

Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and their role in engagement

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Aims of this presentation

- What and why are LSPs, and what do they do?
- Explore some of the current influences on LSPs when looking at engagement
- Engagement:
 - How do you get participation?
 - What do you consult about?
 - Who engages?
- Links with the LDF

LSPs

- What are LSPs?
- In Devon there are 11 LSPs
- District LSPs
- The unitaries
- The Devon Strategic Partnership

Current influences – The role of LSPs

- Making links
- Adding value
- A voice for the area
- Deliver a community strategy for their area
- ODPM consultation examines the future role of LSPs
 - LSPs as the key partnership of partnerships
 - increased responsibilities for LAAs and other delivery programmes
 - ‘duty to cooperate’ for partners proposed
 - Sustainable community strategies

Current influences – Sustainable Communities

Vision for Sustainable Communities:

- Active • inclusive and safe • well run • environmentally sensitive • well designed and built • well connected; thriving • well served • fair for everyone

Two main principles:

- The need to give communities more power and say in the decisions that affect them
- The importance of working at the right level to get things done

Current influences - Sustainable Community Strategies

- Sustainable community strategies, with a greater focus on achieving a long-term balance between economic, social, and environmental goals
 - Community views
 - Vision
 - Strategic influences
 - Sustainable solutions

What does all this mean for communities?

- LSPs will have a more defined role
- There is a political will to make the neighbourhood more of a key area
- Sustainable development, communities and community strategies will encourage stronger links with LDFs

What LSPs can bring to community planning

- Partnership working
- Joint resources
- Strategic thinking
- County and regional influences can be fed in
- Links bottom to top
- Sustainable community strategies

Participation

- Engagement is a key strand in developing a sustainable community strategy
- What are the area's key issues?
- What do people think about an issue?
- Which option would they prefer?
- What generally do they want?
- Evaluation – have we done what you wanted?
- Different methodologies depending on who and what you are asking.
- Public engagement/ links to groups

Our Town

- Example of a partnership led engagement
- Piloted in Barnstaple – 3 week consultation and public participation campaign
- Community Alliance initiated, 20% of population participated – in different ways
- the campaign marked a change in the culture of involvement of local people and professionals
- clarity secured about the priorities of local residents