relevant partners and stakeholders to enable them to comment on the information within the evidence base and suggest priorities for each area for inclusion in the first public draft of the Sustainable Community Strategy, which will be out for

consultation between 9 November and 16 January (although we are asking people to provide responses by 21 December, if possible).

7. The "Places in Leicestershire" report for each District is attached as a link below:

Blaby

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinBlaby.pdf>

Charnwood

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinCharnwood.pdf>

Harborough

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinHarborough.pdf>

Hinckley and Bosworth

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinHinckleyBosworth.pdf>

Melton

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinMelton.pdf>

North West Leicestershire

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/PlacesinNorthWestLeicestershire.pdf>

8. The "Places in Leicestershire" report for Oadby and Wigston will be issued at a later date.
9. The "This is Leicestershire" evidence base report, focussing on people and themes, was also published this week. A link to this report is below (please note that the document is almost 140 pages):

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/StdDataDocs/2/8/1/5/SD00005182/ThisisLeicestershireConsultationDraft.pdf>

(Please let Sam Weston know if you would like a printed copy.)

10. If you would like to input into the process at this stage, please forward any comments on the "Places in Leicestershire" and "This is Leicestershire" reports to Nicole Rickard or Donna Mackay by **26 October 2007**.

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