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Chris North	NWLDC	e-mail	17.4	1. Whilst this approach makes clear what is intended to be done, it would be helpful if the Strategy contained an overall Strategic Assessment of the main issues in the County, indicating where these were related more specifically to particular localities/districts. In that way, the County Strategy would form a good framework for the development and co-ordination of Local District Strategies. Unfortunately this suggestion previously made has not been picked up.	Accepted. Additional action added. <i>“To prepare Strategic Assessment of the key service delivery issues in the county, indicating where these relate to particular localities,” (LSP, 2006)</i> The action will be reviewed as part of the first annual review, 2004.
				2. In terms of the issues identified, these appear to include most of the general issues identified in the Community Strategy for North West Leicestershire, acknowledging in particular the needs and aspirations of young people, but it seems to neglect the wider issues relating to older people and an ageing population.	No change proposed. it was a strategic decision to have a Young Persons section, and not an elderly/ageing section. There are however, a number of references to the ageing population, namely on pages 29,36 and 37.
Jane Woodland	Woodhouse Parish Council	Letter	28/4	3. As a general comment, Parish Councils are not mentioned as partners in the Community Strategy and are barely referenced. In view of one of the principles being ‘community involvement and participation’, this seems an oversight.	Accepted. Parish Councils are included in the list of LSP Partners, (Pg. 3 (Leicestershire Association of Parish Councils)). Reference to role of parish councils added to in Leics column.
				4. Partners – The correct title for the Health Authority is Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland Strategic Health Authority.	Noted and changed.
				5. A safe, clean and green environment – action to increase household waste recycling and composting (page 19). The action should include the percentage increase to indicate the scale of change. There are other examples in the document where the actions are too vague.	Accepted. Revised/recycling action includes target.
				6. Thriving market towns and village centres – The actions seem limited (page 21). I would suggest actions to sustain local public transport and local amenities, such as pharmacies. These are both issues that have been raised as items of concern in recent parish meetings. I note that an action regarding public transport is in a later section. A cross-reference would be appropriate.	No change proposed. This link is made in the Index of key words, page 51. Not really viable to make cross-references for one particular area of the document.

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				7. Strong communities where people feel that they have say – In addition to mechanisms such as Citizen’s Juries, the strategy should recognise the role of parish councils as elected representatives (p23). In practice parish councils are consulted, but this section of the strategy implies that they have no such role.	No change proposed.
				8. Access to Quality Services – homes – There should be an explicit action to improve the energy efficiency of homes, particularly for vulnerable groups such as the elderly (page 25).	No change proposed.
				9. Access to Public Services – Actions to improve communication support would help to ensure equality of access to services (page 27). eg Improving interpretation and translation support and literacy improvement schemes.	No change proposed: (The County Council is currently improving it’s translation services).
				10. Safe Roads with a strong transport system (page 32) – An additional action should be to publicise who to contact with regard to road issues. The actions with regard to road safety and improving bus services are particularly welcome	No change proposed. Not really the correct document to publicise contact details for services - new telephone contact arrangements for highways being implemented.
				11. Better health and better access to services, health promotion (page 36) – Actions to reduce sexually transmitted diseases, teenage pregnancies, drug and alcohol misuse and encourage exercise would be appropriate in this section.	No change proposed. Would over emphasise the issue of teenage conceptions/pregnancies.
				12. Meeting the needs and aspirations of young people – actions regarding reducing substance abuse and improving housing support (page 43) would be more appropriate in other sections as indicated above.	No change proposed. There are linkages made with the Index of key words at the rear of the document – it would be quite difficult to make the actions fit in elsewhere in the document.
Phil Hawkins	Youth Offending Services Manager		7.4	13. Page 34/35 makes very little reference to the work of the Youth Offending Service. We have a national target to reduce re-offending by young people by 5% by December 2004 that you may want to refer to. We reduced youth re-offending by 15% for the 12 months between 2000 and 2001. Also there is no mention of the Youth Justice Plan in Appendix 1 – Key Strategies and Plans.	Accepted. Added to “In Leicestershire” column and amend figures in the action. Youth Justice Plan added to appendix.

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Lyn Yeomans	Croner Consulting			14. There is a lack of mention of public parking facilities. Loads of house building, but no extra town centre parking.	No change proposed. This issue is dealt with in various planning documents, as stated within the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan, (1996-2016) further public car parking not associated with new development will be permitted only if it can be clearly demonstrated that a) a shortage of short stay parking is detracting from the vitality and viability of the centre and that shortage cannot be met in any other way; or b) excessive on-street parking is having an adverse effect on highway safety and amenity which cannot reasonably be resolved by any other means.
Eric Neal	CTC Right to Ride			15. Disappointed with proposals for improving cycling. Pg. 32 talks about providing safe and comfortable transport, which seeks integration with walking and cycling. In the We Will column on Pg. 33 there is no mention of cycling – why?	No change proposed. The cycling and walking strategies deal with this issue. Not considered a priority for Community Strategy.
Marie Yardley	Twycross Parish Council			16. I feel sure that the principles of the strategy are acceptable, it is the process, accountability and quality of the consultation that needs to be addressed, as well as the different outcomes needed for the different types of community with in Leics.	Noted.
Barry Davies	Social Services, LCC			17. Inside front cover - Suggest the statement beginning 'If you require further information etc.' should be translated into non-English languages and appear on the inside of the front cover. It is noted that the translation appears on the last page of the document but there is a fairly obvious point, that if someone needs a translated version they are unlikely to find out how to get it if the signpost in their language is at the very end of the document. An alternative would be to move the 'Further Details' section on page 52 on to the back cover.	Accepted. "Further Details" section to be moved onto back cover.
				18. 13 ↑ - This comment applies to the Chapter titled 'A County to be Proud of'. It is felt that there needs to be some statements that indicate that the ethnic diversity of the County is something about which it is proud. The recent Census showed that the White British population is 87% and, therefore, if one takes a definition of ethnic minority as the remainder of the population then the figure of 13% is a very significant one. It seems likely that the LLSP would want to feel that the document spoke to	Accepted. The 13% black and minority ethnic referred to in 'in Leicestershire' column.

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				such a large proportion of the overall community and this seems important in terms of achieving a sense of community and involvement in decision making.	
				19. 14 & 15 - Should the 'In Leicestershire...'" column make some statement about the social and health care workforce <u>and</u> then the 'we will.....' section add something about a specific N.H.S. commitment to address the issue as has already been done in relation to social care.	Accepted. The following added to the Leicestershire column. "Another significant employment sector is the health and social care workforce, including residential and home care assistants, social workers, occupational therapists, doctors, nurses and physiotherapists.
				20. Pg. 24 ↑ - Consultation that has been undertaken with Asian elders in the County indicates that they would like information about services told to them in their languages. This would seem a very relevant and positive commitment to come from all members of the LLSP	Noted. All partners on the LLSP have individual plans in place to deal with this issue.
				21. Pg. 25 - The responsibility to 'Produce local homeless strategies to prevent homelessness and support people who are homeless' should be allocated to the District and Borough Councils.	Accepted. Action revised.
				22. Pg. 29 - Suggest rewording second point in the 'we will...' column so that it reads: <i>'Raise aspirations and encourage future participation by providing opportunities for looked after children and their carers to access services by developing links with other providers including District Councils and providing new opportunities for cultural and leisure pursuits'</i>	Accepted. Action revised.
				23. Pg. 39 - This page feels as if it has got the balance wrong in the information about young people. There is an over emphasis on young people as offenders and a comparative absence of complementary information on young people as victims. Also it is not clear what the offence percentages relate to - are these percentages of all this type of crime or do they relate to the numbers of young people involved or do they indicate an increase from some other figure? It may be worth checking this information with the Youth Offending Service and I imagine some more recent	Outstanding: Seek more clarification on figures provided on page 39, also add in figures to make all add up to 100%.

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				information may be available by now.	
				24. Pg. 39 - The wording of the final point in the 'we will...' column is potentially stigmatising and could be read as meaning most looked after children have been abused in what ever way the reader cares to imagine.	Accepted. Change made
				25. Pg. 40 - Suggest the first point in the 'In Leicestershire...' column is changed to read: 'Children looked after by the County Council are more vulnerable to experiences that damage their lives. This might include poor educational outcomes, risk taking behaviour and reduced aspirations for their adult life'.	Accepted. Change made
				26. Pg. 41 - In the 'In Leicestershire...' column you may wish to include information about children and young people on the Child Protection Register in Leicestershire - there were 191 registrations following a child protection case conference during 2002/03	Accepted. Change made
				27. Pg. 41 - In the final point in the 'we will...' column delete 'Learning and Skills Council' and replace with 'Colleges of Further Education.	Accepted. Change made
				28. Pg. 43 - In the first point in the 'we will...' column remove words 'at risk' as this has different meanings in different contexts e.g. risk of abuse and risk of social exclusion	Accepted. Change made
				29. Pg. 43 - In the second point in the 'we will..' column re-order the list of partners so that Leicestershire County Council is first. The reason for this is that the County Council through its Social Services Department has the lead responsibility for child protection.	Accepted. Change made
				30. Pg. 46 ↑ - In Appendix 1 there is not a consistent approach to identifying the organisation for whom the contact officer works – for some it is shown; for others not. Readers might find it helpful if all are.	Accepted. To be changed in final Community Strategy

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Bruce Jamieson	HT & WM, LCC	e-mail		<p>31. Some updates/corrections to 'in Leicestershire':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 89% of all households is now 91% ▪ 55% in rural Leicestershire (3rd point) is now 61% ▪ Third paragraph on journey to work contains figures which do not tally with the pie chart at the bottom of the page - this needs checking against census data ▪ Replace fourth paragraph with the following: "In 2002, 315 people were killed or seriously injured on the roads, excluding motorways; this was less than the national average." ▪ Replace first sentence of fifth para with: "In 2002/03 17% of principal roads were in need of strengthening and 24% of non-principal and 15% of minor roads had significant visual defects." ▪ Sentence starting 'over two thirds...' should be pulled out into a new paragraph and altered to read " About two thirds of people do not feel well informed about planned roadworks and about who to contact with regard to road issues." 	Accepted. Changes made
				<p>32. Page 33</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2nd point - OK but add 'by 2004' at the end ▪ 3rd point – remove the word "community" and add 'by the end of 2004' at the end ▪ 4th point – Replace by " Work with the Rural Transport Partnerships to ensure that the 5% of people who do not have access to an hourly daytime bus service have appropriate access to facilities by 2004, and thereafter work to improve this access further." ▪ 5th point – Change last phrase to "... safety camera enforcement to bring about by 2005/06 a reduction of 28% in numbers killed or seriously injured, compared with the 1994-98 average, to 235 on county roads and 42 on trunk roads". ▪ 6th point – Replace by: "<i>Improve information about planned road works, and improve arrangements for customers to contact the service, such that average public satisfaction with these aspects of the service increases from 36% satisfied in 2001 to at least 55% satisfied in 2006.</i>" ▪ 2004 and thereafter work to remove the backlog of worn-out carriageway by 2010." ▪ 8th point – OK (District Council function) 	Accepted. Changes made

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Also reorder the points as follows: ▪ 95% daytime hourly buses ▪ work with rural transport partnerships ▪ countywide coverage of transport schemes for people with mobility impairments ▪ pilot strategy for health access ▪ implement road safety measures ▪ halt the deterioration in the condition of roads ▪ improve information about road works ▪ street cleaning 	
				<p>33. Page 41 - The first point (reduced rates for young people) should be deleted. Doubt whether the distinction between 'rural' and 'urban' is valid in this context and question the link with 'the people of Leicestershire want' on page 40. For similar reasons the second point needs modifying. Replace by: " In developing a revised network of evening bus services for the county by 2004, work with young people to ensure that these provide the maximum affordable level of access to evening leisure and other activities."</p>	Accepted. Changes made
David Moore	LSPRAC			<p>34. It would be useful if references were made to the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Sports Strategy, which was adopted as Policy in 2001, and to subsequent playing pitch strategy. The above plan should also be listed in Appendix 1 – Key strategies and plans – it has been adopted by the wide sporting community in the County as the principal guidance on how sport should develop here. The strategy should also recognise the role of the LLR Disability Sports federation in identifying the priority actions for sport for disabled people in the community.</p>	Accepted: Strategy added to appendix 1. LLFSF context added to "In Leicestershire" column
Neil Cort	GOEM			<p>35. Little input from the CVS Partnership or Race Equality Council. We would like to see more attention to race equality strategies of districts in view of the requirements under the Race Relations to produce Race Equality Strategies and to actively promote race equality.</p>	Comment withdrawn.

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				36. There is no mention of Community Cohesion nor a demonstration that it is broadly enshrined in the thinking of partners – guidance is available on the home office website which may be helpful. (see response)	Accepted. Action added on Community Cohesion.
				37. Has the Voluntary sector as a partner in service delivery been considered? (see response). There is no mention of the COMPACT with the Voluntary sector. (see response)	Accepted. Support for COMPACTS being developed added as action.
				38. There appears to be far greater emphasis on geographical communities than communities of interest.	No change proposed. The reverse is true in that the focus is more on strategic issues.
				39. Pg. 23 – paragraph 2 refers to producing a protocol around consultation – the COMPACT has a code of practice around good practice in consultation with voluntary and community organisations – could this be incorporated into the County/District compacts?	Accepted. Reference to involvement of VCS added to action.
				40. Chp 2 – “Councils and other.....” will improve public services, but there is no mention of the CVS as a service delivery partner although most public services involve the CVS in some form of support or consultation role?	Accepted. “Councils & Other Public Agencies” taken out of wording.
				41. Pg. 27 – Para 5 refers to “sub-regional websites” – does it mean “Beyond Leicestershire?”, if it means “within Leicestershire” the term is misleading.	Accepted. The term “sub-regional” taken out of wording.
				42. Pg. 28 – Graph is not very easy to read	Accepted. Graph to be replaced for a more representative one for the final version.
				43. Pg 29 – there is no reference to ethnic groups in the actions nor of minority ethnic groups (unless the equality statement on pg 28 can be expanded to explain whether it covers BME)	Accepted. Specific reference to black and minority groups added to the 'The people of Leicestershire want' column.

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				44. Pg35 – we advise against a target around domestic violence, which aims to reduce numbers while increasing reporting, as these are not compatible goals.	<p>No change proposed. We know that dv is the most under-reported crime (BCS 1997) so we will know that awareness raising initiatives amongst professionals, agencies and the general public will be having an impact if the number of reported incidents increases. DV is still seen as a hidden crime and the aim of all agencies working in the field is to make it public and for victims to feel that they will not be blamed if they come forward and report. At present it is felt that those suffering DV are not aware of the help available.</p> <p>As far as repeat victimisation is concerned, we also know that the highest number of repeat victims are domestic violence victims, i.e. there is another incident within 12 months of the first and the way to measure the performance of our input and initiatives and the service provision for victims is to ensure that they do not become repeat victims again. That they find alternatives to living with the violence through the support of agencies.</p> <p>These two targets together will therefore show that our campaigns are reaching their target audience as more people will feel confident to report the incident to the police in the first place and also that work done within the county from that first incident will stop them experiencing DV again and thus gradually reduce the level of DV in the County.</p>
				45. Pg36 – There is no mention of the particular health issues of ethnic minority groups – see the strategy for health on the Regional Assembly Website.	No change proposed.
				46. Chapter 3 – Neither the Youth offending service or the Leicestershire's Children's fund partnership appear to be partners in the LLSP. I am aware that the composition of the LLSP Board has been a difficult exercise balancing interests with	Noted. Work is currently underway to look at communication issues and membership of the LLSP.

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				manageability. However, both of the organisations mentioned will be influential to the achievement of the targets in Chp 3 and if they cannot be accommodated within the board (as is likely), I would be interested to know how they will feed into it.	
Lynne Moore	Leicestershire & Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes	Letter	30/4	47. The aspirations in column 1 are much welcomed but the second one (" <i>Access to the countryside.... Enhanced</i> ") is not reflected anywhere in the actions or targets to be achieved. This omission should be rectified. Maintenance and improvement of the Rights of Way network: support for the Biodiversity Action Plan; reduction of light pollution; and encouragement of brownfield development are, for example, actions which the members of the federation, who number some 5,000 would wish to support.	Accepted. New action added in relation to Rights of Way Network
				<p>48. The federation particularly welcomes: A County to be proud of:</p> <p>Page 15 - the target for social care workers the promotion of local food initiatives Page 21 - the actions to be undertaken by the Leicestershire Rural Partnership, particularly that relating to Post Offices. Page 23 - the support for community led consultation and development.</p>	Comments Noted.
				49. The federation particularly welcomes, Where there are quality services for all - Page 33 – the support for various public and community transport initiatives, particularly where these will assist in reducing the isolation of rural residents who do not have access to private transport. Access to health services can be particular problem to these residents.	Comments Noted.
Mrs Eunice				50. I think your summary of priorities of the people of Leicestershire lacks two very important categories: 1) Senior Citizens and 2) Farming. Without the former the	No change proposed. A strategic decision was taken to focus more on needs of young people, although the elderly

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Lucas				County would not be prosperous, we do not feel that we have a part in the future of the county. For example we were given no encouragement to lead healthy lives by participating in sports etc as priorities are given to the younger generation. The farming industry has been the backbone of our county and they have also been the custodians of our glorious countryside. Yet they get no special mention. They need help to recover from the effects of Foot and Mouth disaster. Above all they need support in their fight against the smothering pile of forms and regulations they are expected to complete and conform with.	are addressed in many instances throughout the document. Farming issues have been addressed also, namely on page 15.
Arthur Cross	Burbage Heritage and Tourism Group			51. The unique heritage of the south –west of county has been neglected for its tourist potential, tourism should reflect the whole of the county, giving support to local Heritage Centres, and small museums staffed with local volunteers.	Comment noted. May be more appropriate for district community strategy.
Mike Ward				52. The document does not cover the issue of litter, which can lead to other anti social behaviour if not cleared up. Visible police presence is mentioned, though this usually means a policeman driving past. It is essential that they be seen on foot too.	Action in Chapter 2 already deals with street cleaning.
Caroline Mackay	Rural Transport, LCC			53. Due to changes with funding allocations, please amend the following actions: “Where there are quality services for all:” Page 33 - We will, Prepare a pilot strategy and action plan for providing better access to health services from rural areas by public transport. “Young People – Leicestershire’s future:” Page 41 It is essential that that the descriptions of the two transport projects are changed to one single entry: - We will, Work with young people to develop two pilot transport projects in rural areas (Leicestershire Rural Partnership 2004)	Accepted and Changed. Proposed change superseded (see comment 33).
Peggy Beddoe	Castle Donington VA Group			54. Many general comments specifically relating to Castle Donington, refer to hard copy for specific issues	Comments noted – many are too specific to be included in the document.

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Anthony Marsh	Oadby Civic Society			55. Pages 46, 47, 48 show a large number of 'committee' members with an equally large number of plans, at a glance this list shows that most the members are of a professional standard. I propose that some lay members of the public be co-opted to give the opinions and needs at a ground level.	Noted – this is done through consultation to gain a balanced response.
Ann Plackett	English Heritage			56. We welcome the recognition on page 8 of the importance of the natural and historic heritage to the County. However, we are disappointed that the proposed actions of the strategy do not recognise all of the themes identified in the Central Government publication on the historic environment “A Force for Our Future” and as highlighted in our previous letter. We welcome the intention to support the production of Village Appraisals and Design Statements, which can include historic characterisation, and to support other community based arts and heritage initiatives in rural areas. However, we consider that this approach should be extended to urban areas. There is also significant potential to encourage a range of educational projects based upon promoting an understanding of the local historic environment. For example, English Heritage has undertaken a number of pilot projects that relate to the Citizenship curriculum. I enclose some leaflets that may be of interest. In our previous letter we also highlighted the role of the historic environment in regeneration and in contributing to the quality of the environment. It is important that action is taken to manage the built and historic environment and that the necessary skills are available to do this. The County Council and its partners can assist in the delivery of these objectives.	Noted – HERS projects address this issue to a degree across the county – also picked up in the actions on village centres.
Donna Worship	ENABLE			57. Overall, the environmental partnership is pleased to see that most of its priorities have been included in the Strategy but is disappointed that environmental protection and enhancement is not identified explicitly as a guiding principle for the Leicestershire Local Strategic Partnership. Priority: Cleaner air, less pollution, reduction in the impact of climate change and efficient use of natural resources. Action: Investigate the impacts of climate change in Leicestershire and develop a strategy for mitigation to which all LLSP partners can subscribe. (ENABLE, 2005)	No change proposed. - already reflected. Accepted - incorporated within the sustainability paragraph on page 4 of the strategy. Accepted. Change made to action.

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				<p>58. Action : Lead the community by demonstrating and promoting environmental best practice by incorporating environmental criteria into all decision making. (All members of the LLSP, ongoing)</p> <p>Action: Support the delivery of the targets from the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Biodiversity Action Plan (All members of the LLSP, ongoing)</p>	<p>Accepted. Minor change made to Action.</p> <p>No change proposed. It would be difficult to refer to targets in all relevant strategies.</p>
				<p>59. Increase the percentage of the length of footpaths and other rights of way that are signposted where they leave the highway and easy to use by members of the public (Leicestershire County Council, BVPI)</p>	<p>Accepted. Requested target to be added to action so now reads: "Increase to 81% the percentage of the length of footpaths and other rights of way that are signposted where they leave rights of way and easy to use by members of the public. (Leicestershire County Council, BVPI, 2005/06)"</p>
				<p>60. Take action to increase the number of buildings removed from the listed buildings at risk register (Leicestershire County Council, BVPI)</p>	<p>Accepted. New action added.</p>
				<p>61. It is important to amend the responsibility of the actions as outlined in the table above. Whilst Enable can take a lead on some of these actions, it will be important for all members of the LLSP to adopt best environmental practice to demonstrate community leadership – only in this way can the LLSP begin to add value to existing activity for environmental protection.</p>	<p>No change proposed. A lead partner needs to be identified.</p>
				<p>62. At present, there are no actions which will deliver protection of green spaces or energy efficient development (currently included as priorities in different chapters). Therefore, it is suggested that a new priority and action are developed to support sustainable building developments which protect the local and global environment as follows:</p> <p>Priority: Development which protects the environment whilst meeting the needs of people for comfortable and affordable homes, access to services, employment and leisure opportunities</p>	<p>No change proposed. Not identified as priority at the LLSP development day.</p>

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				Action: Adopt guidance on sustainable buildings and development principles (LLSP, 2006)	
				63. Page 22 - Local people to have a sense of “community spirit” and to be supported in community activities to bring people together. To support this priority, the action on community development workers on page 29 seems to fit here better.	Accepted and moved.
				64. Page 25 - Access to good quality and affordable and energy efficient homes and a reduction in homelessness - There are no actions in column 3 supporting the “energy efficient” element of this priority. Best to remove it altogether from here and insert the suggestion above re development.	No change proposed.
				65. Page 28 - Equality of access for everyone - Access to what? Jobs, buildings, services, leisure? Is this not just “Equality for everyone” or “Inclusion of everyone”.	Accepted. Wording changed to 'access to services and facilities'.
				66. 27% of the County Council’s buildings open to the public are suitable and accessible to disabled people. This highlights a serious issue which isn't clearly tackled in the action column (is there any space to explain the Equality Standard)?	Accepted. New action for LCC added.
				67. Page 32 - “integration with walking and cycling facilities”. There is no action to support this priority. <u>Suggest:</u> “Support the implementation of the Leicestershire Walking and Cycling Strategy” (<i>All partners, ongoing</i>)	No change proposed. See comment 15.
				68. Page 34 - “victims of crime” - There is no action pertaining to increased support for victims of crime.	Outstanding.
				69. Page 39 to 45 – “Young people”. This section is a bit topsy turvy in that the priorities are not linked to the relevant actions, e.g. although public transport is the first	Accepted. Chapter reordered.

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				objective, the actions don't come until the following page. It would make a better read if they were in the same order if possible.	
				70. Page 44 - "an average of 2.6%" - Where? In the region, in the UK?	Accepted and "a UK average" added.
James Freeborough	Partnerships Team Leader: Environment Agency			71. Under the heading 'a strong economy, with quality job opportunities and skills for the future' it would be useful to refer to ' <i>The Environmental Economy of the East Midlands Report 2002</i> ' produced by <i>emda</i> . The report presents the main findings of a study undertaken by regional partners, which for the first time has quantified the contribution of the environment to the East Midlands' economy. It also identifies opportunities for increasing this contribution and recommends actions for regional partners to accelerate growth of the environmental economy. The report can be found on the <i>emda</i> website.	No change proposed. Not considered appropriate to refer to individual documents in the body of the Strategy.
				72. The section on 'a safe, clean and green environment' is one that the Environment Agency has a major part to play. A number of the nine themes in the Agency's Vision address the key issues identified by the people of Leicestershire. <i>A better quality of life</i> – we will work towards creating a healthier environment that is rich in wildlife and natural diversity <i>An enhanced environment for wildlife</i> – we will reduce habitat loss and degradation and enhance biodiversity. <i>Cleaner air for everyone</i> – we will ensure that the activities we regulate do not make a significant contribution to poor air quality and achieve air quality standards <i>Improved and protected inland and coastal waters</i> – we will work to reduce environmental pollution, minimise point and diffuse source pollution of water and chemical inputs, and achieve sustainable management of water resources <i>Wiser, sustainable use of natural resources</i> – we will work to reduce resource usage, minimise waste, improve water demand management and sustainability of water use. <i>Limiting and adapting to climate change</i> – we will reduce greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions from Agency-related processes, promote greater use and generation of renewable energy sources and adapt to climate change.	Noted
				73. The section on ' <i>A safe, clean and green environment</i> ' also includes figures on waste	Accepted. Figure amended.

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				disposal and comparisons between household waste in Leicestershire and the UK. I note that the figures for the UK do not add up to 100%. This makes the Leicestershire figures for the amounts recycled and composted waste look better than they actually are, when compared to national averages.	
				74. The section on ' <i>Strong Communities</i> ' refers to creating more opportunities for society to participate in sports and leisure etc. The Agency is working with a number of organisations to increase participation in the sport of angling. We have a target in our Local Contribution to increase rod licence sales, focusing particularly on young people and disadvantaged groups such as disabled, unemployed and elderly people. This also links to the chapter on addressing the needs and aspirations of young people.	Noted.
				75. Under the section ' <i>Councils and other public agencies to work together</i> ' you may want to make reference to the Environment Agency and Local Government Association joint document ' <i>Working Better Together</i> ' which is a plan for enhanced performance from better co-operation between local authorities and the Agency.	No change proposed. See comment 74
				76. The section on ' <i>Communities safe from crime</i> ' may benefit from the inclusion on information on environmental crime. The Agency is working with partners in Leicestershire to try and combat the problems of fly-tipping. The Clean Leicestershire's Environment and Neighbourhood (CLEAN) project has established a partnership between local authorities in Leicestershire, the Agency, Leicestershire Constabulary and ENCAMS (formerly the Tidy Britain Group). A steering group has been formed with representatives from the above organisations. The CLEAN project aims to provide an education and awareness campaign and an enforcement team to reduce the incidence of fly-tipping in the county.	Accepted – action added.
Ann Mitchell	Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator			77. Page 17 - Work with partner agencies to enable equal access to teenage parents to allow more into education training or employment and therefore reduce the risk of long term social exclusion. (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2000 – 2010)	Accepted. New action added.
				78. Page 28 - Within the paragraph starting "Equality of access...."after people who are vulnerable, please include: "including teenage parents"	Accepted. Change made.

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				79. Page 29 - Provide sexual health services for young people in local settings (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2000-2010)	Accepted. New action added.
				80. Page 36 - Last paragraph - Increased levels of sexually transmitted diseases are leading to deteriorating sexual health. Teenage Conception rates are decreasing.	Accepted. First sentence added to "In Leicestershire" column.
				81. Page 37 - Improve the provision of Sex and Relationship Education, and sexual health advice roles in schools colleges and youth settings, consolidate sexual health promotion in care settings, and improve primary health care provision for all young people. (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2000-2010)	No change proposed.
				82. Page 41 - Work towards reducing the teenage conception rate, with the specific aim of halving the rate of conceptions among young women aged less than 18 years by 2010.	Accepted - action added.
				83. Work towards having more teenage parents enter into education, training or employment, to reduce the risk of long term exclusion. (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy 2000-2010)	Accepted (as 77.)
				84. Page 43 - Enhance LEA provision for support in education (Up to 16 years) for teenage parents.	No change proposed.
				85. Improve access to education and training for 16-17 year old parents, particularly childcare links to education and employment.	No change proposed.
				86. Improve antenatal/postnatal care for teenage pregnancies.	No change proposed.

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				87. Enhance Personal, Social, and Health Education in schools, colleges and youth settings.	No change proposed. Similar action already exists.
				88. Appendix 1 - Leicestershire Teenage Pregnancy Strategy -Anne Mitchell, Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Co-ordinator 0116 278128	Accepted - added to Appendix 1.
Michael Robinson	Early Years and Childcare Service			89. The authors may wish to include the EYDCP within the list of Partners drawn up on page 3. The Leicestershire Rural Partnership is cited therefore there is a precedent to include the EYDCP. Furthermore at the launch of Central Governments new Surestart Unit on December 11 th 2002, Charles Clarke, the Secretary of State for Education indicated that local EYDCP's had a key role within the development and implementation of local authorities' Local Strategic Plans. <i>Transcript available on request.</i>	Accepted. Consider when review membership in Autumn 2003, EYDC Strategy included in Appendix 1.
				90. The service agrees with the text accompanying Partnership on page 4 especially that surrounding "quality of life for all who live in, work in and visit Leicestershire" It supports all the issues raised but feels inclusion of the EYDCP should be considered. It is a potential integral partner; the activity delivered by the Service underpins current central government policy in relation to providing parents with the opportunity to return or enter the workforce and ensuring childcare needs of the county's working parents are met. This is delivered by the Service promoting and ensuring the development of good quality, accessible childcare countywide.	Noted: Take into account in development of specific actions.
				91. The EYCS fully endorses the comments in relation to equality. It would also like to highlight that within the current Strategic Plan 2001/04 a number of initiatives specifically designed to address social inclusion and reducing disadvantage were highlighted or have developed in light of this. For example Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative and Sure Start local programmes. These projects are directed at named or identified areas of social disadvantage within the county. e.g. Woodthorpe, Hastings, Lymington and Greenhill wards	Accepted. The Dreaming4Real project added in the "In Leicestershire" column.
				92. The EYCS would like a copy of the consultation referred to with regard to Children and Young people on page 6. The Service has already undertaken consultation it has	Noted. Consultation information provided.

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				<p>undertaken within this area, which may be of use in underpinning the strategy. Its national award-winning Dreaming4Real project which received the prestigious Partners in Excellence award from the DfES in December 2002 was an arts based consultation with children aged 8-11 and the philosophy has been subsequently successfully used within the development of the County's anti bullying and Children's Fund strategies. This may also be of interest in relation to the comment on page 23, "Develop arts and heritage based projects in rural communities such as rural and community touring schemes and heritage wardens" and on page 43 "Develop a website with young people providing information and links that are young people friendly and co-ordinated by a webmaster." This was also evident within the Dreaming4Real project.</p>	
				<p>93. In response to the information bullet pointed at the top of page 11 – Quality services. The EYCS would like to draw the authors of this strategy to comments made by Patricia Hewitt with regard to the importance of the childcare sector. Specifically at a conference in February 2003 Ms. Hewitt told delegates, 'Childcare as a business sector, childcare as a central part of our economic infrastructure, is just as important really as the transport system in enabling women, in particular, to participate in the economy for their own benefit, but also of course the benefit of the economy as a whole we now live in an economy where there are more childcare workers than there are care workers, and that's a change that perhaps not everyone's comfortable with and certainly not everyone's noticed'. Furthermore, with regard to the highlighting of young people, there is no definition of the age range this incorporates as well as appearing to not fully cross-reference with the information stated on page 6 where "Children and young people" are referred to.</p>	<p>Noted. Not considered necessary to include precise age range.</p>
				<p>94. The EYCS would like to highlight the considerable amount of statistics and information held by the Children's Information Service (CIS) which this strategy may wish to tap in to. Use of statistics is highlighted within page 11 of this strategy. For example the CIS holds information relating to all OfSTED registered childcare provision which includes full day care, sessional Pre School, out of school and crèche facilities. Furthermore this service has recently undertaken a comprehensive piece of statistical research in relation to an audit of the availability of nursery education places in the non-maintained sector at ward level. These are just some of the examples of information held by the CIS that could be of use to the delivery of activity highlighted</p>	<p>Noted. These statistics could feed into the Community Information Initiative.</p>

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				within this strategy.	
				95. On page 15 a target relating to NVQ is cited. The EYCS also has a similar target, which has been imposed by the DfES. The size of these two sectors and the numbers employed are likely to be comparable, therefore there is scope for inclusion of the EYCS target.	Accepted. Action added re childcare workforce.
				96. On page 15, within adult learning, the EYCS feel that it is imperative reference is made to availability of and ability to access childcare provision for adult learners; this is often the most important barrier preventing adult learners participation.	No change proposed. Implicit within action, no specific reference.
				97. On page 16 the penultimate paragraph could be altered to read "Early years and childcare learning opportunities."	Accepted. Changes made.
				98. P23 – The Early Years and Childcare service is keen to be involved within the village design statement process as childcare provision and out of school provision are two key services within any local community.	Noted. Will amend protocol procedure.
				99. P23 – The Local Education Authority is in the process of developing guidance for school governors in relation to DfES extended schools legislation. Children's Centres are another emerging policy initiative from the DfES. This Strategy may want to consider these alongside the comment relating to "Develop new community and leisure facilities on school and college sites."	Noted.

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				100. P25 – The EYCS would like to highlight that it has a community outreach team, where one of these workers has a remit to develop provision for “Services for single homeless people and homeless families across the county.”	Noted in relation to review of community development workers.
				101. P37 – Is there a timescale for delivery of the activity outlined? At present there are a number of initiatives that are being jointly developed between PCT’s, Education and Social Services as advocated by Central government for multi agency working. E.g. the emergence of the Surestart unit who state their objective is to “Making life better for children parents and communities by bringing together:” Early Education Childcare Health and family support The service does not feel this activity should only be associated with one agency, in this case the PCT’s that reside within the County.	Accepted. New action added.
				102. P42 – In relation to activity for young people to undertake at evenings or weekends there are possible links between this and the EYCS remit to develop out of school activity. Furthermore there may be funding opportunities through Surestart Out Of School funding for some of those activities in the longer term. This funding will be held by the EYCS	Noted.
				103. Finally the Service is slightly disappointed that although children are highlighted as one of the three priorities identified from initial consultation (As outlined on page 6) there is very little reference to the activity that will be developed and delivered for this group in the remainder of this document. Furthermore activity relating to young people appears to concentrate on those who reside within “Care.” Therefore the strategy may be considered as not being fully inclusive. Some rewording with examples given could overcome this. As outlined previously the Early Years and Childcare service would be willing to offer information and involvement from its officers to further develop this area of this strategy.	Accepted. Two new actions added.

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Anne Thompson	Sport England			<p>104. <u>A Strong Economy</u> - Plans are developing around a sports cluster based at Loughborough University. This builds upon the unique strength of the University's tradition in sport and the location of a large number of national and regional sports organisations on campus. This project is being developed by emda, Sport England and Loughborough University. This initiative will clearly benefit Leicestershire through the development of the economic prosperity of the area and indeed play a role in graduate retention. I would therefore recommend the inclusion of this initiative within the Community Strategy. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	Accepted. Included in "In Leicestershire" section.
				<p>105. <u>Safe, Clean and Green Environment</u> – I would include reference to the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Green Space Strategy in relation to access to the countryside and green spaces. This strategy has only just been completed but its work is relevant to protection, development and accessible of green spaces/playing fields. The above strategy links to the new PPG 17 that strongly emphasises the need for local authorities to undertake robust needs assessment of open spaces and sport and recreation facilities to ensure that these are effectively planned for at a local level. The work undertaken by the local authorities across Leicestershire means that you are in a strong position to respond to future funding opportunities as they arise.</p>	Accepted. Added into Strategy list. Mentioned in "In Leicestershire" section.
				<p>106. <u>Thriving Market Towns</u> – The provision of suitably locate and accessible community facilities which provide opportunities for the provision of a wide range of sporting opportunities will be an important consideration within market towns. We are aware that many of the "healthchecks" already conducted for Leicestershire market towns have identified issues around suitable sports facilities. I would recommend that sport/leisure opportunities are included within the action section.</p>	Noted: In relation to individual healthcheck action plans.

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				107. <u>Strong Communities</u> – You may want to consider the role of the voluntary sector given that 26% of all volunteers are involved in sport; playing a vital role in delivering sport opportunities, alongside the role they inevitably play in strengthening local communities.	Accepted. Statistic added to “In Leicestershire” column.
				108. <u>Councils working together</u> – I fully endorse the recognition given to the importance of community and leisure facilities on school and college sites. I believe that these facilities will continue to play a vital role in ensuring that high quality and accessible sporting opportunities are available within your local communities. The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Sports Forum will play a significant role in the development of sport in the future, linked to the emerging regional agendas and potential delegation of funding in the future. I would recommend that reference is made to Leicestershire County Council role within this Forum alongside each of the other District Councils.	Accepted. 'Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Sports Forum plays a significant role in developing high quality and accessible sport in the County which includes activities for young people.' added to in Leicestershire column.
				109. <u>Strong Transport System</u> – The provision of accessible and integrated transport system are important to ensuring local communities have access to the services and facilities discussed throughout this community strategy.	Noted.
				110. <u>Communities safe from crime and disorder</u> – I would recommend that consideration is given to the role that sport can play in providing diversionary activities, especially for young people who may be at risk from exclusion and/or committing crime. Cross agency working as identified will be essential to achieving a sustainable reduction in crime.	No change proposed. No specific action proposed: implicit in other detailed actions.
				111. <u>Healthy Communities</u> – Game plan highlights both the costs of inactivity and the health benefits increased participation. I note that the Community Strategy does advocate for the promotion of healthy active lifestyles (page 36). I would suggest that the development of opportunities for individuals to be physically activity and to participate in sport is added to the “we will” section. We believe that increasing participation and the retention of individuals within sport will become a stronger	Accepted. New action added.

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				priority both in terms of national and regional policies and future funding opportunities.	
				<p>112. <u>Young People</u> – I would also refer to the significant investment being made by the government in a national PE, school sport and club links infrastructure. This involves the establishment of school sports partnerships, based around specialist sport colleges to develop sporting opportunities for young people. Leicestershire already has one school sport partnership based at Burleigh Community College in Loughborough and may benefit from others as this infrastructure develops. Leicestershire LEA is currently developing its plan for the implementation of additional partnerships across Leicestershire. This investment will have a significant impact on the provision of opportunities for young people throughout Leicestershire and therefore I would recommend its inclusion within this section. The above funding goes alongside the additional funding that has been allocated to every LEA within the country, through the NOF PE and Sport programme, to support the development of school based community sport facilities. The development of a strategic approach, linked to the local authorities within Leicestershire working closely together, will be essential to ensure that maximise use is made of this significant funding.</p>	Accepted. "Leicestershire already has one school sport partnership based at Burleigh Community College in Loughborough" added to "In Leicestershire" column.
Steve Phipps	Charnwood Borough Council			<p>113. Many of the actions identified in the second draft Strategy complement the Aims of the consultation draft of the Charnwood Community Strategy, and this is welcomed. However, the real test will be for both district and county LSP's to agree appropriate delivery arrangements for their respective Community Strategies. The Board of the Charnwood Partnership will be considering the responses to the consultation on its draft Community Strategy in early June. In particular, it will be considering the issue of delivery of priority short-term actions. At it's last meeting the Board considered the complexity of existing partnership relationships and I expect it will be the Board's intention to seek, as far as possible and appropriate, to work through existing Borough and inter authority delivery structures. It seems from the consultation document that the Leicestershire Strategic Partnership shares that aim and it may be appropriate to discuss in more detail how areas of common interest between the two strategies might best be pursued.</p>	Accepted. County and district LSP officers to consider overlap issues.
				<p>114. The draft Chamwood Community Strategy already incorporates some draft quality of life indicators, based on those proposed by the Audit Commission but with local variations where appropriate. The 'common set of quality of life indicators' referred to</p>	Noted.

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				in the Leicestershire Strategy are seen as a core set of indicators which will be supplemented by such other indicators as are considered relevant for district level Strategy management	
David Lepper	Countryside Agency			115. Early on in the document, some background facts and figures, on overall population of the county, and the proportion living in rural areas, would be a valuable context to establish. There is much scope throughout the document to highlight the opportunities to work with Parish Councils and Meetings, which currently do not feature as strongly as they should.	Accepted. Population information added and referent to number and role of parish councils added to in Leicestershire column.
				116. On page 10 , we support the complementary working that is highlighted between this county LSP, and the District Council LSP's. More information on precisely how this 2 tier working between County and District LSP's will be achieved in the future will be particularly useful.	Accepted – this will form part of the review of the effectiveness of the LSP.
				117. On page 13 , having a web based portal to promote what is going on in Leicestershire for tourists and local people is admirable. Perhaps having a target for “X” Parish/Village Websites to be established by a specific time across Leicestershire would be helpful, and Parish Councils could play a key focal role in this respect.	Accepted. Action amended and new reference in 'in Leicestershire column'.
				118. On page 15 , support for farmers markets in every County town is admirable, but it will be useful to clarify which settlements are meant by 'every County town', and list those which have farmers markets already, and more importantly those where you hope to achieve this. Promoting the Leicestershire local food logo is to be welcomed, which ties in well with our 'Eat the View' initiative. However, a more significant challenge will be trying to assess what difference the promotion has made in terms of subsequent take up of local produce. Is there any monitoring in place?	Accepted – figures for farmers markets added in Leicestershire column. Noted – This will be considered as part of the implementation plan.
				119. On page 15-17 , participation in learning, it will be important to ensure that businesses and individuals in rural areas which will typically be greater distance from 'traditional' training locations. Having opportunities in locations like village halls, or with specialist mobile training provision, will be desirable. Having over 50 villages visited by mobile IT trainers is a good start, but what are the targets for the future, and will other	Outstanding.

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				training opportunities apart from IT skills also be available in rural areas.?	
				120. On page 21 , the Post Office Development Scheme that we are contributing towards is available specifically for rural Post Offices, and you might want to make this more explicit. The rural Post Office network has been in decline for many years, and recent changes to benefits payments may have further adverse impact, so anything that can be done to halt this decline is helpful.	Accepted. "rural" added to first bullet point.
				121. The completion of healthchecks and action plans for the Market Towns and Rural Centres is welcome, but the following through on key issues that have been identified for action, in the future, will be the more significant challenge, which you should ideally include. These documents are an important starting point, local people will be interested in what happens next, to improve things for them.	Noted.
				122. On page 23 , the specific references to Village Appraisals, Parish Plans, and Village Design Statements are welcomed. Parish Councils have a key role to play in some of these initiatives, such as Parish Plans, and a more specific reference to the role that Parish Councils can play as a focus for local community consultation and activity in rural areas will be desirable. The local facilitating role of the Rural Community Council for Leicestershire and Rutland could also usefully be flagged up here. I would also hope that the County LSP would be looking to take account of issues emerging from say Parish Plans Action Plan, as a good grass roots indication of the challenges and ambitions that face rural communities across Leicestershire. If common issues are emerging from a number of these documents, this may highlight future actions that might be triggered at county level, to address this situation in the future.	Accepted - "Including Parish Councils and Local Community groups" added to first action. Accepted - "In Leics." column on pg. 22 now reads: "Rural Community Council Community Development Officers, funded by the County Council, District Councils and Countryside Agency have supported 52 communities in undertaking village appraisals. A further 23 communities are currently developing Parish Plans for their settlements."
				123. Also on page 23 , our Local Heritage Initiative grant scheme could usefully be listed here, as an opportunity for rural communities to get involved in appreciating and improving heritage that is important to them locally.	No change proposed. Too detailed.
				124. On page 25 , the role of the Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler, in helping rural communities to assess the nature of local housing needs, and then try to achieve	Accepted - Add to "In Leics." column to tie in with statement re: supporting housing.

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				positive improvements in the future, could usefully be included. The Districts that you highlighted with the most significant house prices increases, are largely rural, and there are less opportunities and choice in countryside areas, particularly for first time buyers trying to acquire their own home. A cross link could also be made here to the emergence of a Regional Housing Strategy in the near future.	
				125. On page 27 , the provision of access centres in each town is good. You then highlight having a community portal for each settlement where there is an identified need. I would hope that every Parish Council at least would be included, and where a Parish covers several distinct communities, or where there is a Parish Meeting, ideally these smaller communities should have a more local opportunity as well. There is probably also a need for something intermediate, where a facility in a village, might serve the cluster of villages around it, as part of a hierarchy of service provision.	Accepted. See comment 117.
				126. On page 28-32 , access for everyone, including more needy individuals is welcomed. The more remote rural areas suffer from geographical isolation. The 10 wards that you have highlighted on page 30 where access to services is most difficult are all in rural area. Trying to improve the service provision in these locations initially should be a priority, then to continue to roll out to other deprived rural locations, will be desirable. Our Rural Service Survey 2000, with the next report updating to the 2003 situation, will be a useful reference source, a new Countryside agency report, indicators of rural disadvantages: Guidance note, is available from our Countryside Agency Publications. This gives area based indicators for rural areas, covering disadvantage for income, employment, education, health, and housing, i.e. co-incidence with many of the issues that you have listed.	Noted.
				127. Page 33 , promoting the work of the Rural Transport Partnerships in Leicestershire is welcomed, but I would hope that the separate mention could also be made of Parish Transport Grant opportunities that Parish Councils can pursue. Poor public transport in rural areas is still often the norm, and more flexible community transport arrangements in rural areas can help to alleviate this situation. Our Great Ways to Go publication, has many examples of good practice.	No change proposed. Not considered appropriate at this time due to freezing on CA Funding for this initiative.

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				128. On page 33-35 , the perception of crime in rural areas is often worse than the reality, but there are also separate rural crime issues, such as wildlife offences, and targeting of farm vehicles and machinery, where different solution are applicable. Parish Councils can take a more active role, we have produced a practical guide for parish and town councils on section 17 of the crime & Disorder Act 1998. I would hope that there could be some inclusion of rural crime in the final document, and encouragement and support for a more active role by parish councils.	No change proposed. A matter for crime reduction partnerships. No specific examples are given for urban so not appropriate for rural.
				129. On page 37 , providing improved transport for people in rural areas to access health facilities and services can make a real difference, not just for patients, but also for their families/friends to visit them when in hospital. A health deprivation and disability domain, and geographical availability of Doctors surgeries, are 2 relevant datasets also available in the Indicators of Rural Disadvantage. Our walking the way to health scheme is an example of securing a healthier lifestyle, which can be readily achieved in rural areas.	Noted.
				130. From Page 38-45 , the emphasis on young people as part of Leicestershire's future is welcome, I am surprised that the fairly recent Young Persons Citizen's Jury that we helped to support last year has not been mentioned, as surely this would be good example of good practice that would be worth promoting. On page 41, the first 2 proposals relating to improving transport opportunities for young people in rural areas are strongly endorsed. Transport is one of the biggest barriers, which excludes rural young people from many activities and events. Parish plans and Village Appraisals typically identify the lack of opportunities for many young people in rural areas, so trying to provide some improved facilities and opportunities in rural area for young people will be useful ambition to add. In some cases, our community services grant has been able to help parishes/villages or local groups to improve opportunities for young people in their local community.	Accepted – “supported by Leicestershire County Council & Countryside Agency – outcomes of which influenced the strategy” added to 'in Leicestershire' column.
Trish Crowson	Melton, Rutland and Harborough PCT	Phone call		131. Page 9 What does GDP mean?	Accepted. Amended to 'Gross Domestic Product'.
				132. Page 21 - Could the 'we will' section at top of page, be like the bulleted section at the	No change proposed.

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				133. Page 22 Sentence reads - 'more opportunity for all of society to participate (<u>by in</u>) sports'?	Accepted. Changes made.
				134. Page 27 Third bullet - what do we mean by settlement?	Accepted. Changed to village.
				135. Page 28 Could health care buildings and centres be included in the 27% of buildings open to the public? Could we find out the percentage of health care buildings in the county? Key at bottom of page is too small	No change proposed. The 27% relates to County Council Buildings - figures for all public buildings not available.. Accepted. Graph to be replaced.
				136. Page 29 All actions on this page are from Leicestershire County Council Third para to include Leicester Learning Sustainability Partnership board? Forth para to add Tim Whatts, Assistant director of social services Sixth para to possibly change action from LCC to Health Sector Seventh Para - change improving to improve	No change proposed. The County Council leads on this area – a number of other partners are involved. Accepted. NHS added. Accepted and change made.
				137. Page 31	No change proposed. Action was proposed by the County

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				Third para – action from Leicestershire Partnership Trust instead	Council.
				<p>138. Page 34</p> <p>Key too small on graph</p>	Accepted - Graph to be changed.
				<p>139. Page 36</p> <p>Mental Health should be added to this section, with a percentage of those suffering from mental health, social service would be a good contact for this</p>	No change proposed. Mental health is covered by “better health for all”
				<p>140. Page 37</p> <p>What are community action zones? And where has the information come from?</p> <p>141. Last para – could local authorities be added to this list?</p>	<p>Community Action Zones are settlements/ communities to be targeted in relation to a particular issue. Action came from Mick Wells, Charnwood & North West Leicestershire Primary Care Trust.</p> <p>Accepted.</p>
				<p>142. Page 43</p> <p>Forth para – change to ‘improve education, advice and access to services for young people</p>	No change proposed. This is a specific action relating to sex and teenage pregnancy.
				<p>143. Page 48</p> <p>Change Trish Crowson’s organisation to Melton, Rutland and Harborough PCT</p>	Accepted.
Scrutiny Panel	LCC		15 April 2003	<p><u>Inside Front Cover</u> - Recognising that the Strategy has been prepared by the partners on the LLSP it is inappropriate for the document to display the County Council logo</p>	Accepted

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				<u>Page 2</u> – it may be appropriate to change the order of the two paragraphs so that the second paragraph which is the ‘vision statement’ appears first followed by the paragraph setting out details of the partners who will deliver the ‘vision’. Consideration should also be given to the vision statement being in bold type.	Accepted. Change made.
				<u>Page 2 and Page 10</u> – the second paragraph on Page 10 which refers to District Strategies and the existence of a separate strategy covering the City should appear earlier in the document, perhaps as an additional paragraph on page 2	Accepted. Change made.
				<u>Page 9</u> – the choice of settlements shown on the map of Leicestershire should be reviewed	Accepted. Change to be made.
				<u>Page 16</u> – with regard to the reference to the household survey, it would be appropriate to indicate when this was undertaken so as to provide a benchmark against which progress might be measured.	Accepted. Date added.
				<u>Page 18</u> – it may be more appropriate to move the paragraphs relating to “Access to the Countryside, green spaces...” and the Sites of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI) to the section ‘Strong communities where people feel they have a say in their future. (Page 22)	Accepted. Paragraph moved.
				<u>Page 18/19</u> – reference should be made to the promotion of sustainable energy sources such as wind power and campaigns to encourage companies to minimise waste.	Accepted. New action added.
				<u>Page 19</u> – the targets on the PSA relating to household waste recycling and composting when agreed should be included.	Accepted. Targets added.
				<u>Page 23</u> – the targets in relation to ‘Encouraging Community led consultation and development’ do not appear to be particularly challenging and should be reworded to “by supporting at least...”	Accepted. Action amended.
				<u>Page 23</u> – reference should be made to supporting and encouraging people to participate in community consultation	Accepted. Change made.
				<u>Page 25</u> – it should be recognised that any local homelessness strategy would need to be a multi-agency strategy.	Accepted. Change made.
				<u>Page 25</u> – there should be a reference made to the impact of the increase in house prices which has resulted in the lack of affordable housing in rural areas. The role of District Councils in promoting policies that encourage social housing should be included as an action.	Accepted. Added to ‘in Leicestershire’ column.
				<u>Page 29</u> – given the proposals for the redevelopment/relocation of the Haymarket theatre consideration should be given to making particular reference to this organisation delivering drama workshop sessions.	Accepted. Reference removed.
				<u>Page 37</u> – reference should be made to the impact on peoples health resulting from a lack of exercise and the work being undertaken through general practitioners to encourage people to address this.	Accepted. New action added.

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				Page 37 – there appears to be no mention of how the Strategy intends to address the desire of the people of Leicestershire for equal access to health.	No change proposed. The strategy already includes an action to provide better access to health services by public transport.
Steve Phipps	Charnwood Borough Council			138. That the proposed action on page 23 concerning "community parks" is not supported in its current form and in advance of the adoption of a Borough Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. 139. That the proposed action on page 33 concerning "street cleaning" is deleted as this is a functional responsibility of the Borough Council which is already being addressed as a matter of normal business. 140. That the proposed action on page 35 concerning "town centre violence" is replaced with "Reduce incidents of violent crime and disorder" with the lead body being Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships.	No change proposed. Not specific to Charnwood. Action suggested by another district council. No change proposed. High priority from consultation. Accepted. Action amended.
Linda Grant	Leicestershire Aids Support Service			141. Concerned to lack of actions regarding the sexual health of people because of sexually transmitted diseases.	Accepted. Action and reference in 'in Leicestershire' column added.
David Hindes	Leicestershire Autistic Society			142. No specific actions to address the play and leisure needs of children and young people with specific needs and disabilities.	Outstanding.
Sheila Carter	Bitteswell Parish Council			143. Insufficient attention to needs of small settlements in rural environment such as suitable housing and employment development, accessible public transport and health outreach provision.	No change proposed. There are a number of actions specifically addressed towards rural areas including support for village appraisals, rural transport to health facilitators and rural enterprise. Action added on rural housing enabler project.
Peter Osbourne	Bitteswell Village Plan Group			144. Not enough attention to rural issues, emergency healthcare, transport and housing.	No change. See response to 143.
C J Peat	Carlton Parish Council			145. Wider reference to history of Leicestershire required.	Accepted. Reference to Melton amended.
				146. Can such a wide range of organisations make the strategy work.	Yes!
				147. Encouragement of rural economy could lead to increased traffic.	Noted.
				148. Concerned about withdrawal of powers from local government.	Noted.

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				149. Suggest increased populations in rural areas to sustain services.	Noted. Planning matter.

