



Swindon's Community Strategy

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History

- In January 2002 we started to develop a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for Swindon
- At almost the same time we started work on the Community Strategy
- A baptism of fire for all



Achievements

- A very successful LSP consultation which engaged stakeholders and partners
- A process which evolved thoughtfully and carefully
- Extreme creativeness



More achievements

- Extensive consultations on the draft Community Strategy
- You told us you wanted 4 principles
- Provided a framework for the future – the first of its kind for Swindon
- Praised by the Audit Commission



Key strategy successes

- Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy
- Achieve the decent homes standard by 2008
- Place at least 45 lone-parents, people with disabilities or long-term unemployed people into work each month
- Increase the level of involvement by children and young people



Areas still being developed

- By 2010 reduce by at least 40%, the number of adults in the Swindon Workforce without an NVQ level 2 or equivalent
- Compost 12.2% green waste by 2005/06
- Complete the Swindon Urban Cycle and Pedestrian network by 2007



Looking to the future

- Partnership working is well established
- An existing foundation on which to build
- An exciting but challenging few months ahead
- We would like **YOU** to be part of creating the future



Next Steps

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What's Next for LSP's

- New Government White Paper –
 - Strong & Prosperous Communities
- Enhanced role for LSPs
 - Sustainable Community Strategy - A Vision for the Borough



Looking to the Future

- Vision for the Borough
 - There are eight components to the new strategy, they are:
 - **Active, Inclusive and Safe**
 - **Well Run**
 - **Environmentally Sensitive**



Looking to the Future

- **Well Designed and Built**
- **Well Connected**
- **Thriving**
- **Well Served**
- **Fair for Everyone**



WORKSHOPS

- Why are we doing workshop sessions?
- What we would like you to do
- Next Steps