

# Leicester Partnership

## News

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Welcome to the [May/June 2009](#) issue of Leicester Partnership News. This newsletter is for everyone, in every sector, who works in organisations and partnerships in Leicester to improve the city, its services and the quality of life for people who live here.

If you know anyone who you think would like a copy, please pass it on. And if you would like to be put on the mailing list for future issues get in touch – our contact details are at the end of the briefing.

We are interested in your news and views too – so do contact us if you have questions, comments or information to share. Tell us if this information is useful – or if there is anything else that you think it would be helpful to include in future. We look forward to hearing from you.

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### Council completes new senior management team

Over the next few weeks the new senior management team at the council will be complete. All of the new strategic directors have now been appointed and people are taking up their posts.

The development of the **One Leicester** 25 year city strategy has placed much more importance on the need for the council to plan its own work around the seven One Leicester priorities. So the new structure will help to ensure that the council's own organisational resources – both people and money – are focused on the things that are prioritised in the strategy, and the council is developing its own corporate plan to help ensure that happens.

For the council this represents quite a radical change. It moves the organisation away from the notion of departments and the departmentalism that sometimes went with that, towards a 'one Council'

culture and way of working that Sheila Lock has been championing since taking up her post as Chief Executive last year.

So instead of departmental management teams there will be new 'priority boards' reflecting the priorities of the One Leicester Strategy, with people from different areas and disciplines coming together to manage delivery of different programmes of activity, to support the work of councillors and of the strategic theme partnerships that feed into the wider Leicester Partnership family of partnerships.

The new top team for the council is –

Chief Executive – Sheila Lock

Chief Operating Officer & Deputy Chief Executive – Andy Keeling

Strategic Director, Children – Rachel Dickinson

Strategic Director, Development, Culture & Regeneration – Alistair Reid

Strategic Director, Adults & Communities – Kim Curry

Director of Public Health – Deb Watson

Chief Finance Officer – Mark Noble

Director, Human Resources – Fiona Skene

Director, Change and Programme Management – Miranda Cannon

Director, Assurance and Democratic Services – vacant

Head of Communications – Mark Bentley

## Changes to the Leicester Partnership

As part of the work to make sure the council and the Leicester Partnership are fit to deliver One Leicester, the Leicester Partnership has made some changes to how it works as well. The strategic directors will have a key role in working with the partnership to turn the strategy into reality. You can download a new structure chart for the Leicester Partnership to see how it all fits together, view the updated list of members of the partnership and also download a revised version of the Leicester Partnership Constitution.

**Go to** <http://www.oneleicester.com/leicester-partnership/about-us/structure-membership-and-constitution>

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## Voluntary and community sector involvement in Leicester City Council commissioning and procurement

The City Council and Leicester Compact are running a half-day workshop on Friday 5th June 2009 aimed at improving the involvement of Leicester's voluntary and community sector in the Council's commissioning and procurement practices, and building a more active role for the sector in informing policy.

The event is aimed at the VCS and officers from the City Council on a first come first served basis. It will provide a real opportunity for participants to learn more about the Council's approach to commissioning and procurement.

For more information on the seminar or a booking form -

**Go to** <http://www.leicestercompact.org.uk/homepage/news>

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## Round up of decisions from the Leicester Partnership Executive meeting 29th April 2009

The items on the agenda for the Leicester Partnership Executive on the 29th April 2009 were –

- Council senior management and improvement programmes
- Improving partnership working
- Recession monitoring
- Comprehensive Area Assessment update
- Migration Impacts Fund

To download reports for the meeting -

**Go to** <http://www.oneleicester.com/leicester-partnership/minutes-and-reports/lp-executive-29th-april-2009>

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### About the Leicester Partnership

Leicester Partnership is Leicester's 'local strategic partnership'. It has about 50 members drawn from the public, voluntary and community, and private sectors of the city. Our job is to bring these sectors together to drive forward a single vision and strategy for the city, and ensure that different services, programmes and initiatives work together effectively.

The Partnership provides the single over-arching local coordination framework within which other partnerships and organisations can operate.

We have two main responsibilities –

To develop and deliver the 25 year One Leicester strategy; and

To deliver the targets in Leicester's Local Area Agreement 2008-11

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