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COMMUNITY PLAN *for* HAMBLETON



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FOREWORD

How many times have we all complained about something which is happening within our community but not really understood the mechanism to make a positive impact and change it for the good? Well I think many of us are guilty as charged!

But there is a way to help improve our communities for the better via the Hambleton Community Plan, which strives to improve the quality of life for everyone in the area. Our plan covers a wide range of priorities and actions identified through a partnership approach but importantly much of this has been led from the community level.

It is developed and prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership which listens to the many different organisations involved and prepares the plan on behalf of the community. The aim is simple – to make a better life for all. It does not cover every local service but what it does provide is a framework for all the various plans and strategies which are in place to take forward and implement the vision. The key is based on what you the residents of the district tell us are important.

So next time you feel something in your local community needs changing for the good contact us or better still get involved. Identifying and prioritising actions are what the plan is all about because it's owned community wide.

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This section gives a brief explanation of Community Planning and description of the Hambleton Strategic Partnership. It gives an overview of the community of Hambleton, who is the focus for the Plan and a summary of the wider context, including key influences and linkages to the Community Plan at a local, sub-regional, regional and national level.

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BACKGROUND

What is it? The Community Plan outlines how we can improve the quality of life for people in the District over the next 5 years. It covers a broad range of economic, social and environmental issues which affect people's quality of life, because different people have different needs. The Plan has been produced by the Hambleton Strategic Partnership, which brings together representatives from the public, private and voluntary sector.

The purpose of the Plan is to bring all of this together in one document, with a single vision for improving the area which will be long lasting and which everyone can work towards. No single organisation working alone can effectively address this range of issues, it requires a partnership approach. Organisations and groups working together in partnership can achieve far more with the same resources by ensuring that there is no duplication or wasted effort. The Plan therefore is also used to provide an overarching framework for other Plans, to ensure that they are also working in the right direction to meet the needs identified by the community.

Who is it for? As the title suggests, the Plan is for the community. It outlines ways in which we can address the needs of all sectors of the community of Hambleton. It is for all groups and organisations which deliver services and develop projects in the District as a way of informing how they can plan and deliver their activities more effectively to best meet community needs.

What are we trying to achieve? We have listened to the views of the local community and of the groups, organisations and businesses that operate in the District in putting together the Plan. Our long term vision for the next 15 years is:

"A Hambleton where people and places are safe, healthy and prosperous, where people feel part of their community, participate in decisions that affect them and work together to improve quality of life for all."

To work towards achieving this vision we have broken it down into key themes, which make up *Section 2* of the plan. We will measure our progress by setting ourselves targets and milestones which we will review on a regular basis and by measuring changes over time using quality of life indicators. These are listed in *Section 3* of the plan.



We will know when our overall vision has been achieved when we have achieved each of the following outcomes:

OUTCOME	KEY INDICATORS AND TARGETS
<i>Everyone feels part of the community, particularly the young and the old.</i>	<i>% of residents surveyed feel that they can influence decisions affecting their local area (baseline to be established in 2006/07).</i>
<i>People participate in community life and local decision making.</i>	<i>47.5% turnout at local District elections.</i>
<i>We have a high quality local environment that is protected and enhanced.</i>	<i>50% of household waste is recycled.</i>
<i>We have housing that meets the needs of the local population.</i>	<i>43% of new completions are affordable houses.</i>
<i>We have a prosperous economy that delivers economic well-being to the whole community.</i>	<i>42% of the workforce are qualified to at least NVQ level 4.</i>
<i>We have thriving and accessible market towns.</i>	<i>9 economic based regeneration projects in town centres have been facilitated.</i>
<i>Transport meets the needs of the local community.</i>	<i>The number of passenger journeys on community transport annually has increased to 81,000.</i>
<i>People living in villages can access the services, advice and information they need.</i>	<i>% of residents surveyed (outside the market towns) find it easy to access key local services (baseline to be established in 2006/07).</i>
<i>People feel safer.</i>	<i>Reduce fear of crime (baseline to be established in 2006/07).</i>
<i>People are healthier.</i>	<i>Reduce childhood obesity (baseline to be established in 2006/07). 45% of the local population engages in physical activity.</i>

PROGRESS TO DATE

This is the second Community Plan for Hambleton produced by the Hambleton Strategic Partnership. The first Community Plan was published in 2003, following extensive community consultation across the District. Since 2003 the Partnership has been working to deliver the actions in the Plan. This has resulted in the delivery of a range of actions where people, groups and organisations have worked together. To date 58% of Community Plan projects have been completed, 39% initiated and 3% are to be started. Also 23% of Area Group projects have been completed, 41% initiated and 36% are to be started, a selection of these are outlined opposite. Further details can be found on the Hambleton Community Planning website: www.communityhambleton.org



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PROSPEROUS	<i>Support for businesses through the provision of a new access point for business information in Stokesley and provision of serviced employment land at Leeming Bar. Assisting young people to access training and employment by extending the Wheels 2 Work moped loan scheme in Hambleton.</i>
VIBRANT	<i>Supporting the provision of services for older people through the production of a Directory of Learning and Activity Opportunities for the Over 50's in Hambleton.</i>
SUSTAINABLE	<i>Contributing to sustainable development in the District through the production and promotion of a Good Practice Guide on Sustainable Planning and Design for use by developers.</i>
SAFE	<i>Addressing environmental crime and providing re-assurance through targeted multi-agency community initiatives such as 'Operation Enable'.</i>
HEALTHY	<i>Improving healthcare across the District through the introduction of exercise referral schemes in GP practices.</i>

In addition there are notable achievements in the specific geographical areas covered by the Area Group Plans, these include:

BEDALE	<i>Re-development of Bedale Station.</i>
NORTHALLERTON	<i>Mobile cinema project working in partnership with the Bedale Group. Publication of a Town Trail for Northallerton.</i>
EASINGWOLD	<i>Production of 6 circular footpath maps which have been made available at the Tourist Information Point.</i>
STOKESLEY	<i>Completion of a Cycling Development Study with recommendations for new and improved cycle routes and associated infrastructure. Cycle lockers and racks have now been installed at Great Ayton Railway Station.</i>
THIRSK	<i>Installation of new gateway signs, blue plaques and interpretation boards. Thirsk Clock, a dedicated youth facility.</i>

In addition to this a key success is the development of the Partnership itself, which has secured a broad range of involvement from partners and good links with the local community through the Area Groups. This has provided opportunities for joint working that otherwise would not have occurred. The Community Plan has also been successful in influencing the development of other Strategies, including the Corporate Plan of the District Council, the new Local Development Framework which will guide future development across the District and the Yorkshire Forward Renaissance Market Towns Programme in Northallerton and Bedale.

It is clear to see from this small selection that progress has been made, however there is still a lot to do. In this second Community Plan we have revisited the original aims and objectives and used these as a basis to consult on what our future priority actions should be.





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