

## **STRONG COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Strong Communities Scrutiny Panel held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Consett on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 6.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor J.I. Agnew, (In Chair)

Councillors B. Armstong, B. Armstrong, C. Clarke, G. Coulson, K. English, R.Young.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillors H. Christer, J. Wilson, D. Lavin

### **38. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2006 and 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

### **39. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL**

Stephen Davison the Neighbourhood Renewal Research & Monitoring Officer presented report C and gave a presentation which informed the panel of the current situation regarding Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) within Derwentside.

In 2001 the Governments National Strategy Action Plan ' A New Commitment to Neighbourhood Renewal' was launched as part of the Action Plan, additional resources were made available to the 88 most deprived areas based upon the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) The 2004 IMD placed Derwentside as the 67<sup>th</sup> most deprived local authority in England. The Local Strategic Partnership must manage the NRF performance against the National Floor Targets, details as below:-

Derwentside has been allocated 12 million pounds since 2001 The funding was split into 7 thematic groups based upon performance against the indicators in 2005 :-

- Employment
- Education
- Health
- Housing & Environment

- Crime
- Economic Development
- Supporting Communities

## PERFORMANCE AGAINST NATIONAL TARGETS

Indicator	Target	Current Performance	Projected to Meet Target
Employment Rate	71.8% by 2008	70.5%	Yes
English KS 3 Level 5	85% by 2007	71.6%	No
Maths KS 3 Level 5	85% by 2007	76.4%	No
Science KS 3 Level 5	80% by 2007	73.1%	No
BCS Overall Crime	3,508 incidents by 2008	4,739	No
Litter and Detritus	10% by 2008	18%	Yes
Decent Condition Social Housing	100% 2010	Derwentside Homes has funding	Yes
Death Rate – Circulatory Diseases	86.0 DSR by 2010	117.4 DSR	Yes
Death Rate - Cancer	121.0 DSR by 2010	134.7 DSR	Yes
Male Life Expectancy	76.3 years by 2010	75.2 years	Yes
Female Life Expectancy	80.4 years by 2010	79.8 years	Yes
Under 18 Conception Rate	25.5 per 1,000 population by 2010	51.6 per 1,000 population	No

## CURRENT SITUATION

Thematic Group	06/07 NRF Allocation	07/08 NRF Allocation
Economic Development	£768,907	£732,000
Education	£418,908	£382,780
Health Improvement	£368,907	£332,680
Housing and Environment	£168,908	£132,680
Crime and Disorder	£168,908	£132,680
Strategy Development	£218,908	£182,680
Supporting Communities	£168,908	£132,680
<b>TOTAL NRF</b>	<b>£2,282,354</b>	<b>£2,028,180</b>

**RECOMMENDED** that the content of the report and presentation be noted.

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

**Chair.**