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WORKING TOGETHER



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FOREWORD

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Welcome to the third edition of Bassetlaw's Sustainable Community Strategy, prepared by the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership (BLSP).

The Strategy demonstrates the tremendous partnership work that goes on in the District, the benefits this brings to the area, and the commitment we have from partners to continue this work. We all know that we are facing challenging times. Individuals and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors will all be affected.

The public sector will have to look at the way it delivers services and the amount of money it has to invest in the area. Businesses will need to be creative to survive and the voluntary sector will need to adapt to withstand reductions in grant support. Individuals could face uncertainty over jobs and may need support to re-train and learn new skills. We will also need to work with our communities in new ways – as people take on the Government's challenge to become more active citizens. In this climate there has never been a more important time to work in partnership.

All our partners want to see the District and its residents thrive. We know that the only way we can do this is if we continue to work well together. This will mean sharing resources and being creative. We are committed to do this and have a strong track record to build on.

Our strategy confirms our long-term vision for the area and sets out our plans for the next 3 years. However, we will need to be flexible in a changing environment.

In addition to the work done within our Sub-Groups we have prioritised support for the local economy, skills/attainment and community safety as our top three priorities for the whole Partnership. We realise that these three areas are key to Bassetlaw's success. We are also putting together plans to work with partners in smaller localities because we believe by working in this targeted way we will achieve far more for our communities. Officers for Manton Community Alliance have been asked to co-ordinate this approach whilst funding is still available for the Manton Pathfinder.

Although we know we face major challenges our commitment to partnership working to achieve the best for Bassetlaw is even stronger.

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1. OUR VISION

Vision 2020

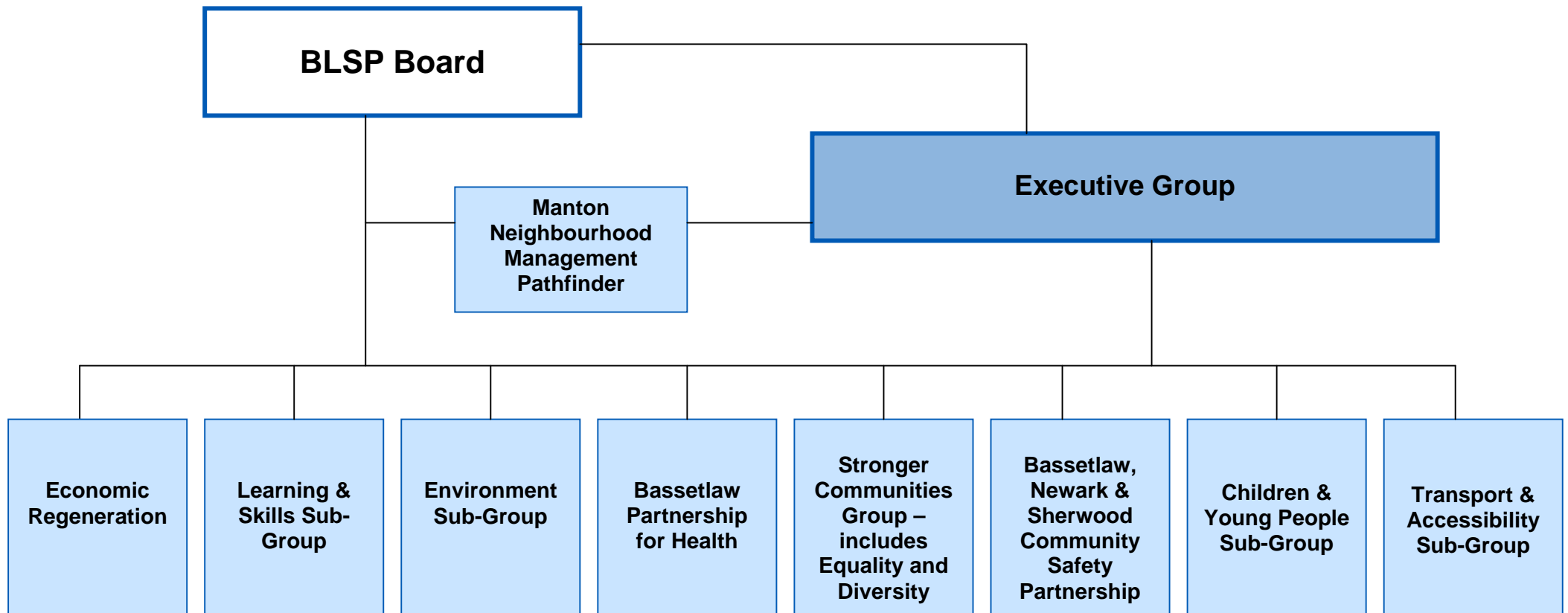
- ▶ By 2020 Bassetlaw will have a national reputation as a place to live and work and as a tourist destination.
- ▶ Our residents will have pride in the District and reach their full potential.
- ▶ Educational attainment will exceed the national average.
- ▶ Bassetlaw will have a clear identity with strong sub-regional links to South Yorkshire/North East Derbyshire/North Nottinghamshire.
- ▶ We will understand the needs of our communities, young and old and shape services to meet these needs.

Delivery of our Vision 2020

We will achieve our vision through strong partnership working and with a focus on local need.



Priory Shopping Centre, Worksop



2. BLSP'S COMMITMENT TO EQUALITIES

2.1 PURPOSE OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY STATEMENT FOR BLSP:

Bassetlaw LSP (BLSP) is committed to the principles of equality and diversity. The aims of the BLSP are to work towards creating and developing services that are accessible for all communities. These aims will be achieved through:

- ▶ Meeting the needs of all the communities it serves or hopes to benefit.
- ▶ Improving the way public services are delivered.
- ▶ Contributing to a culture of inclusion.
- ▶ Challenging racism and discrimination, both in the way the partnership works and in outcomes it is working towards.
- ▶ Improving public confidence in local services.

2.2 DECLARATION/ STATEMENT OF INTENT

The BLSP aims to promote 'Equality of Opportunity' and aims to ensure that no person, either as an individual or as part of a group or organisation, receives less favourable treatment or faces discrimination.

Through all our activities we will ensure that we adhere to equality legislation as detailed in the Equality Act 2010.

The Act has two main purposes - to harmonise discrimination law and to strengthen the law to support the progress on equality.

The BLSP recognises that partners have a role in fulfilling both their organisation's, and the BLSP's commitment to Equal Opportunities, maintaining an environment that is free from discrimination, and in treating BLSP colleagues and the wider BLSP community/members of the public with respect.

In addition, the BLSP recognises that there is a social justice and business case for the BLSP to place equality and diversity centrally, to ensure that it addresses the needs of individuals and communities across the BLSP.

Social Justice

The BLSP recognises that it is morally just and right to treat people fairly and equitably. Inequality has an impact on individuals, their families, and the community. The impact of this can contribute to inequality in health, social care, education and employment thus reducing opportunities for individuals and communities to achieve their full potential and to actively participate in the economy of their community.

Business Case

There is a clear business case to integrate equality and diversity across all our activities and promote multiple ways of accessing services for all communities.

2.3 MEETING OUR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY OBJECTIVES

In order to ensure that equality and diversity is integrated into the work of the BLSP, an equality and diversity multi-agency task group and action plan will be developed. The task group will report via the Stronger Communities Group. The action plan will enable the BLSP to develop objectives linked to reducing inequality, and monitor progression of equality and diversity intervention across the BLSP.

2.4 DECLARATION OF INTENT

“As partners in the Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership we agree to abide by and vigorously promote the vision and protocols set out above.”

Ratified by the BLSP Board February 2010.

3. A SNAPSHOT OF RECENT PROGRESS

Economic Regeneration

- ▶ Backing Bassetlaw Loyalty Card Scheme (campaign to increase trade for local businesses – over 115 businesses signed up and 1200 of loyalty card holders).
- ▶ Retford Enterprise Centre – providing 26 units for new start and established businesses.
- ▶ Gateways to Employment – This is a scheme which provides training to increase employability skills of local unemployed people.
- ▶ Future Jobs Fund – 90 jobs created through 17 employers in Bassetlaw.
- ▶ LEADER (Bassetlaw/Newark & Sherwood) – £1.5m Grant scheme designed to support rural businesses. The current projects are expected to create an additional 18 jobs and over £25k increase in daytime tourism income per annum.
- ▶ Participatory budgeting exercise with Town Centre Forums – giving local businesses the say in how £10k will be spent in Retford and £10k in Worksop town centres.
- ▶ £1.5 m secured to fund Retford Market Square refurbishment.
- ▶ Taste of Bassetlaw – Competition to find a dish or ingredient that is distinctive to Bassetlaw and could be used to help market the District. The winner for 2010 was Mellors Farm Shop for Nottinghamshire Pasties.
- ▶ Attracting new businesses in to the area e.g. Laing O'Rourke.
- ▶ Completion of a detailed study in conjunction with Chesterfield Canal Partnership to establish need and demand for additional marina facilities.

Learning & Skills

- ▶ Bassetlaw Learning Communities Project – over 500 people supported into jobs or training.
- ▶ Celebrating success e.g. through coverage of local learning/employment success stories via Bassetlaw News and promotion of learning opportunities.
- ▶ Community Learning Champions – led by Nottinghamshire Champions Learning. The programme aims to recruit a minimum of 15 Learning Champion Mentors, 30 Community Learning Champions, and 900 people from target areas engaged in informal learning.
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Loves Learning – providing community taster events to celebrate learning in all its forms. A total of 18 activities took place across Bassetlaw during the Big Learning Weekend, one of the most successful involvements by the local community.
- ▶ Family Employment Initiative – from 2007 it has supported local unemployed people into sustainable employment through learning and volunteering opportunities.
- ▶ Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre – providing learning opportunities in life skills, environmental studies and teacher training. It is also a base for Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

Environment

- ▶ Achievement of Fairtrade Zone Status for the District.
- ▶ Wildlife Trail leaflet produced in conjunction with Economic Regeneration Sub Group.
- ▶ Further development of the Idle Valley site.
- ▶ Green Guide to Bassetlaw – published in Bassetlaw News and distributed to every household in the District.
- ▶ Green Flag Award – King's Park.
- ▶ BDC/NWT Partnership projects e.g. promotion of Nature Reserves.
- ▶ Engagement of Parish Councils in promotion of local community activities e.g. promoting positive environmental action and community environmental events.

Transport & Accessibility

- ▶ Development and roll-out of the Transport to Health Scheme. – pilot operating in Bassetlaw prior to a County roll-out.
- ▶ Re-development of the access to, and contra-flow within the Retford Hospital site in conjunction with NHS Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire County Council Highways.
- ▶ Real Time Bus Timetable roll-out.
- ▶ Ongoing review and development of community transport provision.
- ▶ Supporting the development and promotion of Bassetlaw Share a Ride (Travel to work scheme) which incorporates some of the Districts' largest employers – Wilkinson; B&Q; and Laing O'Rourke.

Health

- ▶ Bassetlaw Workplace Health Scheme – 9 employers signed up to increasing the health of their staff.
- ▶ Production of a Menu of Services available in Bassetlaw – a one-stop shop for information for front line staff.
- ▶ Promotion of Intergenerational activities e.g. Conference and set up of Bowling Club.
- ▶ Improvements to the GP Exercise Referral Scheme.
- ▶ More joined up delivery of health services in the community – based on learning from Manton Pathfinder.
- ▶ Enhanced service provision for alcohol treatment – specialist support available via GPs and in schools.
- ▶ Development of targeted services for Men's Health.

Children & Young People

- ▶ Support to the District's Play Partnership.
- ▶ Joint working between Bassetlaw Children and Young People Sub-Group, Social Services and Children's Centres.
- ▶ Identifying our local priorities in support of Nottinghamshire County Council's Children & Young People Plan, and the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement (NLAA).
- ▶ Support to the development of all local JATs (Joint Access Teams) linked to the Districts schools, including development of Co-ordinator function. This helps to identify service requirements and individual needs across the District.
- ▶ Additional Hospice provision secured for Bassetlaw children and young people via Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, South Yorkshire (previous service available in Loughborough).

Stronger Communities

- ▶ Set up Life Guide – web-based information system within BDC/BLSP/BCVS/A1 Housing /Hospital Trust/PCT/North Nottinghamshire College.
- ▶ Produced pocket sized information leaflets in the core languages used within the District – English, Polish, Punjabi, Urdu, Mandarin.
- ▶ Programme of targeted family support for migrant students and parents at Portland School inc. conversational English classes and citizenship support.
- ▶ DVD and Book produced on citizenship and promoting understanding between different cultures (part of Portland School Family Support Programme).
- ▶ Recruitment and training of specific Eastern European Advice Workers to operate within Bassetlaw Citizen Advice Bureaux.
- ▶ Supporting local community planning through Parish Plans, Village Design Statements, and regeneration initiatives.
- ▶ Bassetlaw Financial Inclusion Conference.
- ▶ Bassetlaw Financial Inclusion Forum and Strategy.
- ▶ Local Democracy Week activities.
- ▶ Worked with Bassetlaw District Council to create a permanent Strategic Arts Officer post.

Community Safety

- ▶ Reducing and preventing Anti-Social Behaviour.
- ▶ Burglary Initiative in conjunction with Safer Nottinghamshire Board – tackling Top 6 Streets in Bassetlaw with highest rates.
- ▶ ASB Initiatives in Langold & Harworth – e.g. Alcohol Free Dances; Community Fun Nights and BBQ's.
- ▶ Alcohol Action Plan for delivery in Worksop and Retford Town Centres – this includes an Alcohol leaflet and CD Rom that have been developed in partnership with Health and Young Potential. This is now being distributed to all pupils in secondary education receiving an input around alcohol.
- ▶ Domestic Violence Education Programme – reaching schools across Bassetlaw.
- ▶ Sandy Lane Assertive Outreach Project – working with disaffected young people and improving community confidence.
- ▶ Retford and Worksop Street Pastors – 30 volunteer, trained Street Pastors are contributing to the safety of our towns at night.
- ▶ Taxi Marshalls – helping people to get home safely after a night out in Retford or Worksop.
- ▶ 'Beat the Hoodie' Initiative – delivered by Vinolved recruiting young people as volunteers. Based in Carlton-in-Lindrick, aimed at 16-25 years olds and run through the year at Gateway Centre, involving activities such as beatbox workshop, DVD night, boxing gym, Wii night, film making, volunteering and themed information evenings.

4. SETTING THE VISION IN CONTEXT

4.1 NATIONAL

Every local authority must prepare a Community Strategy to promote or improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of their area and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom. This statutory duty, set out in the Local Government Act 2000, applies to both District and County Councils. The Sustainable Communities Act 2007 amended this legislation to rename “Community Strategies” “Sustainable Community Strategies”. The aim of this was to highlight the key role these strategies play in promoting sustainability.

A *Sustainable Community Strategy* should contain a long-term vision for an area combined with key priorities which can be achieved in the medium term. They allow difficult cross cutting issues to be tackled such as the economic future of an area, social exclusion and climate change.

The Sustainable Community Strategy is delivered through a *Local Strategic Partnership*. Local Strategic Partnerships are not statutory bodies. They are voluntary partnerships made up of representatives from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

4.2 REGIONAL

The partnership has always recognised the need to deliver local improvements in line with regional priorities. Previously we have ensured that planned developments support the delivery of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the Regional Economic Strategy. From 1 April 2010, the first Regional Strategy was formed by bringing the existing Regional Economic Strategy and Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) together.

However, the new Coalition Government has announced its intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies and reform the planning system under the Decentralisation and Localism Bill, announced as part of the Queen's Speech on 25th May 2010. The partnership will monitor progress of developments at a regional level, but at this stage cannot link to a set of agreed priorities. It will also work with relevant Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) that will replace the Regional Development Agencies. Bassetlaw is a partner with Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire LEP and the Sheffield City Region LEP.

4.3 COUNTY

Bassetlaw District Council is a partner in the delivery of Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020. The six priorities within the County Strategy of environment, children, community safety, health and well-being, prosperity and strong communities, align with BLSP priorities.

In compiling the evidence base for the Sustainable Community Strategy, County based research e.g. the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (health issues), the Nottinghamshire Strategic Assessment (community safety), Nottingham/Nottinghamshire's Draft Headline Economic Assessment (economy) have all been reviewed and taken account of in determining local priorities.

4.4 LOCAL

The Sustainable Community Strategy is the overarching strategy for promoting and improving the well-being of the area but it is not produced in isolation.

Local planning authorities are required to have regard to Sustainable Community Strategies covering the area. In Bassetlaw the priorities identified within the Local Development Framework's Publication Core Strategy are closely aligned to the priorities within the Sustainable Community Strategy i.e. employment, community regeneration, viable rural communities, climate change, and protecting and improving our natural and built environment – including open space. Activity across all these priority areas will also indirectly address health inequalities and, through good design on new developments, avert community safety risks.

The BLSP has been a key consultee in the preparations of the Local Development Framework. The BLSP Board has received regular updates on progress. The BLSP has also run a specific workshop so that key service providers in the area could meet the Bassetlaw District Council Planning Team, provide information on current/planned service delivery and to comment on the options for the future development of the District.

In developing the Sustainable Community Strategy's evidence base the intelligence about the area collected for the Local Development Framework has been considered. It is therefore not surprising and extremely positive that the priorities of the LDF and the Sustainable Community Strategy are aligned. The Sustainable Community Strategy has also taken account of partners plans in identifying its medium term priorities e.g. NHS Bassetlaw's Strategic Plan.

5. GOING LOCAL

Partners within the BLSP recognise that to make real changes in communities with multiple issues of concern requires a concerted effort by many different agencies. This work requires co-ordination and active community support. That is why the BLSP has asked that officers working for the Manton Community Alliance use their expertise to help co-ordinate neighbourhood work in other parts of the District that would benefit from this support. The Manton Community Alliance (MCA) has funding in place until December 2011. Therefore, from January 2011 – December 2011 MCA officers will spend a proportion of their time working in new areas of the District. The approach will have three strands:

- ▶ Targeted work in Areas of Choice – listed below
- ▶ Support for local groups to respond to community needs and changing circumstances
- ▶ Support for agencies wishing to engage with communities

5.1 WHICH AREAS WILL BE CHOSEN?

Criteria for Locality Working (Areas of Choice):

1. A neighbourhood that can show a local need for additional neighbourhood support (e.g. levels of deprivation indicated by their ranking on the Index of Multiple Deprivation).
2. An area where there is little or no neighbourhood management work, taking place.
3. An area with a long-standing concern that could quickly benefit from additional short-term support.

Areas Chosen:

The areas that have been initially chosen are as follows (this is not in priority order):

- ▶ Carlton
- ▶ Langold
- ▶ Worksop East (Kilton/Prospect)
- ▶ Parts of Retford

These are areas that have also been identified by partners like the Police and NHS Bassetlaw as priority areas.

The Aim of the Approach

- ▶ Understand community needs and aspirations
- ▶ Put the community at the centre of any work in localities
- ▶ Start to shape services to meet community needs – making them more effective, efficient and acceptable to local people
- ▶ Reduce silo working of agencies working in localities
- ▶ Develop a more collaborative way of working that reduces duplication – essential in times of budget constraints
- ▶ Harness the skills and talents of local residents – making them more confident and accountable for what happens in their communities.

6. OUR AMBITIONS

Enterprising Communities

Learning Communities

Sustainable Communities

Healthier Communities

Stronger Communities

Safer Communities

Supporting Children and Young People

Accessible Communities

The following pages outline our commitment to these eight specific areas, each of which will contribute directly to the achievement of our long-term vision, including a snapshot of the actions we aim to take over the next three years.



Lime Tree Avenue, Clumber Park

6.1 ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Increase economic prosperity in Bassetlaw

Priority 2: Create a climate for investment and competitiveness

Priority 3: Regenerate key areas within Bassetlaw

During a recent risk assessment exercise, the economy was identified by the Board as one of the top three risks to be addressed by the BLSP.



Retford Market Square

What we know

- ▶ Nationally the Government is addressing the country's budget deficit. In the short-term the affects of planned cuts to Government spending will have to be managed so that economic stability can be maintained and the economy can continue to grow.
- ▶ Forecasts suggest a slow recovery from the recession; the sectors which are likely to show future job growth include health, electrical, business services, construction and retail.
- ▶ Employment levels will began to rise from 2012 but are not expected to reach 2008 levels until 2018.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has relatively low economic activity and employment rates although it compares well with City Region neighbours.
- ▶ The District has a relatively self-contained workforce with 71% of its employed residents working in the District.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has relatively low enterprise rates and small firms have poorer survival rates than other parts of the County but performs better than many of its City Region neighbours on some measures of enterprise.
- ▶ There is a good supply of employment land and high levels of industrial and manufacturing units but lower levels of office space.
- ▶ Bassetlaw's workforce has larger percentages of workers in elementary occupations, personal service occupations and skilled trades occupations, compared to the region and Britain.
- ▶ Relative to the County average, the district has a high percentage working in manufacturing, fewer in construction and many fewer in the service sector.
- ▶ 7,700 jobs in the Worksop and Retford travel to work areas are in high and medium technology manufacturing.
- ▶ Productivity has been below the national average but better than much of the rest of Nottinghamshire and the Sheffield City Region.

- ▶ Estimates of the decline in GVA during 2009 suggest that Bassetlaw has seen the steepest decline of all County districts, probably due to the area's dependence on manufacturing.
- ▶ Our economy and labour market are directly affected by the low skills levels present within a number of communities in the District, including low numbers qualified to a higher level and high levels of worklessness.
- ▶ There are high levels of part-time work especially amongst women.
- ▶ We have high levels of disability and sickness benefit claimants.
- ▶ Full-time workers living in the District earn slightly less than their equivalent in the region (£446.5 compared to £449.6 in 2008) and over £30 less than the GB average (£479.3).
- ▶ Full-time workers employed within the District however earned on average £407.30 in 2008 almost £40 less than the regional average and £70 less than the GB average compared to the national average of £479.10. The disparity in earnings between workplace and residence can be explained by commuting patterns and people living in the District but working elsewhere to access higher paid jobs.
- ▶ For 2008/09, 330 migrant workers were registered as living in Bassetlaw – 14% of the total registering in the County.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	A more prosperous Nottinghamshire
BDC Corporate Plan 2010-2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 3.1 – Improve and develop the unique characteristic of our market towns ▶ 3.2 – Support our local businesses ▶ 3.3 – Invest in our local area and make the most of local infrastructure

What you tell us

- ▶ Local employers identify skills training, and knowledge economy jobs as future priorities.
- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Shopping Facilities: 24.17% (Ranked 6th out of 21)
Job prospects: 19.19% (Ranked 9th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
Job prospects: 24.81% (Ranked 5th out of 21)
Shopping facilities: 16.09% (Ranked 9th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Developed Worksop Creative Village at the canalside Worksop through £2.8 million of external funding.	▶ We have converted a former terrace of stables/garages into workspaces for 18 businesses in the creative sector (by January 2012) and developed a courtyard for exhibition space.
▶ Redeveloped the Market Square in Retford Town Centre.	▶ We have completed a 1.5m refurbishment of Retford Market Square providing improved facilities, lighting and access – to be completed March 2011.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Redeveloped the Market area in Worksop Town Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have opened the Savoy Cinema providing six screens and 960 seats at the top of Bridge Street – to be completed December 2011. ▶ 80-90 market stands are available within the main shopping area of Bridge Street, Worksop – to be completed January 2011.
▶ Developed an additional Marina area within the District.	▶ A further 150 canal berths have been developed with the site capable of expanding to 300 berths. It is hoped the development will incorporate a café and walk/cycle routes – to be completed Spring 2013.
▶ Re-developed one local Community Building through the installation of Renewable Energy (£14,500 LAA Reward Grant).	▶ One community building has been redeveloped using a sustainable approach allowing use of the income generated from solar panels to off-set the costs of running the community venue.

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ By 2020 Bassetlaw will be a District that supports local business, encourages ambition and champions entrepreneurship. We strive for a community with low unemployment, a diverse and environmentally sustainable economy, thriving high streets, and strong commercial links.

6.2 LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Support the effective engagement of Bassetlaw communities in learning activity.

Priority 2: Rural and Community/Outreach Education Provision

Priority 3: Raising Attainment and Aspirations

Priority 4: Increase employment and economic activity rates by supporting workforce development

Priority 5: Act as a Networking/Liaison Body for local providers

During a recent risk assessment exercise,, education and attainment was identified by the Board as one of the top three risks to be addressed by the BLSP.



Citizenship Class, Portland School

What we know

- ▶ Central Government has stated that a highly educated and skilled workforce will be key to our economy's future.
- ▶ Locally we promote learning through a comprehensive network of training providers. This is helping to meet the current and future needs of the local economy including the higher level skills needed for a knowledge-based economy.
- ▶ Educational performance in Bassetlaw is average at early Key Stages.
- ▶ GCSE results are worse than many City Region neighbours and worse than the County and national averages.
- ▶ The District has 19% of its resident working age population with NVQ4 level qualifications but 20% with no qualifications.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has one of the highest absence rates from school in the County.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has relatively high rates of young people aged 16-18 years not in employment, education or training.
- ▶ We have an ageing workforce – we have 20,000 people aged 65 years or over. By 2025 this will have risen to over 30,000.
- ▶ Population projections estimate that the number of 15-64 year olds will fall by 8.4% by 2029 – also indicating a decline in the size of the District's workforce.
- ▶ The District provides significant opportunities for outdoor learning, land-based skills development and job creation. This is the primary aim of the Idle Valley Rural Learning Centre led by North Nottinghamshire College in partnership with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, which is aiming to become a centre of excellence. These are key initiatives following the national manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom aimed at providing high quality experiences for young people.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	A more prosperous Nottinghamshire

What you tell us

- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Education provision: 22.70% (Ranked 7th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ Seven in ten (69%) of those who are still in education expect to work full-time when they have completed all of their education. One in twenty (4%) expect that they will do an apprenticeship and three per cent specify that they will get a job with 'on the job training'.
(NCC Young Peoples Survey, 2010)
- ▶ On the whole, young people in Nottinghamshire are positive about their school days. The vast majority feel/felt emotionally and physically safe (both 87%). 84 percent feel they are/were treated the same as other young people, while three quarters say they are/were happy at school (77%), that they feel/felt encouraged to do well (75%) and that the subjects taught are/were relevant to them (73%).
(NCC Young Peoples Survey, 2010)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased Learner and Employer Participation in Apprenticeships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have delivered a comprehensive apprenticeship programme including 4 new programmes by 2012; increased participation of employers with more than 20 staff to 40% by 2012; and increased the number of employers participating in more than one curriculum area to 15% by 2012.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a Vocational Skills Centre at Serlby Park School by 2012 (£60,000 LAA Reward Grant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have created a centre of vocational excellence delivering accredited training programmes for 14-18 age group, available to pupils across the District by December 2012.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed and delivered a targeted training programme for local businesses (£42,000 LAA Reward Grant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have supported a minimum of 85 learners through a subsidised training programme, match funded by employers by December 2011.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased basic skills levels of those in employment (£28,000 LAA Reward Grant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have supported a minimum of 40 learners to achieve Entry Level Basic Skills qualifications by December 2011.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised Literacy Standards at primary level (£4,900 LAA Reward Grant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have raised literacy levels across pupils and parents through a pilot at Worksop Priory CofE School with a view to roll-out across other primary schools in the Portland Family in year 2 of the pilot by September 2012.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised the GCSE pass rate at Portland Comprehensive School to reach the target of 44% 5 A* to C including Maths and English for the summer of 2011 (£6,000 LAA Reward Grant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have supported 300 Year 11 students at Portland School to achieve higher grades in Business Studies, English, Maths, Public Services, Science, and Design and Technology projects through providing additional teaching resources and motivational support from local businesses – August 2011.

What will we do by 2020?

- By 2020 attainment will have increased at all levels and across all age groups. Our activities will have addressed specific client groups where we know there are skills and attainment shortfalls.

6.3 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

**Priority 2: Promotion/Awareness Raising of
environmental issues**

**Priority 3: Conserve and expand areas of open green
space**

Priority 4: Achieve cleaner and greener public spaces



The Canch and Former Worksop Library

What we know

- ▶ The Government believes that we need to protect the environment for future generations, make our economy more environmentally sustainable. It believes we need to do more to protect biodiversity and encourage sustainable food production.
- ▶ Bassetlaw's environment is one of its key assets.
- ▶ We have approximately 19 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), which cover approximately 1,459 hectares.
- ▶ 295 local wildlife sites (Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation – SINCs). (As at October 2010, records updated every six months.)
- ▶ Local residents report high and growing satisfaction with the quality of local parks and open spaces.
- ▶ Residents seem satisfied with standards of street cleanliness.
- ▶ % of household waste recycled 2009/10 – 22.80% above the target of 21%.
- ▶ We operate at Grading 1 (Very Effective) for Improved street and environmental cleanliness (fly tipping) – this means that enforcement actions have increased and incidents of fly-tipping have decreased. This performance outturn for 2009/10 exceeds the target of Grading 2 – Effective.
- ▶ We have 126.37 hectares of Bassetlaw District Council land registered as Local Nature Reserve within Bassetlaw, across 3 sites – Langold Country Park, Retford Cemetery; Woodsetts Pond (June 2010). This equates to 1.14 hectares per 1000 population (using mid-2009 population estimates – 111,300).
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has 14 reserve sites in the District covering 453.71 hectares. 16.2 hectares of this is designated Local Nature Reserve – Daneshill Gravel Pits.
- ▶ Achieved 1 Green Flag Award for Kings' Park, Retford (2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11), other existing green spaces are being redeveloped using these principles.
- ▶ Reduction in CO₂ emissions by 13.3% across the District during 2009/10, exceeding the target of 1.5% reduction.

- ▶ Bassetlaw currently has one private Local Nature Reserve – Daneshill Lake.
- ▶ RSPB has one reserve site within the District at Beckingham Marshes. It is hoped that this will become a designated Local Nature Reserve in the near future.
- ▶ A Green Infrastructure Study has been completed. This will ensure that green infrastructure is considered as part of development plans.
- ▶ Bassetlaw District Council has recently adopted a Climate Change Strategy that aims to have an annual reduction in the Council's CO₂ emissions of 1.5% for the next three years.
- ▶ The proposed Sherwood Forest Regional Park boundary extends into the District and provides opportunities to develop the tourism and visitor economy based on the outstanding natural environment.
- ▶ Conservation of biodiversity requires a landscape-scale approach, providing increased resilience and connectivity of habitats to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Bassetlaw contributes to three major landscape-scale initiatives in the Trent Vale, Sherwood Forest and Idle Valley, through management, restoration and recreation of important habitats and conservation of species.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	A greener Nottinghamshire
BDC Corporate Plan 2010-2013	2.1 – Enhance green open space within the district for community and leisure use

What you tell us

- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Clean Streets: 35.93% (Ranked 3rd out of 21)
Access to Nature: 19.19% (Ranked 10th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
Clean Streets: 26.04% (Ranked 4th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When developing the new Core Strategy for the District (Planning Framework) there was strong support for promoting green infrastructure, where appropriate and possible, in relation to new developments, provided it was in line with a clear Green Infrastructure Strategy. Similarly, open space provision should be developed in relation to local need, as established through the District Council's Open Space and Sports Facilities Studies. (Consultation feedback to draft Core Strategy, 2010)
- ▶ That any new development in environmentally sensitive areas should be supported by planning policy in relation to landscape character. (Consultation feedback to draft Core Strategy, 2010)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Supported the implementation of Bassetlaw District Councils' Climate Change Strategy.	▶ We have reduced the per capita CO ₂ emissions in the local authority area: an annual reduction of 1.5% for the next three years.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Created a new RSPB reserve at Beckingham Marshes – 5 year development 2010-2015.	▶ We have created 89Ha of floodplain, grazing marsh and Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitat at Beckingham Marshes. This will include an accessible nature reserve area, community education projects, and regeneration of identified species populations, with the aim for of gaining Local Nature Reserve Status at the site by 2013.
▶ Developed a revised Nature Conservation Strategy for the District.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developed at least one additional Local Nature Reserve. ▶ We have designated at least 3 additional Blue Butterfly sites. ▶ Through the Council's Planning policies, where appropriate, we have secured developer contributions for the creation, enhancement and improved access to sites of open green space.
▶ Developed Idle Valley Nature Reserve in conjunction with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (£23,000 LAA Reward Grant).	▶ We have created a 450Ha nature reserve at Idle Valley linked to the wider Humberhead Levels landscape area, including the development of a Visitor Centre.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if..:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Designed and produced a regular Green Guide promoting local environment based events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have produced at least 3 Green Guides per annum.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Supported the development of Bassetlaw District Councils' Waste Minimisation Action Plan – 5 year plan 2011-2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have increased recycling rates to 25% and are successfully implementing the actions across the eight themes within the Waste Minimisation Action Plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Maintained the Green Flag Award for King's Park and secured one additional award for other key sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have maintained the award for King's Park and submitted an application in January 2011 for the 2011 awards, and in subsequent years. ▶ Produced a Management Plan for The Canch, Worksop and submitted an application for the awards in 2012.

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ By 2020 green infrastructure will be an integral part of the development process, ensuring that all people and places in Bassetlaw benefit from a strong network of multifunctional greenspaces.
- ▶ All new developments will be zero carbon by 2016.

6.4 HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Reduce smoking prevalence within the population, reduce impact of second-hand smoke

Priority 2: To reduce prevalence of obesity within the population

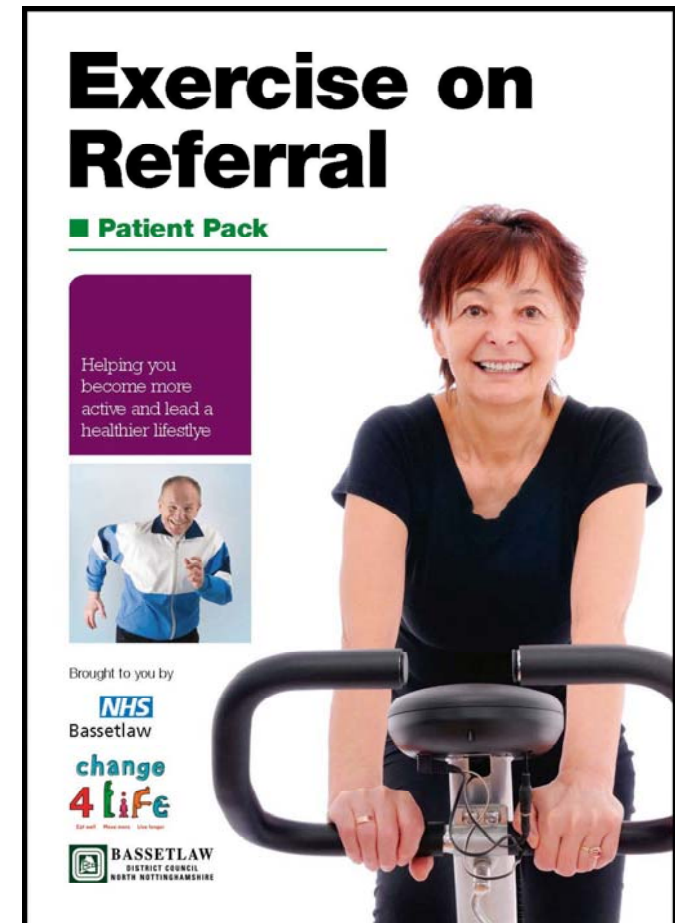
Priority 3: To reduce sexual health infection rates within the Bassetlaw population

Priority 4: Address the adverse effects of alcohol on the population of Bassetlaw

Priority 5: To improve emotional health and well-being and social inclusion

Priority 6: To promote health, well-being and active life in older age in Bassetlaw

Priority 7: To deliver on cross-cutting themes of importance to health in Bassetlaw



What we know

- ▶ Nationally the health service is facing radical change. The proposed restructuring of the NHS set out in the White Paper *Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS* will transform the way health care is commissioned. Clearly this will impact on local delivery. The Health Sub-Group will keep these changes under review and try to ensure that Bassetlaw people maintain access to high quality health services.
- ▶ Health is generally worse than the average for England.
- ▶ Obesity levels in adults and deaths from smoking are worse than the average for England.
- ▶ It is estimated that 23% of adults smoke and 17.7% of adults binge drink, which is not significantly different for the England average.
- ▶ In recent years deaths from all causes have decreased in both men and women in Bassetlaw.
- ▶ Levels of deprivation, drug misuse, hospital stays for alcohol related harm, hip fractures in over 65s are all worse than the average for England.
- ▶ Health inequalities are related to levels of deprivation and gender; men from the most deprived areas have four years shorter life expectancy than men in the least deprived areas.
- ▶ There is a concentration of health deprivation in the west of the District, as well as Retford, Tuxford and Trent wards.
- ▶ Life expectancy at birth is lower than regional and national averages.
- ▶ Teenage conceptions have fallen and now match the regional rate.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has a low rate of adults undertaking regular physical activity – 88.9% of adults do not participate in the recommended 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least 3 times per week, which is similar to the national average.

- ▶ It has been estimated that only 23.1% of adults eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day, which is significantly worse than the England average.
- ▶ The needs of our diverse communities are considered when designing and delivering services e.g. ethnic minority groups, gypsies and travellers, homeless people and offenders.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	Health and well-being for all

What you tell us

- ▶ 71.1% feel that they have good health (Place Survey 2008).
- ▶ 79% of residents are satisfied with local NHS services (Nottinghamshire Listens: Improving Access to Customer Services Survey May 2008).
- ▶ 89% prioritise getting an appointment with a GP when you need one (Nottinghamshire Listens: Improving Access to Customer Services Survey May 2008).
- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Health Services: 37.27% (Ranked 2nd out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
Health Services: 8.19% (Ranked 15th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduced smoking prevalence and alcohol consumption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We reduce smoking by achieving 900, 4-week quitters by March 31st 2011, and have increased quitters to 1000 per 100,000 population in 2013/14. ▶ There is reduced absenteeism in the workplace, with a % reduction in the number of those drinking at harmful or dependant levels. This will help to meet the LAA target for 2010/11 for NI39 (rate of alcohol-related hospital admissions) of 1264 per 100,000 population, and the Bassetlaw target for 2013/14 of 1352 per 100,000 population.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduced obesity across all age groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Weight management programmes are available in a range of settings and accessible to local people who are either classed as overweight or obese. ▶ At least 40 front line staff from a range of settings are trained to provide brief intervention for weight management and healthy eating. ▶ We have increased provision of healthy walks and practical land management to prevent ill health and promote active lifestyles.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Improved emotional health and well-being. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ There is a reduction in the number of people of working age on out of work benefits due to ill-health/mental health issues (Target for NI152 of 13.9% by March 2011).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Encouraged more older people to adopt an active lifestyle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have developed a District-wide falls strategy during 2010 and successfully implemented the agreed actions. ▶ We have developed 4 'cross generational' initiatives by March 31st 2011.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developed and implemented a neighbourhood management approach to delivering health service provision in our most deprived communities, with services designed in partnership with local people based on their needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have delivered a targeted neighbourhood management approach to service delivery into three identified priority areas by March 31st 2011. This will help reduce health inequalities between the best and worst wards by 10% and close the gap between Bassetlaw and the national average by 2014.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if..:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted all health interventions under the national brand 'Change 4 Life' to enable people to recognise the concept and the consistent messages it is trying to portray. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 workplaces have signed up to the Bassetlaw 'Well-being' at Work Scheme, and have achieved bronze award by March 31st 2011.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced sexual health infection (STIs) rates within the Bassetlaw population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a reduced rate of STIs in the Bassetlaw population as indicated by e.g. Health Protection Agency rates of chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhoea. This will be achieved through screening programmes (chlamydia), improved access to Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) Clinic (48 hour access targets – 100% offered an appointment within 48 hours, 95% to be seen within 48 hours), health promotion and education to promote safe sex.

What will we do by 2020?

- By 2020 we want to see the health of Bassetlaw residents improved and health inequalities reduced in the areas of highest deprivation

6.5 STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Support active engagement in local community groups and decision-making bodies

Priority 2: Support local arts and cultural provision

Priority 3: Promote thriving communities that get on well together

Priority 4: Support integration of migrant communities

Priority 5: Support development of a thriving voluntary sector



The Canch Fountain Pool, Worksop

What we know

- ▶ The Government's vision is to see a shift of power away from Westminster to Councils, communities and homes across the nation and create a free, fair and responsible Big Society. Locally the Stronger Communities Sub-Group will support the achievement of this ambition.
- ▶ The development of strong cohesive communities cannot happen in isolation of the work being led by the other Sub-Groups of the BLSP. Without a strong economy and accessible jobs our residents will not have disposable income to enjoy cultural or leisure activities. Equally if there is fear of crime, residents may not want to engage in local community activities.
- ▶ The District has a population of 111,600 (mid 2009 estimate, ONS) with 49,800 households (tax based calculation, 31/03/10). Between 1991 and 2005, Bassetlaw recorded the third highest increase in population in Nottinghamshire at 5.63%.
- ▶ The District has a very small BME population with 2001 census recording 1.5% from those groups although this seems to have increased to 3.6 % by mid-2006 population estimates.
- ▶ Our rural communities are very diverse ranging from small market towns and former mining communities, to very small hamlets. Based on DEFRA's Rural Definition between 50-80% of the population lives in what they classify as a rural area.
- ▶ Parts of Bassetlaw's rural communities are in the former rural coalfield, which face many challenges more common with inner urban areas of major cities, including poor health, high benefits dependency, low educational attainment and poor housing.
- ▶ We have one Round 2 Pathfinder within the Worksop South East area – Manton Community Alliance – which has won awards for its approaches to regenerating the community through its engagement techniques. These approaches are now being piloted in other areas of the District that also suffer from deprivation across a range of factors.
- ▶ We provide targeted support to our migrant communities which have grown in the area since the accession of the A8 countries in to the European Union: Czech Republic; Estonia; Hungary; Latvia; Lithuania; Poland; Slovakia; Slovenia. We have also been fortunate to receive funding through the Nottinghamshire LAA 2008-2011 of £150,000 to support this work.
- ▶ We have a very active voluntary and community sector, which provides a range of support services in local communities alongside mainstream provision.
- ▶ 8 Parish Plans have been produced to date with others being considered which sets out the priorities of those communities.
- ▶ The areas experiencing the highest deprivation levels have remained constant over three decades
- ▶ Sheffield City Region Research points out that 32% of Bassetlaw's residents fall within the 20% most deprived areas in England but this is considerably better than the average across the sub-region (37.4%).

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A place where Nottinghamshire's children achieve their full potential ▶ Making Nottinghamshire's communities stronger
BDC Corporate Plan 2010-2013	1.3 Engage and Communicate with our customers

What you tell us

All of the following facts are taken from the Place Survey 2008:

- ▶ 73.5% are satisfied with their local area as a place to live
- ▶ 25.3% agree that they can influence decisions affecting their local area.
- ▶ 24% would like to be more involved in decisions that affect their local area.
- ▶ 58.6% feel that they strongly belong to their immediate neighbourhood
- ▶ Over the last 12 months, 22% have given unpaid help to a group/club or organisation at least once per month.
- ▶ 15.1% have been involved in a group that makes decisions affecting their local area.
- ▶ 72.8% feel that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Community activities: 9.60% (Ranked 17th out of 21)
Cultural facilities: 7.37% (Ranked 18th out of 21)

- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
Community activities: 15.33% (Ranked 10th out of 21)
Cultural facilities: 4.33% (Ranked 18th out of 21)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developed a District-wide Events Calendar across partner agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have developed a web-based calendar that promotes active participation of residents in community activity and reduces duplication in publicity by agencies – to be fully operational Autumn 2011.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Developed an Artists' Network to work alongside the Dance Network already in operation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have secured the creation of community art pieces/programmes within our town centres/parks promoting Bassetlaw as a hub for arts and culture (Supported by £5,000 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Created new links to the travelling community and improved access to service provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have developed an awareness-raising programme for service providers on the needs of the Travelling community – working with RCAN Travelling Together Team (Supported by £230 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Developed and implemented a Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy and Action Plan, further supporting the delivery of services to our local communities.	▶ We have developed and delivered a programme of training events to voluntary and community sector organisations, supporting the adaptation to changing financial resources and the delivery of 'Big Society' (Supported by £1,500 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).
▶ Developed opportunities for engagement and to influence decision-making.	▶ We have increased the number of volunteers within Bassetlaw on BCVS Involve database and increased the number of members involved in the 25 community organisations linked to Bassetlaw District Council through its Link Officer initiative.
▶ Delivered improved access to advice and guidance for migrant workers/ residents by the CAB.	▶ We have recruited 9 Eastern European Advice Workers (Supported by £9,000 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Delivered a targeted programme of Intergenerational Activities.	▶ Reduced tensions in targeted communities between old and young people through sports activities (Bowls), gardening schemes, cooking programmes – providing a skills transfer and generating community spirit (Supported by £5,000 LAA Community Cohesion Funding). Complete by 2013.
▶ Delivered a range of Conversational English programmes to aid integration of migrant children and their families into the community.	▶ Programmes have been delivered within Portland and Elizabethan School Families, with support from North Nottinghamshire College and the services mainstreamed beyond March 2011 (Supported by a total of £14,345.50 in LAA Community Cohesion Funding grants).

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ Our vision is to have vibrant and active communities in Bassetlaw.

6.6 SAFER COMMUNITIES

**Priority 1: To reduce levels of Anti Social Behaviour
across the Partnership area**

**Priority 2: To reduce the rate of burglary across the
Partnership area**

**Priority 3: To reduce the rate of violent crime across the
Partnership area**

**Priority 4: Reduce the rate of vehicle crime across the
Partnership area**

Priority 5: Improve Public Confidence



**Working with residents in Sandy Lane, Worksop, as part of a
Community Safety Partnership Week of Action**

What we know

- ▶ Bassetlaw works in a merged Community Safety Partnership (CSP) with Newark and Sherwood, which reflects the current boundaries of the Police B Division. It is made up of a number of statutory partners i.e. local authorities, Police, Fire and Rescue, Primary Care Trusts as well as business, community/voluntary sector representatives and agencies linked to the Criminal Justice System.
- ▶ Vehicle crime and vehicle related anti-social behaviour both rank very highly – the worst rates in the county.
- ▶ Anti-social behaviour has fallen by 6% across the Community Safety Partnership area (Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood) but remains relatively high.
- ▶ Theft from vehicles accounts for 50% of all serious acquisitive crime and burglary for a further 25%.
- ▶ The Community Safety Partnership recorded a reduction of 17% in youth related rowdy behaviour and 28% in youth related vehicle nuisance (Comparison from Oct 08-Sept 09 with Oct 07 and Sept 08, CSP Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment 08-09).
- ▶ In addition to the five priority areas for the Community Safety Partnership it has also identified four geographical areas that account for 25% of the crime in the Partnership area.
- ▶ These have been called “**Partnership Plus**” areas. All the members of the Partnership will work closely in these four locations to tackle the multiple problems that exist. These are Worksop South East; East Retford West; Castle Ward, Newark; and Ollerton and Boughton.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	A safer Nottinghamshire
BDC Corporate Plan 2010-2013	2.2 – Increase public reassurance through community safety initiatives

What you tell us

- ▶ 48% of Bassetlaw residents feel safe where they live compared to 37% of Ashfield residents and 66% of Rushcliffe residents. (Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ The 2008 Place Survey said that ‘teenagers hanging around on streets’ was the top priority for Nottinghamshire residents. 52% of Nottinghamshire residents felt that parents did not take enough responsibility for the behaviour of their children.
- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
The level of crime: 46.64% (Ranked 1st out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
The level of crime: 32.88% (Ranked 2nd out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Reduced Dwelling Burglary by 18% by 2011.	▶ We have delivered annual seasonal campaigns i.e. Dark Nights, running from early Autumn up to Christmas.
▶ Reduced Autocrime by 18% by 2011.	▶ We have delivered a range of annual high profile media campaigns to raise community awareness, working with neighbouring authorities. ▶ We have delivered targeted initiatives with Police to tackle autocrime.
▶ Reduced adult re-offending by 5%.	▶ We have developed 'pathways out of offending' information and toolkits for probation/ youth offending services – 4 Pathways Officers to be employed by Sherwood Plus.
▶ Reduced repeat victimisation for Burglary Dwelling by 15%.	▶ We have completed detailed offender / victim profiles within Partnership Plus areas, identifying the top 10 victims and perpetrators. This will include problem profiles of the main offenders in partnership plus areas.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Achieved a 5% increase in the number of people who feel that ASB is being dealt with effectively by the police and other local public services.	▶ We have delivered a range of anti-social behaviour diversionary activities in Partnership Plus areas e.g. increased number of young people accessing programmes, and improved parental participation at the Centre for Sport & Learning and Manton Athletic Club. ▶ We have implemented an 'Off Watch' Scheme with Licensed Shopkeepers to reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour. ▶ We ensure full use of licensing powers in 'Partnership Plus areas – using information from the Pub Watch scheme, including increased use of drink banning orders.
▶ Reduced Assault with Injury by 8%.	▶ We have delivered targeted publicity campaigns to reduce ASB and violence i.e. during World Cup/European competitions. ▶ We have developed a domestic violence outreach service for migrant families following a pilot project during 2010-11 (Supported by £11,886 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduce the number of high risk repeat victims of domestic abuse by 30%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Deliver 'Operation AWARD' (partnership between Police and domestic Violence Workers) during high-risk times of the year i.e. Christmas, Sporting events (Football Cup Competitions) to known perpetrators of domestic violence.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 15% reduction in the number of criminal damage offences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Implemented an improved CCTV service across the District, including use of mobile units in rural areas (£100,000 LAA Reward Grant).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduction in deliberate secondary fires. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have delivered early intervention and education targeting offenders in locations susceptible to secondary fires – led by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Delivered targeted crime prevention in two 'partnership plus' areas – Worksop South East and East Retford West. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have implemented a 'Family Intervention Project' across Partnership Plus areas (£45,000 LAA Reward Grant).

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ We want everyone who lives, works or visits Bassetlaw to feel that it is safe and welcoming. By 2020 we will have tackled the communities that are most affected by current high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. We will not simply try to reduce crime but address its underlying causes.

6.7 SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Priority 1: Improve and support emotional well-being of children and young people and promote positive mental health

Priority 2: Reduce the number of teenage pregnancies and support young mothers

Priority 3: Support parents and encourage positive relationships while enabling involvement in children/young people's development

Priority 4: Reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and promote healthy living

Priority 5: Increase the aspirations of young people and support increased attainment and positive contribution

Priority 6: Ensure the safety of children and young people and reduce the risks to children and young people

Priority 7: Support disabled children, young people and their families and those transitioning to adult care/those in respite care



Sturton-le-Steeple Play Area

What we know:

- ▶ The main key area of policy development for the group is the re-shaping of the NHS through the White Paper *Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS* as mentioned previously in the Healthier Communities section.
- ▶ The Sub-Group provides opportunities for close inter-agency working and these links must be maintained. The approach has enabled risks to be managed, joint working to be identified and investment to be targeted.
- ▶ In order to prepare for these changes, the Children and Young People Sub-Group is ensuring that there is a sound evidence base in place in order to advise the new Commissioning bodies as to identified need and partners that could be involved in service delivery.
- ▶ The Countywide Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011 is the main strategic document and this follows the national Every Child Matters priorities (now replaced by Help Children Achieve More).
- ▶ In 2009 39.0% of Bassetlaw pupils achieved 5 GCSEs A*-C including English and Mathematics – the lowest in the County.
- ▶ The prevalence of obesity of boys at the end of primary school is significantly higher in Bassetlaw (29.7%) than the regional average of 19.5%.
- ▶ 10% of reception age children are classed as obese which is not significantly different from the England average (2007/08).
- ▶ The number of children in Bassetlaw with Special Educational Needs is higher than the County average – 21.7%.
- ▶ 13% of school age children receive free school meals, the second highest in Nottinghamshire.
- ▶ In 2009/10 there was a 30% increase the number of children with a child protection plan.
- ▶ In 2009/10 crimes against children have gone down.
- ▶ 30% decrease in numbers killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.
- ▶ 64% of Bassetlaw Schools are accredited with Healthy Schools Status.
- ▶ 60% of primary schools are delivering social emotional aspects of learning.
- ▶ Teenage pregnancy in under 18's is 42.3%, which is not significantly different from the England average. However there are hotspots within the District including Worksop South East, Carlton in Lindrick, Worksop East and Harworth.
- ▶ Bassetlaw has a lower number of children in poverty than the England average with 19.2% of children living in families receiving means tested benefits compared to 22.4% nationally.
- ▶ Children's health in Bassetlaw is similar to the England average. Levels of breast-feeding initiation and physical activity of children in schools are worse than the national average.
- ▶ Low birth weight is a major cause of infant mortality and is an important indicator of future health. Two key contributors to low birth weight are smoking during pregnancy and poor diet in mothers.
- ▶ Total number of schools that have achieved National Healthy Schools Status (NHSS) in Bassetlaw = 47 out of 59 participating = 79.7%
 - ▶ Primary schools that have achieved NHSS = 41 out of 51 participating = 80.4%
 - ▶ Secondary Schools that have achieved NHSS = 4 out of 6 participating = 66.7%
 - ▶ Special Schools that have achieved NHSS = 1 out of 1 participating = 100%
 - ▶ Learning Centres that have achieved NHSS = 1 out of 1 participating = 100%

Key Links

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	A place where Nottinghamshire's children achieve their full potential

What you tell us

- ▶ When asked what is most important in making somewhere a good place to live, you said:
Activities for teenagers: 24.40% (Ranked 5th out of 21)
Facilities for young children: 13.98% (Ranked 13th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ When asked what most needs improving, you said:
Activities for teenagers: 45.70% (Ranked 1st out of 21)
Facilities for young children: 20.95% (Ranked 6th out of 21)
(Place Survey 2008)
- ▶ In the 2008 'Tell us' survey, Nottinghamshire's children and young people say they feel less safe in their communities than the national average and are concerned about bullying, although not significantly different from the national average.

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduced the prevalence of pregnant smokers from 23% to 15% (at the point of delivery) and reduced the number of young smokers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We achieve a reduction in pregnant smokers from 23% to 15% (at the point of delivery) by 2011. ▶ We have successfully delivered a pilot in Manton Children's Centre of a 'Me2' programme to support pregnant smokers to quit, utilising alternative therapies. ▶ We have developed and implemented a toolkit in schools to help educate young people and prevent them from starting to smoke.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduced prevalence of obesity across the population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 20 schools and early years settings signed up to the tier one 'Change 4 Life 0-11's' programme by March 31st 2011, all to have their own action plan and be successfully delivering activities. ▶ We deliver an ongoing Tier 1 and Tier 2 Family Weight Management Programme. ▶ We are successfully delivering a tier two children's weight management programme.

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 100% of Bassetlaw schools continue to embed the principles of the Healthy Schools Status (NHSS) for Sex and Relationship Education (72% meet the current standard). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ All schools have been actively supported to embed the replacement initiative for the Healthy Schools Status and meet the recognised standard – currently 72% have NHSS Gold Standard for Sex and relationship Education. ▶ All secondary schools operate a GOLD standard Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) Service.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Improved attainment at Foundation Stage in all schools receiving Sure Start support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We are delivering targeted work in foundation stage across all Sure Start settings to address low attainment rather than waiting for the first formal assessment at 5 years.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Improved emotional health and well-being services for 13-19 year olds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We have successfully implemented a new programme for 13-19 year olds – Improving Access to Psychological Therapies, a “talking therapy” based service, aimed at people with mild to moderate depression or anxiety.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Improved service provision for disabled children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Through a countywide approach we have delivered improved access to short breaks (Bassetlaw was part of the countywide pilot for this), reviewed residential accommodation, improved work on palliative care for children, provided greater support to children with special educational needs, and supported the work of special schools.

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ We want every child to live in a safe and carefree environment and receive the support and encouragement they need to reach their full potential.

6.8 ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES

Priority 1: Monitor and influence the transport to health project in Bassetlaw

Priority 2: Maintain and develop existing transport and accessibility services for Bassetlaw

Priority 3: Identify and address gaps in service provision



Bassetlaw Community Minibus

What we know:

- ▶ According to the Census 2001 – 41.7% of Bassetlaw's population is rural and lives outside the main centres of Worksop and Retford. The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ranks this even higher stating that between 50-80% of the population live in a rural area.
- ▶ Service delivery in rural areas is heavily influenced by the ability to access services and facilities. In a District as rural as Bassetlaw this is a challenge.
- ▶ Transport is a means to enable people to access employment, education, health services, shopping, leisure and other services. It is the role of this Sub-Group to work with Nottinghamshire County Council and service providers in the area to make sure that services are located in places most accessible to residents and that transport links are as comprehensive as possible.
- ▶ Bus shelters are being replaced following residents concerns through liaison with NCC Highways.
- ▶ Residents are happy with the new Bus Station in Retford and the level of service that is now provided.
- ▶ Through NCC Mobility Strategy we know there is a desire for a community mini-bus provision. This is now in place and the service is being developed.
- ▶ Local Community Car Schemes are seen as an essential lifeline for many older people in Bassetlaw
- ▶ Bassetlaw Share a Ride is increasing access to employment and key services in areas that are not well served by public transport.

Key Links:

Strategy	Priority
Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020	▶ A Greener Nottinghamshire

What you tell us:

The following information is taken from Bassetlaw Citizens' Panel Survey, November 2006:

- ▶ In the long-term (the next 6-10 years) 28% believe that *low volume of traffic* should also be prioritised, in addition to facilities for *pedestrians & cyclists* (20%).
- ▶ Over three fifths (81%) of panel members do not use community transport to access the Council services. Therefore, a significantly smaller proportion of panel members (10%) do use community transport for this purpose while one in twelve (8%) are unaware or believe the transport to be unavailable.
- ▶ Panel members living in *Langold* (56%), *East Retford West* (18%), and *Worksop East* (18%) are most likely to use community transport, as are those out of work (19%).
- ▶ 52% of all panel members agree that Bassetlaw has sufficient access to regional, national and international networks while just 17% are in disagreement.
- ▶ 39% of panel members disagree that Bassetlaw people can access jobs and key service using public transport/ walking, thereby reducing dependence on cars. In contrast, 22% agree that this goal is currently being met.

What are our key projects in the next three years?

By 2013 we will have:	We will know if we have succeeded if...:
▶ Established a Community Minibus Service.	▶ We have purchased a Minibus by the end of 2010 and developed effective marketing plans to widen transport access for community groups.
▶ Improved access to main shopping areas/connecting bus routes in Worksop Town Centre.	▶ We have lobbied, alongside other partners, for the development of a new Bus Station in Worksop.
▶ Implemented 'Real Time' bus service information.	▶ We have successfully implemented 'Real Time' bus service information in Worksop and established a delivery programme for roll-out in Retford.
▶ Ensured continued provision of community transport schemes in rural communities.	▶ We have successfully maintained Bassetlaw Community Car Scheme beyond March 2011 providing vital access to key services and community activities for vulnerable adults and those without easy access to mainstream public transport provision/private transport (Funded by £16,600 LAA Community Cohesion Funding).

What will we do by 2020?

- ▶ By 2020 providers of services will have regard to the geography of the District when locating services and transport providers will deliver a service that enables residents to access leisure, health and employment opportunities.

7. OUR PERFORMANCE AND FINANCES

7.1 OUR PERFORMANCE

The performance of the BLSP is managed by its Board on a quarterly basis. Each of its thematic groups are expected to report on the implementation of projects and progress in meeting targets.

Progress reports will also go to Bassetlaw District Council's Cabinet and to partners Boards and Executives.

7.2 OUR FINANCES

Historically the Partnership has been run based on financial contributions from the key service providers in the District and through the goodwill and commitment of partners.

It has also received funds to tackle community cohesion (£150,000 from 2008-2011) and has recently received funding via the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement Reward Grant (£349,000 for 2010/11 – 50% capital/50% revenue).



Tuxford Windmill

8. GLOSSARY

Term	Acronym	Definition
A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd	A1	A not-for-profit housing management company set up by a council to manage its housing stock, whilst retaining ownership and control. The board of directors must include tenants and independent people with relevant experience and may also include other members of the local community.
Anti Social Behaviour	ASB	Section 1(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines acting in an anti-social manner as: <i>'a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the complainant'</i> .
Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service	BCVS	Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (the CVS for Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire) encourages community initiatives and involvement, community information and networking, as well as offering practical help to local organisations.
Bassetlaw District Council	BDC	The local authority serving Bassetlaw District.
Gross Value Added	GVA	The value of goods and services produced in an area, sector or industry used as a proxy for standard of living.
Index of Multiple Deprivation	IMD	<p>The Index of Multiple Deprivation combines a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England. This allows each area to be ranked relative to one another according to their level of deprivation.</p> <p>Super Output Areas (SOAs) are a geography for the collection and publication of small area statistics. The SOA layers form a hierarchy based on aggregations of Output Areas.</p>

Term	Acronym	Definition
Local Development Framework	LDF	<p>The Local Development Framework is the term used to describe the set of planning documents that will become the comprehensive spatial planning guide for Bassetlaw. Once adopted, these documents will supersede the Local Plan that was approved in 2001. LDFs are intended to deliver sustainable development, while reflecting the needs and ambitions of local communities. They aim to integrate policies for the development and use of land with other policies and programmes that influence the nature of places and how they can function.</p> <p>A Local Development Framework must include a Core Strategy and a Proposals Map. It may also contain additional optional development documents such as Area Action Plans. These are classed as Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and outline the key development goals of the Local Development Framework.</p>
Local Strategic Partnership	LSP(s)	Partnership of public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations.
Nottinghamshire County Council	NCC	The county authority serving the Bassetlaw District. Responsible for providing main services i.e. Education, Highways, Social Services, Youth Services
Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement	NLAA	The Local Area Agreement for the County of Nottinghamshire. Through this approach to partnership working the BLSP has received two funding allocation – one for community cohesion and one from the Performance Reward Grant from NLAA1. This type of agreement has now been abolished nationally by Central Government. The current agreement ends in March 2011.

Term	Acronym	Definition
Sustainable Community		<p>The concept of a 'Sustainable Community' and supporting the development of them was embedded in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Sustainable communities are places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. They meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment, and contribute to a high quality of life. They are safe and inclusive, well planned, built and run, and offer equality of opportunity and good services for all.</p> <p>For communities to be sustainable, they must offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ decent homes at prices people can afford▶ good public transport▶ schools▶ hospitals▶ shops▶ a clean, safe environment.▶ People also need open public space where they can relax and interact and the ability to have a say on the way their neighbourhood is run.
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	RSPB	The RSPB is the UK charity working to secure a healthy environment for birds and all wildlife.

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11. LIST OF PARTNERS

The following lists give an indication of the agencies involved in the BLSP.

- ▶ A1 Housing Bassetlaw Ltd.
- ▶ Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service
- ▶ Bassetlaw District Council
- ▶ Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Watch
- ▶ Business Link Nottinghamshire
- ▶ Connexions Nottinghamshire
- ▶ Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- ▶ Enable
- ▶ Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw
- ▶ Jobcentre Plus
- ▶ Local Business Sector
- ▶ Local Primary and Secondary Schools
- ▶ Manton Community Alliance
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
- ▶ National Probation Service – Nottinghamshire
- ▶ NHS Bassetlaw
- ▶ NHS Nottinghamshire County
- ▶ North and East Nottinghamshire Victim Support
- ▶ North Nottinghamshire College
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Children's Fund
- ▶ Nottinghamshire County Council
- ▶ Nottinghamshire County Drugs and Alcohol Action Team
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Police 'B' Division
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Police Authority
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Women's Aid
- ▶ Nottinghamshire Youth Offending Team
- ▶ Retford Action Centre
- ▶ Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
- ▶ Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- ▶ Skills Funding Agency
- ▶ Sure Start Children's Centres
- ▶ Variety of local community and voluntary organisations

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