



## Leicester Partnership News October 2008

**Welcome to the **October 2008** 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 newsletter.

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.

### **Representing the voluntary sector on the Leicester Partnership**

The Leicester Partnership wants to strengthen the way in which the voluntary and community sector (VCS) is involved in its work, to bring the voice of the third sector right into the heart of decision making and solving problems in the city.

Over the next few months there will be a number of events for organisations and groups in the VCS who represent particular 'communities of interest' such as BME groups, groups for disabled people and so on. The



purpose of the events is to help the VCS themselves find people who would be willing and able to become involved and represent their VCS 'community of interest' on the Partnership, and to identify a 'host organisation' from each of seven communities of interest who will be contracted by the Leicester Partnership to help provide some of the support that the representatives will need.

To find out more, or to book onto any of the events visit -

<http://www.leicesterpartnership.org.uk/welcome/vcs-communities-of-interest-representatives>

## **Making it Real event – transforming the future for Leicester’s teenagers**

**Some of the most important and challenging targets we have to meet in the city's [Local Area Agreement 2008-11](#) are about helping today’s teenagers fulfil their potential to become successful and happy adults – as future employees, employers, parents and citizens of the city.**



So on the 3rd October 2008 the Leicester Partnership held an event at Walkers Stadium for people working with young people in the public and voluntary sector, to get their input into planning and commissioning to meet these targets. The key topics and targets that the event focussed on were reducing teenage pregnancy; getting more 16-19



year olds into education employment or training; and reducing anti social behaviour.

The event was hosted by Philip Parkinson, the Chair of the Leicester Partnership, and speakers and facilitators included Sheila Lock - Chief Executive of the Council, Ross Willmott - Leader of the Council and Andrew Bunyan - Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

As with the previous 'Making it Real' event, the day was highly participative and good fun, but also produced a considerable volume of ideas and input from people working directly with young people themselves. Two young people from Active Youth in Highfields, Puja Ramji and Swaybah Hussein, gave their perspectives on the issues at the start of each discussion.



You can download the programme and presentation slides and all the notes from the discussions by visiting the webpage below. The final conference report will also be available here too in the next few weeks –

<http://www.leicesterpartnership.org.uk/welcome/making-it-real-events/making-it-real---leicesters-teenagers>

# Delivering Excellence at Leicester City Council



Leicester City Council is now embarking on a major 'change programme' called 'Delivering Excellence', and a new team of 'change champions' – some of whom are pictured above - have been seconded from their regular jobs to lead change on eight major aspects of the council's work: strategic priorities; people and culture, service transformation, partnership development, programme planning, customer service improvement, performance management and organisational assurance.

This work is designed to ensure that everything the council does is fit for purpose to deliver the city's 25 year strategy [One Leicester](#).

*'We want Leicester City Council to be an excellent authority – the best in the country. We want to deliver more for our customers and ensure our people achieve their full potential.'*

Sheila Lock

Sheila Lock – the council's chief executive, is leading the programme along with deputy chief executive Andy Keeling.

The team's work is based on feedback from a wide range of people about what needs to change. And this feedback, from Councillors, council staff, trade



unions and managers all pointed to similar things that need to be tackled.

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## Local Area Agreement Annual Review

[Leicester's Local Area Agreement \(LAA\) 2008-2011](#) is an agreement between the city and the government to meet a wide range of targets for the city over the next three years. All LAAs in the country have to be reviewed each year, and we are now preparing for the first annual review of ours.

The review will assess what progress we are making in meeting the targets so far, and whether there are any likely risks to delivering on the targets. The review will also look at how our progress compares with that of other parts of the country.

In addition, the review is an opportunity to change any targets that no longer seem realistic because of new information about local circumstances or changed national priorities. We would have to negotiate any new targets again with the government, and there would have to be very good reasons for any changes.

There are also some targets that still have to be set. Most of these gaps were due to that fact that baseline data, such as data from surveys like the new Place Survey, were not available at the time the LAA was negotiated earlier this year.

In future years, the review of the LAA will be tied into the new Comprehensive Area Assessments that will be carried out by the Government every two years.

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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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