#### YOUNG PEOPLE - LEICESTERSHIRE'S FUTURE

#### A County which looks to the future by maximising opportunities for its young people

Young people are the key to the future of the County and this chapter of the Community Strategy is about supporting and developing young people, encouraging them to participate fully in society and to maximise the opportunities open to them in terms of education, learning and skills, employment, leisure, healthcare and decision making.

The people of Leicestershire want:	In Leicestershire:	We will:
The needs and aspirations of young people to be identified and addressed		
Young people to have access to co- ordinated information, advice and support to enable them to make informed decisions at key points in their life, for areas such as lifelong learning, employment and skills.	59% of young people felt well or very well informed about the options open to them when they left school. 32% rated their knowledge as 'average', with 8% indicating they felt poorly or very poorly informed.  Connexions Leicester Shire, is a new service offering free information, advice, practical help and support to young people aged 13-19 years.	Prepare a 'State of Young People in Leicestershire' report to enable public agencies and organisations to share data on identifying needs and existing facilities. (Leicestershire County Council, Connexions, 2005)  Provide a One-Stop-Shop for young people to go and get information and advice (venues for Connexions Service and other organisations). (Connexions, 2005).
		Develop a website with young people providing information and links that are young people friendly and co-ordinated by a webmaster. (Leicestershire E-Government Partnership, 2004)
		Promote information and advice for young people through schools and colleges.

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		(Leicestershire County Council, Connexions, Colleges, 2005)
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		Develop further Out of School provision
		for young people within the county
		(Leicestershire County Council,
		Leicestershire Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership, 2005)
		and Childcare Farthership, 2003
	:	Improve the promotion of supported
		housing for young people and crisis
		accommodation (Crime & Disorder
		reduction strategies, 2005)
Increased involvement of young people	An annual 'Vox Pop' event is held where	Prepare a joint consultation strategy for
and those working with them in decisions	young people share their views with and	involving young people in decision making.
about their future and community activities.	have an opportunity to question County	(Leicestershire Local Strategic Partnership,
	Councillors.	2005).
	Fauntain communication for the discrete	Command assessment with a decrease of the section
	Fourteen young people had an opportunity to comment on a range of	Support communities to provide extra youth workers and volunteers for activities
	issues, including transport, information	for young people. (Leicestershire County
	and health services, during the Young	Council, Leicestershire Council for
	Person's Citizens Jury held in	Voluntary Youth Services, 2008)
	November 2002. The outcomes of this	-
	process have had a major influence on the actions included within this	
	Strategy.	
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	Young People, aged 8-11 years have	
	been involved in Leicestershire County	
	Council's award winning	
	Dreaming4Real consultation on the	

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serivices they would like to be developed in the county. The use of arts-based activities as a consultation tool has also bee used with the 5-13 age range in developing Leicestershire's Children's Fund Plan to provide services for vulnerable young people.

Dreaming4Real consultation activities have also been successfully used in schools in the doubtement of schools in the development of Leicestershire's Anti-Bullying Strategy.

Young people to be able to access a diverse range of activities for leisure.

Young people have been involved in many Village Appraisals across Leicestershire, supporting their local communities.

A group in Mountsorrel prepared a publication in 2002 to raise awareness of young people in the village, as well as promoting the development of permanent youth and community facilities

In the evenings or at weekends, young people prefer to go to the cinema, town centres, fast food outlets, leisure centres or swimming baths, the local chip shop or take-away and to meet mates. Other activities with significant responses included sports or youth club, library, park/recreation ground, games arcade and community centre.

Leicestershire already has one school

Develop, through consultation with young people, activities for leisure such a shelters and sports taster days at leisure centres. (Parish Councils, Leicestershire Cultural Strategy Forum and Leisure Centres,

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sport partnership, based at Burleigh Community College and others may be developed in the future

Recognition that young people are reliant on public transport and so need access to public transport that is reliable, safe, affordable and connected.

All young people to be protected from being involved in or affected by crime, either as victims or perpetrators, and bullying.

Leicestershire & Rutland Crimebeat is a multi-agency scheme to encourage and empower young people aged 8 and 25 years to foster community safety and become responsible members of their communities. Since 1993, over 300 groups have been given grants totalling more than £100,000 to fund projects on drugs, bullying, car crime, shoplifting and vandalism.

In 2001/2 there were 2250 offences recorded as committed by young people. These included:

- 'other' offences such as motoring and traffic (28%) theft and handling (20%)
- arson and criminal damage (13%) violence against the person (12%)

The Youth Offending Service has

In developing a revised network of 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. (Rural Transport Partnerships, 2004)

Develop initiatives to prevent anti-social behaviour and crime through:

- information videos; use of drama workshops;
- raising awareness of issues through citizenship classes in schools and colleges (Leicestershire County Council, Cultural

Strategy Forum, Leicestershire Constabulary, 2005).

Increase the frequency and coverage of joint truancy patrols for schools with identified problems, to help protect young people from crime. (Leicestershire Constabulary, Leicestershire County Council, 2005).

Improve the basic skills of young people with a basic skills deficit who are receiving community supervision from the Youth

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All children and young people protected

from abuse and neglect

2000 and 2001

many years

Around 320 children and young people are looked after in foster homes or children's homes. All will have experienced upheaval in their lives and some will have been abused. Their experiences may lead to emotional and behavioural problems. Some will spend just a few days in care while others will spend

target to reduce re-offending by young

people by 5% by December 2004. Youth Offending was reduced by 15% between

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.

There were 191 children and young people on the Child Protections
Register in Leicestershire in 2002/03.

Offending Service (four specific targets including an increase of young people going into full time education, training or employment from 52% to 85%). (Youth Offending Service, PSA Target 9, 2006)

Develop a preventative strategy to promote family support services and the participation of children and young people in the life of the community. (Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership,

Reshape community home provision for young people (Leicestershire County Council, 2005)

Improve the quality and range of foster and adoption provision (Leicestershire County Council, 2005)

Improve the level of education, training and Improve the lever of education, nathing and employment for care leavers aged 19 and raise the educational attainment of children in care (5 specific targets). (Leicestershire County Council, Connexions, PSA Target 4 2023 2024. 2003-2006)

Identify areas of joint working and collaboration to promote the social inclusion of children and young people. (Leicestershire County Council, 2005)

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Young people to be able to access healthcare services and advice.

The number of conceptions among teenage girls under the age of 18 years causes increased health and social care problems.

Review the arrangements for safeguarding children at risk of abuse and neglect. (Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Constabulary and Primary Care & NHS Trusts, 2004)

Develop and co-ordinate inter-agency initiatives to educate 11-18 year olds about the effects of drug and alcohol misuse and sexual health matters. (Drug and Alcohol Action Team, 2005)

Improve education, advice and access to services for young people about safe sex and teenage pregnancy. (Health Sector, 2005)

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. (Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, 2000-2010)

Increase the percentage of pupils achieving 5 GCSEs' at grades A\*-C from 53.2% in 2002 to 63% (Leicestershire County Council PSA Target 1, 2005)

Improve achievement of pupils at Level 5 at the end of Key Stage 2 from 30% to 39%

Quality education and lifelong learning for young people, both in terms of academic results and practical skills, up to 16 years and beyond.

In 2002, 78% of pupils achieved level 4 for English and 73% for Maths at Key Stage 2

In 2001, 49.6% of pupils obtained 5 or more GCSEs at A-C. The figure for 2002 has increased to 53% to close the gap on our OFSTED neighbours

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1.7% (5) schools have serious weaknesses compared to a <u>JK</u> average of 2.6%. Also, 5 schools require special measures to improve their performance following OFSTED inspections, in 2002.

Improve their performance following OFSTED inspections, in 2002.

Improve the educational attainment of all pupils in special schools from 78% of pupils achieving their 'p'NC targets in 2002 to 86% in 2006. (Leicestershire County Council, PSA Target 3, 2006).

Provide nursery education for all 3 and 4 year olds whose parents wish to take this up (Leicestershire County Council, 2004)

Using Information and Communications Technology to transform teaching by, for example:

Providing better access to the internet for all schools by 2005-6.

Ensuring that teachers are competent to use ICT to raise standards with all pupils in all schools in all subjects (Leicestershire County Council, 2005)

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