



A Sustainable Community Strategy for Wolverhampton

WOW

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Purpose

- To summarise the broad contents, scope and purpose of the Strategy
- To invite views from WOW members to inform the development of the Strategy
- To set out next steps



What is the SCS and why do we need one?

- Local Government Act 2000
- New Performance Framework
- Sustainable Communities Act
- Local Government White Paper



Local Government White Paper

- *“Each local authority is responsible for turning the vision for their area into the LDF plan, to guide and shape development over the next 15-20 years. The Core Strategy is the spatial expression of the Sustainable Community Strategy and covers a wide range of policies and programmes including housing, health, education, transport, waste management and environmental protection. We encourage local authorities to align and coordinate these strategies to maximise the benefits.”*

What is a sustainable community?


- 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.”

(The Communities Plan 2003)

For communities to be sustainable they must be....

- **Active, inclusive and safe** – fair, tolerant, cohesive with a strong local culture and other shared community activities
- **Well run** – with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership
- **Environmentally sensitive** – providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment
- **Well designed and built** – featuring quality built and natural environment

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- **Well connected** – with good transport services and communication linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services
 - **Thriving** – with a flourishing and diverse local economy
 - **Well served** – with public, private, community and voluntary services that are appropriate to people's needs and accessible to all
 - **Fair for everyone** – including those in other communities, now and in the future




***How do we measure up against
these components of a
sustainable community?***

Further discussion in workshops




The Sustainable Community Strategy for Wolverhampton....

- The ***BIG*** plan for the future of the City to 2026
- Sits at the top of the ***Delivery Chain***
- Guides partners' and organisational plans and strategies



The Sustainable Community Strategy will....

- Set out outcomes to be achieved in terms of:
 - Decent and affordable homes
 - Jobs, education and skills
 - Cohesion and integration
 - Climate change, sustainability and the local environment
 - Crime and Safety
 - Health and well-being
 - Transport and connectivity



The Sustainable Community Strategy will....

- Identify the challenges we face and how we plan to overcome them over the short, medium and long term, in order to achieve our desired outcomes for the future of the city, communities and neighbourhoods



The SCS will be focused around....

- A long term vision
- 2 overarching aims
- 5 Residents' outcomes (LAA)
- 3 cross-cutting themes

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY OUTLINE WORKING FRAMEWORK

Vision

By 2026 Wolverhampton's economy is transformed and the gap in health, wealth and prosperity between communities and neighbourhoods in the City is substantially reduced. Wolverhampton is a place with safe, strong, diverse and popular neighbourhoods; a place where everyone has an improved quality of life and the chance to reach his or her full potential and where the benefits of the city's growth are widely shared.

Aims of Sustainable Communities Strategy

Transforming the local economy

Narrowing / Closing the gap

Residents Outcomes

We have more job opportunities

We have access to the skills we need

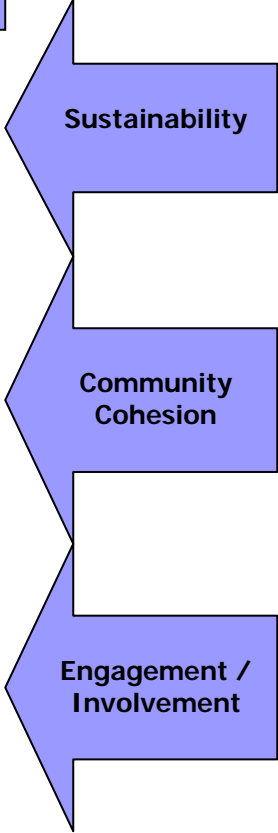
We feel safer

We'll live longer, healthier lives

We like where we live

How we will know if we have been successful

SCS Performance Framework Long Term Measures and LAA Short Term Targets





How the SCS fits into the new performance framework

- CAA – continuous assessment of the area and organisations
- Replaces CPA, JAR, Social Care Star Ratings
- Annual Risk Assessment of partners' performance in improving residents' lives
- Use of resources
- Performance against indicators

Delivering the first 3 years of the SCS – the new LAA

- Evidence-based – Wolverhampton Story
- 32 three-year targets + 16 DFCS targets
- 5 Resident Outcomes
- 4 Cross-cutting Delivery Plans
 - Causes not consequences
 - Collective responsibility
 - Its time to make a difference

SCS – Some Big Issues

- From manufacturing past to what kind of economic future?
- Growing numbers of older and poorer people living longer
- Black Country Study – 20,000+ more people living in one of the most densely populated areas
- Residential concentration by ethnic grouping and housing tenure
- Access to decent, affordable housing
 - 6267 concealed homes in the city
 - 44.2% of vulnerable people live in homes that are non-decent
 - Annual affordable housing shortfall has doubled in last three years
- Building resilient young people
- Fear of crime despite downward trend in overall crime
- Low skills levels
- Income and wealth
- Worklessness
- *Anything missing.....?*



Next Steps

- Engagement Programme
- ICoCo Community Cohesion Action Plan and ‘cohesion proofing’ of the Strategy
- Tesserae ‘Sustainability Appraisal’ of the Strategy
- Annual Partnership Event – 27 November
- Council’s Scrutiny process and Cabinet (25 November and 3 December respectively)



Thank you

Any questions?