Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 10th October 2005

Partnership Plan and Feedback from Task Groups

Portfolio: **Local Partnerships**

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: **Pelsall, Rushall Shelfield**

Summary of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the progress to date.

Recommendations

(1) For LNP members to continue in attendance at the workshop meetings

(2) For individual LNP members to encourage wider participation from community members within the task groups

(3) To note the progress of Transforming Your Space Scheme

(4) To note the dates of future task group meetings

(5) For the Pelsall and Rushall LNP to undergo a Partnership Plan review.

Feedback from Task Groups

A task group meeting was held on Monday 17th October 2005 at the Education Development Centre. The task group focused around elderly issues in the Partnership Plan and have agreed a number of actions to move issues forward. Task group members have assigned themselves to specific actions and will report back and the next meeting.

Transforming Your Space

Please refer to Annex 1 – Transforming your Space Update
For information only

Partnership Plan

To assist with the 12 month review of the partnership plans, it is suggested that each LNP holds a workshop for their area. This will provide an opportunity for the LNP to revisit the current actions in the partnership plan, review the statistical data, and update the information from partner organisations. As a result the LNP will be able to develop a clear set of actions and pledges for the next 12 months that will demonstrate how they are making a difference and having an impact at a local level.'

Dates of future task group meetings

Monday 17th October 2005 6-8pm at Rushall Community Centre
Monday 14th November 2005 6-8pm at Manor Farm Community Association
Friday 9th December 2005 6-8pm at Manor Farm Community Assoc

Forthcoming Events

There will be a meeting for Local Neighbourhood Partnerships to find out more information about Local Area Agreements (LAA's), how LNP's will be involved in the process and how the local areas will benefit. This is currently being scheduled for early November.

A planning workshop is being organised which will look at how residents can influence the planning process by supporting or objecting against planning proposals. This will be an interactive workshop with a case study scenario.

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Attached Annex 1 – Transforming Your Space Update

Annex 1

LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS
TRANSFORMING YOUR SPACE UPDATES

Purpose: Inform each LNP on progress on TYS schemes in their area.

Pelsall and Rushall

Background
A report detailing forthcoming Transforming Your Space (TYS) schemes in the LNPs area was presented and endorsed on 13th October 2004.

Schemes in LNP area
High Heath Park – play and youth Improvements
Highfield Road North (Pelsall Common) – youth improvements
Ryders Hayes Play Area – play area improvements
Shelfield Park – play area improvements

Progress
The schemes outlined above are due to go out to tender in October 2005.

Changes to schemes

The Ryders Hayes scheme is as per the details submitted on 13th October 2004; however some changes have been necessary to the other schemes:

Shelfield Park
As a response to consultation a set of Juniour swings has been included within the proposals.

High Heath Park
The location of the play area has been moved slightly as a response to residents' views.

Highfield Road North (Pelsall Common)
As a response to initial consultation, the proposal for the site has been changed. Instead of the skate ramp the multi use goal ends will be upgraded and there will also be a bin and 2 benches.

Timescale
The timescale for the implementation of the schemes outlined in the October 2004 report has slipped. The main reason for this is that the detailed consultation undertaken took longer than anticipated. The revised timescale, detailed below, has allowed for thorough community engagement and does not jeopardise the implementation of the schemes or the funding secured for them.

- On site – Early January 2006
- Practical Completion – March 2006

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LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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4) Text below matrix to clearly show: Local Neighbourhood Plan 2004 - 05
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LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2005 -06

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Walsall Council – A Vision for Walsall in 2008

Walsall Council has agreed its vision and priorities from now until 2008. This has been achieved through local consultation about what sort of place Walsall could be in the future and what part the council should play in leading the changes ahead.

To support this vision the council has identified 10 priorities against which specific actions will be delivered. From now until 2008 the council will tackle important issues linked to these 10 priorities to ensure that the vision for Walsall is achieved.

Vision 2008: In 2008, Walsall will have an established reputation as an ambitious "can-do" place where a civic, economic and cultural renaissance has been made possible.

In 2008, Walsall people are proud of their heritage, proud of what their borough has become and excited about future opportunities.

In 2008 Walsall will be a learning borough that promotes the value of learning and achievement, in our schools and colleges in the home, in the community and at work.

In 2008 Walsall will have a reputation as a clean, green and safe borough.

By 2008, real improvement will be evident in the health of our citizens, and the needs of people who care for others will be acknowledged and their work valued.

In 2008 local people will see themselves as residents of the borough as a whole. Local districts and their centres will still have their strong sense of identity. Walsall Town Centre will be an exciting and vibrant place for culture and business – acting as the economic powerhouse of the borough.

In 2008 Walsall Council will be recognised as a listening organisation, which effectively represents, but also tackles, the concerns of local people. The council will provide strong and responsive civic leadership, supporting local communities with the resources and tools to provide local solutions to local problems. Walsall will enjoy high levels of civic involvement in neighbourhood partnerships and in a capable, vibrant voluntary sector.

By 2008 Walsall will have played a full role in transforming the Black Country into a highly successful sub-regional economy.

Priority Areas:

- Ensure a Clean and Green borough
- Make it easier to get around
- Ensure all people are safe and secure
- Make our schools great
- Make Walsall a healthy and caring place
- Encourage everyone to feel proud of Walsall MBC
- Make it easier to access local services
- Strengthen the local economy
- Listen to what people want
- Transform Walsall into an excellent local authority.

About Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership

"Walsall will be a prosperous, inclusive and competitive Borough in which its diverse communities feel involved, safer, healthier, and can take pride in its future."

Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership (WBSP) is Borough-wide and brings together the major service delivery agencies (Police, Health, Local Authority), and the business, community and voluntary sectors, to tackle issues of deprivation within the Borough's most deprived areas.

The WBSP comprises six Theme Groups:

- Improving Community Safety and Crime Reduction
- Improving Health, Well-Being and Social Care
- Regenerating the Economy
- Sustaining a Better Place to Live and Work
- Raising Educational Standards through Lifelong Learning
- Community Engagement (and Equalities)

The Partnership is now commissioning against four strategic objectives:

- Supporting a thriving Economic Community, through supporting existing businesses, encouraging new business and raising the skills base of people in Walsall
- Environment and Improving the Image of Walsall, through raising aspirations, improving liveability, and regenerating the fabric of neighbourhoods
- Opportunities for Children, through a variety of formal and informal activities
- Community Safety and Reclaiming Neighbourhoods and addressing the impact of substance misuse, through education and awareness raising, particularly on young people through diversionary and health promotion activities

With four integral Themes:

- Skills Escalation
- Raising Aspirations
- Community Cohesion
- Improving the Image of Walsall

The WBSP works closely with Walsall Community Empowerment Network to ensure that communities of interest and geography are fully involved with the Partnership and the decisions it makes. This also includes the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Together these strategic priorities set the backdrop against which Local Neighbourhood Partnerships operate and set the scene for improvements identified within this neighbourhood plan.

SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

Foreword by Partnership Chair - C of P

What is a Local Neighbourhood Partnership?

A Local Neighbourhood Partnership or LNP is a meeting at a more local level, between the council, partner agencies and representatives of the business, voluntary and community sectors where local issues are discussed, problems identified and solutions proposed to resolve them. A further key role of the LNP is to engage and consult with all local people to help identify these key neighbourhood issues and to seek views on how best to tackle them, and in doing so, produce a local neighbourhood plan.

The make-up of a local neighbourhood partnership includes all ward councillors for the area, four council appointed partners including the police, Primary Care Trust and primary and secondary school representatives, and up to ten locally appointed partners from the business, voluntary and community sectors. This however, does not stop members of the public becoming involved, as meetings, which are held every three months, are open, with everyone free to attend. Each meeting of the LNP does have an agenda, with key topics for discussion, but also allows time for members of the public to raise questions and to have their say on local issues.

What can the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships do? – H of NP

The partnerships are there to:

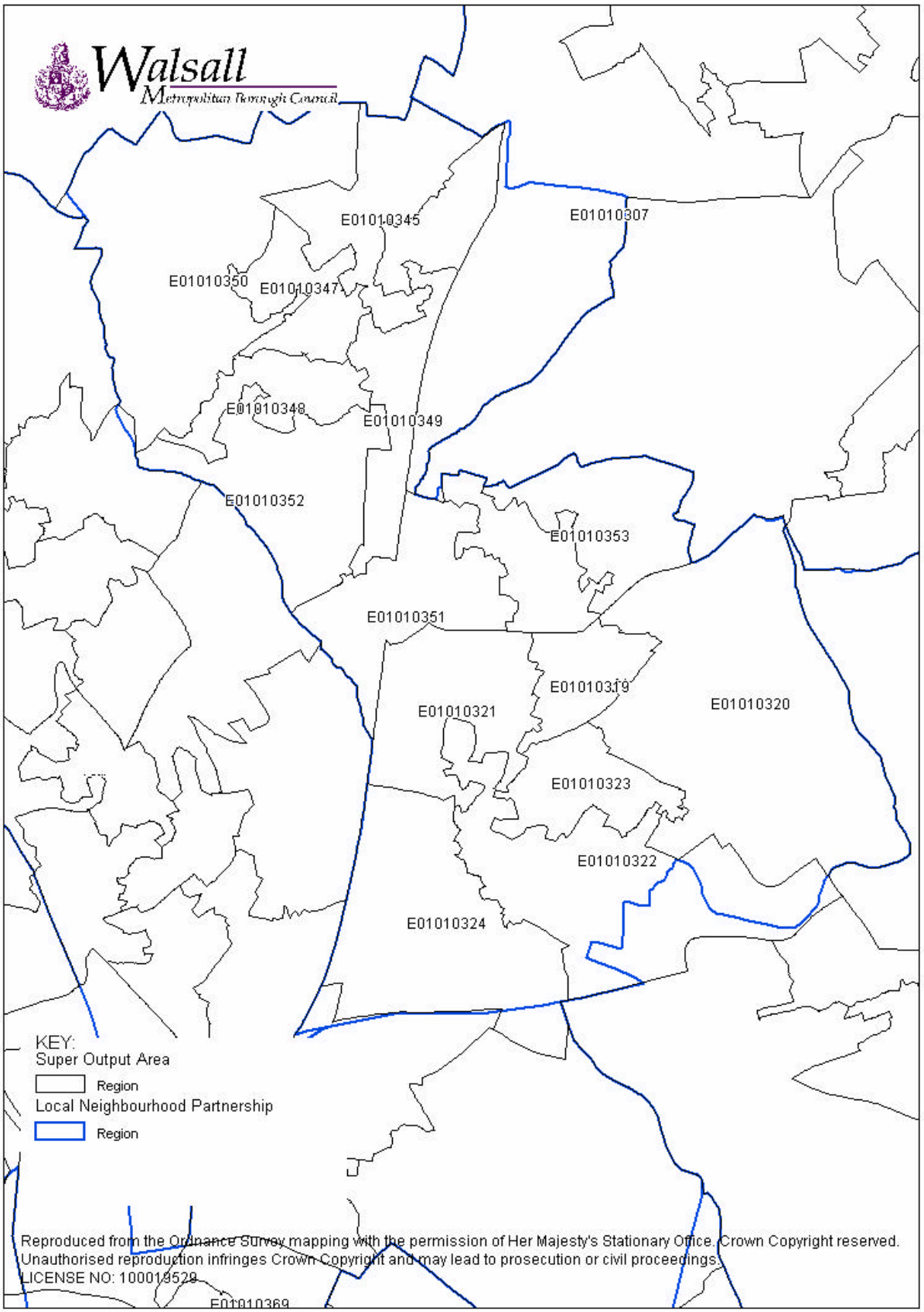
- Consult and involve local residents, businesses and other service providers in agreeing a plan for their area.
- Produce a partnership plan which will help to deliver the 2008 Vision of the Council and inform the Community Strategy for the borough.
- Manage and monitor the implementation of their plan and publish their achievements each year.
- Increase the involvement of local citizens in improving the environment in which they live, work or study.

The LNPs will play a significant role in involving local individuals and groups in deciding how, when and where services are delivered in their area. They will do this by:

- Helping local people to get involved in deciding what needs to change in their area through the development of the partnership plan.
- Looking at ways of improving partnership working with other public service providers.
- Giving a view on local services provided by the Council or other public bodies.
- Using their partnership plan to inform and influence the service and business planning process of the Council and other service providers.
- Considering petitions and other collective representations relating to their area and linking these to their partnership plan.

SECTION TWO: AREA PROFILE – Strategic Intelligence Unit

Map of the Area



Facts About the Area

NOTE: Works to be carried out under the DDA in 2004/05:
EDC Pelsall , Pelsall Lane, Rushall; Rushall Community College, King George Crescent, Rushall; Shelfield Area Office, Green Lane, Shelfield

This Section presents a range of statistics on the LNP; it places this LNP in context of the Walsall borough wherever possible.

Population structure: This LNP area has above the borough average for people aged 30 years and upwards. However the numbers of older people becomes more marked in the age ranges 60 – 75+ where numbers of elderly residents are considerably above both the borough and national averages. Some 96% of local residents are of white origin. It has well in excess of the borough average of owner occupiers and above the borough average of pensioner households and households with a limiting long term illness. It has a very low rate turnover rate of households moving, well below the borough average which would suggest it has a settled and stable community.

Environment: In a study completed in 2001, residents in this LNP area were asked “Are you satisfied with this area as a place to live?” 85% answered “Yes” – the third highest of any LNP area. However nearly 40% of people answered “yes” when asked if they thought it had got worse as a place to live.

Economy: The area has slightly above the borough average for economically active people and, as a result, a low level of unemployed people. It is well below the borough average in terms of people claiming benefits of any description. Another indication of poverty is car ownership; this LNP area has above the borough average for households with one, two or three cars, obviously an indication of young people living with parents.

Crime: The area has the second lowest level of reported crime from 2001 to 2004 and has the third lowest disorder rates of all LNP areas. When residents were asked: “How safe do you feel in this area during the day?” 85% answered “very or fairly safe” (the third highest response of all LNP areas). The rate fell when asked the same question relating to safety during the night, with 39% stating they felt “very or fairly safe”. However, this was the fourth highest score of all LNP areas

Statistics relating to specific neighbourhoods within the LNP area

Government departments have developed a way of mapping "poverty or deprivation indicators" across England. They use a variety of statistical sources to arrive at what is known as the "Index of Multiple Deprivation". This is essentially a way to "rank" all the areas of England to identify those areas in most of need of assistance to raise income levels, improve health and education in the area etc.

A recent improvement is that the Government has now developed a way to consider smaller local neighbourhoods within wider geographic wards; they are useful to highlight distinct "pockets" of deprivation or poverty.

The Government has called these small neighbourhoods "super output areas" or SOAs for short. There are some 32,482 of these "SOAs" across the country; each has been given a numerical code. The Council has applied these codes to the appropriate LNP area.

The map above details these codes; the chart below applies the codes to local neighbourhoods. The LNP has allocated identifying names to these neighbourhoods, based on local knowledge, to more easily identify distinct areas within the LNP which may be in need of "special" help.

Understanding the Chart below

The Chart details the ward names within the LNP; it applies the SOAs (small neighbourhoods) within the Ward and gives a more local neighbourhood name to the numerical code given by the Council.

The final two columns give the "Rank of Index of Multiple Deprivation", essentially the lower the rank – the more deprived the area. Thus Pelsall Wood with a score of 6,400 is considered to be the most "deprived" neighbourhood, overall, in this LNP area.

The final column states the "IMD Most Deprived Percentage". There are 32,482 SOAs (small neighbourhoods) nationally; the Council has ranked neighbourhoods largely by those in the top 25%, 50% and 75% for ease of reading. So:

Rank:	1 – 8,120	those falling within the top 25% (e.g. "most deprived")
Rank:	8,121 – 16,241	those between 25% to 50% (mid range)
Rank:	16,242 – 24,362	those between 50% to 75% (above mid range)
Rank:	24,363 – 32,482	those between 75% to 100% (those "least deprived")

To further explain the above ranking, neighbourhoods "scoring below 3248" – would be in the top 10% most deprived nationally, those "scoring below 6,496" would be in the top 20% most deprived nationally and so on; we use these smaller percentages later in this section.

Ward	Super Output Area (SOA) Numerical Code	"Neighbourhood within the LNP"	Rank of Index of Multiple Deprivation	IMD Most Deprived Percentage
Pelsall	E01010347	Pelsall Wood	6400	20
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010321	West of Shelfield	6685	25
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010323	Radleys	8853	50
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010320	Shrubber's Green	8858	50
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010322	East of Rushall	9531	50
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010324	Daws End	10362	50
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010353	High Heath East	10804	50
Pelsall/Rushall-Shelfield	E01010354	High Heath	10993	50
Pelsall/Rushall-Shelfield	E01010351	Heath End	14078	50
Pelsall	E01010349	Pelsall East	14615	50
Pelsall	E01010348	Pelsall West	16467	75
Pelsall	E01010350	West of Pelsall Wood	18696	75
Pelsall	E01010352	South West Pelsall	20723	75
Pelsall	E01010345	Highbridge	20781	75
Rushall-Shelfield	E01010319	Shelfield	23169	75
Pelsall	E01010346	Ryder's Hayes	26693	100

There are therefore 16 small neighbourhoods in this LNP area. Breaking statistics into smaller neighbourhoods provides the LNP with a far better grasp of specific areas within the locality which may be in need of attention.

In terms of this LNP area there is one "numerical" SOA in the top 20% nationally (Pelsall Wood) and one in the top 25% (West of Shelfield): all other areas are above the 50% mark with 1 "Ryder's Hayes" in the least deprived neighbourhoods across England.

Considering specific elements of the overall "neighbourhood ranking"

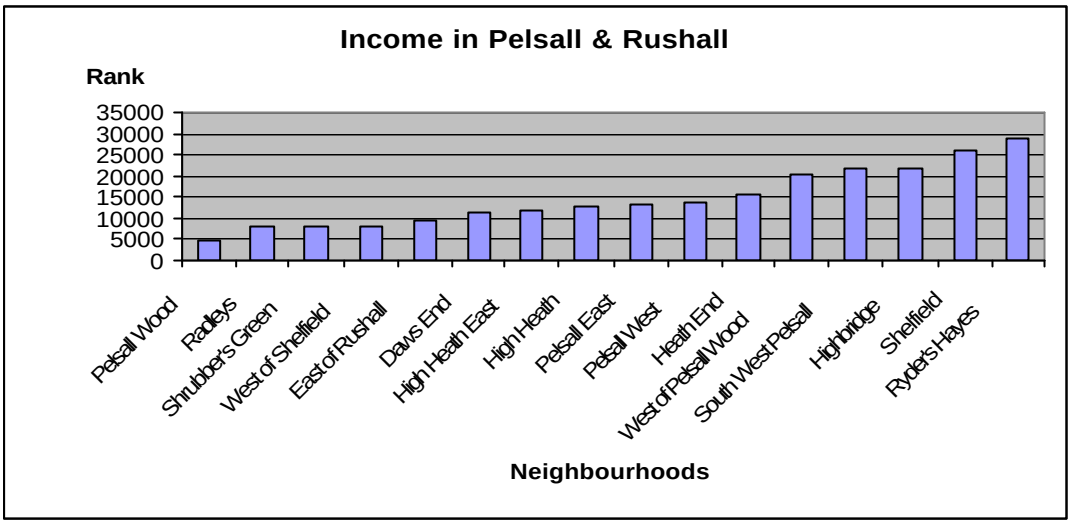
The above chart brings together a series of "scores" from various aspects of living in an area to arrive at the overall rank. These aspects include:

Crime (the incidence of recorded crime for four major crime themes: burglary, theft, criminal damage and violence)
Education & Skills (the numbers of skills and qualifications held by local people, both young people and adults)
Employment (numbers of unemployed people in the area)
Health (those people whose quality of life is impaired by poor health),
Housing & Services (lack of services based on geographical barriers or access to suitable housing)
Income (average wage levels, various economic indicators)
Living Environment (considers the indoors living environment (measures the quality of available housing) and the outdoors environment)

The following charts present a variety of the above “aspects” which may be of interest to the LNP.

Income

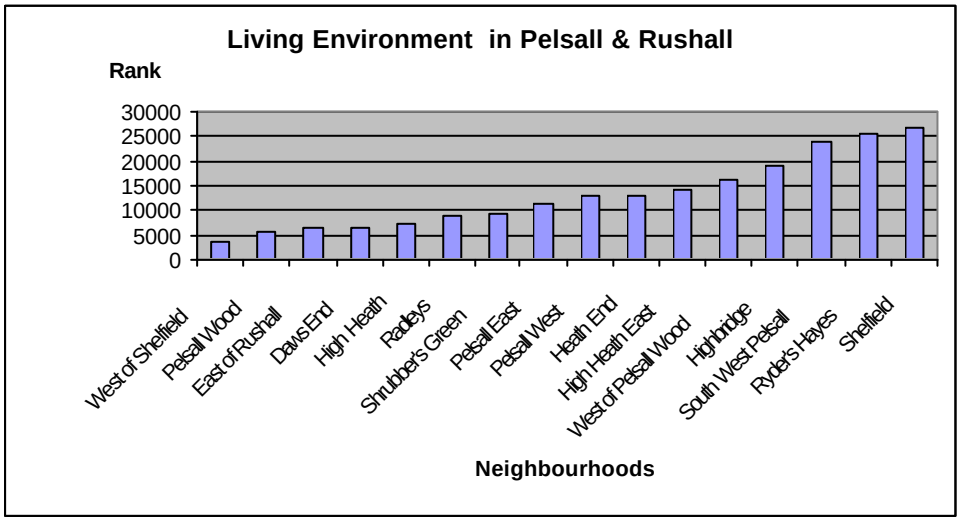
Graph 1



The chart above illustrates that, using nationally approved statistics confirms that this LNP area is relatively affluent, with perhaps one or two small neighbourhoods in need of assistance. Pelsall Wood, at the left of the graph, “scores” 4,900 hence it is within the top 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England, Radleys, with a score of 7991 is within the top 25% most deprived neighbourhoods. However reading from left to right above shows that the five neighbourhoods to the right of the graph (from West of Pelsall Wood onwards) all score above 20,000, hence they some of the least deprived neighbourhoods in England.

Living Environment

Graph 2

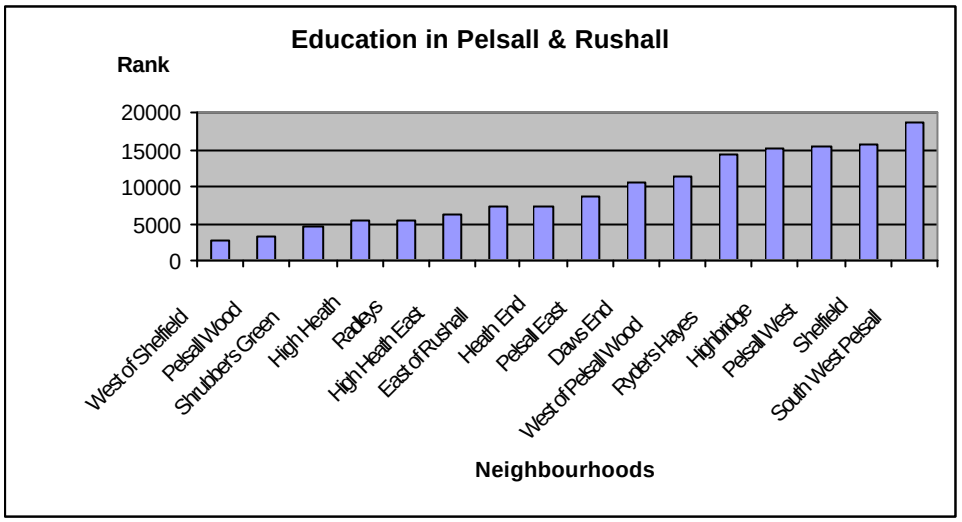


The above highlights that West of Shelfield and Pelsall Wood as being in need of attention, being in the top 15% and 20% respectively, a further area, East of Rushall is also in the top 20% most deprived.

Education

It is worth noting the statistics relating to education, as this is one of the most deprived aspects for this LNP area:

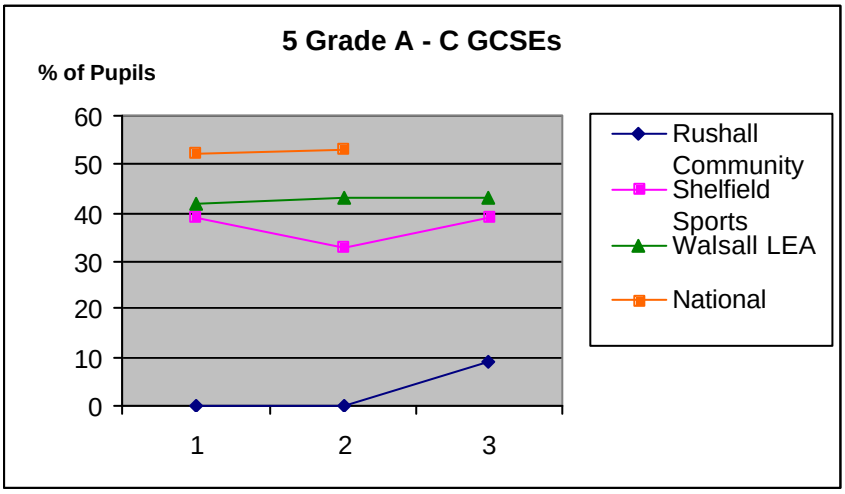
Graph 3



In this instance, West of Shelfield ranks in the top 10% most deprived neighbourhoods in England. In addition, there are a further seven small neighbourhoods (reading left to right from Pelsall Wood to Heath End) that score below 8,120 hence they are all within the top 25% most deprived nationally.

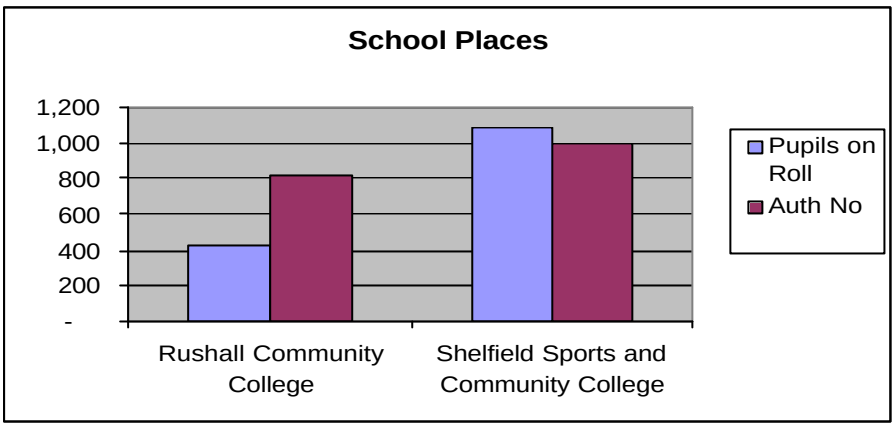
As a means of further clarifying the situation, if we look at the achievement rates of the two local secondary schools it can be seen that the schools are below the borough average and the national benchmark figure although both show signs of improvement in the last year.

Graph 4



In terms of take up of places at the schools, in the most recent school statistics, Rushall Community College was undersubscribed and Shelfield Sports and Community College was oversubscribed:

Graph 5



Health

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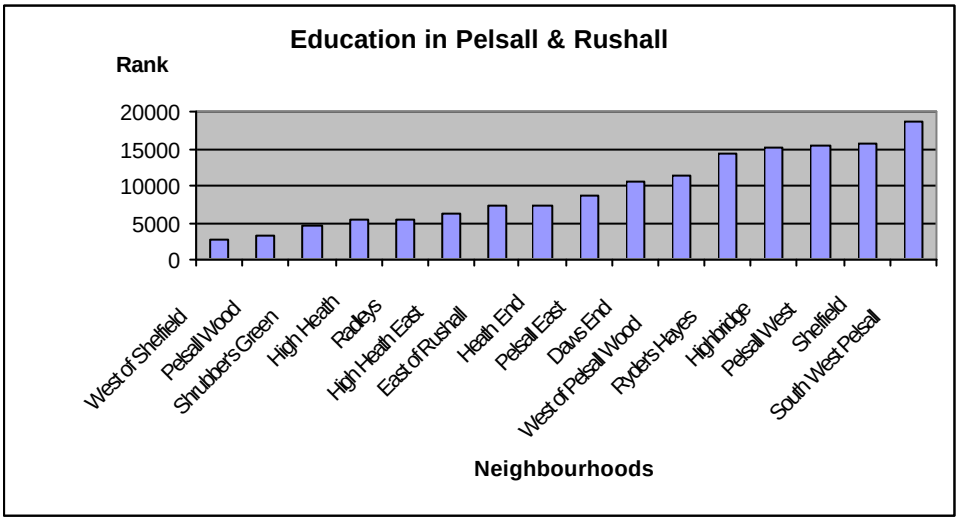

There are various issues with regard to health in the area that are of concern to the Partnership, however, these issues are not clearly evidenced from Health statistics – West of Shelfield and Pelsall Wood feature as being worst in the area being in the top 20% and 25% respectively.

SECTION THREE: AREAS FOR ACTION - Consultants

THEME: Accessibility, inclusion and services for elderly people

Objective: To improve the quality of life for elderly residents in the LNP area

Statistics prove that the area has above the borough average numbers of elderly people aged 60 plus. The initial LNP workshop of 13th October felt that there was evidence to suggest that there had been a lack of attention given to the needs of elderly residents. It was felt that some residents are isolated and do not feel able, or wish, to ask for help. Specific issues are as follows:

- Access to services: the area has lost post offices and local shops; transport is less than ideal with insufficient bus routes to enable easy access to other facilities such as medical surgeries and major shopping centres. There is also a lack of health services such as dentists locally.

- The number of housing offices available in the area will become an increasing issue with Walsall Housing Group (WHG) moving to close local offices. This new strategy relates to a government drive to have pensions paid by card and thus "force" people to use direct debits as a "safer" method of payment. Another associated concern was the lack of available signposting for advice and social services support

- There is an apparent fear of crime with elderly people fearing to leave home in the evening (However it should be noted that in many cases some of the young people in the area will also not go out at night because of other young people causing problems – migration from neighbouring areas such as Coalpool could be a reason here)

THEME: **Accessibility, inclusion and services for elderly people**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
The LNP to lobby major retailers, such as ASDA, to supply a subsidised shopping bus. Speak to Comm. Transport to assess solutions; attempts could be made to deregulate the bus services.		Parveen Sangha		Contact Community Transport and find out more information about Shopping Buses. Opportunity to invite Community Transport at next task group meeting	
Local libraries could be used as potential venues or "one stop shops" to house a range of local services for local people.	Update at nect LNP meeting on 10th October				
In terms of building community cohesion and removing perceived barriers between young and old people, it was thought engaging representatives from the young people onto the LNP would be extremely beneficial, perhaps through a Youth Forum: this could potentially help alleviate older people's fear of young people due mainly to anti social behaviour.		Young People Task group		This action links with the actions being undertaken in the Young Peoples Taskgroup	

THEME continued: **Accessibility, inclusion and services for elderly people**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Increase awareness of Ring & Ride service		Shelia Sheaby		To find out more information	
To have a bus service on specific routes.		Parveen Sangha			
Improve bus service from Pelsall and Rushall (including High Heath and Shelfield) to various locations throughout the region		Parveen Sangha		Find out from travel west midlands information about circular routes and timings	
To have a more integrated bus service, perhaps with Community Transport		Parveen Sangha			
Need to encourage developers and housing associations into the areas for suitable, affordable housing for the elderly who are downsizing.		Rob Hughes		To provide info about WHG priorities for housing provision in the area.	
Find out about current status of Pelsall library being combined with health centre and social services. (Discussion started about 2yrs ago)			Invite tPCT rep to do a presentation at LNP meeting		
Encourage mobile library to visit areas of large elderly populations e.g. Lawley Close		Parveen Sangha		Find out what is the Walsall Mobile Library route	

THEME continued: **Accessibility, inclusion and services for elderly people**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Accessibility to different places for disabled people. Streets not just physical buildings.		Councillor Ault		Find out information about Modernising Services Committee Report	
Increase facilities for elderly in terms of entertainment.		Ron Carpenter – Pelsall Councillor Walker - Rushall		Map out what is currently happening in the community	
Link in with other community organisations					
Increase accessibilty to chemists in Rushall area on weekends		Councillor Walker			
To look at encouraging community visits for Elderly people					
Need to collate an updated list of elderly people (65/70+) and of vulnerable people in the area.					
Have a telephone service whereby elderly people are contacted by phone					
Pensioners Forum					
Encourage use of message in a bottle for people on medication		tPCT			

THEME continued: **Accessibility, inclusion and services for elderly people**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Traffic calming or speed reduction measures in Coronation Road and Broad Lane		Councillor Walker		Looking into signage	

THEME: **The general environment**

Objective: To improve the wider environment in the local area

- Parking issues across the LNP area were noted several times during the Ward Walk and mentioned as part of the LNP discussions. There are specific parking problems in the following areas: Manor Farm School, Manor Farm Car Park, St Michaels School (Pelsall) Stanley Place in Rushall, Pelsall High Street. A new parking bay is needed at Rushall School to enable parents to drop off and pick up their children.

- In addition, a need was identified to prioritise road improvements in the area. It was felt to be important that these should be properly prioritised with a clear policy and transparency for those decisions.

- Flytipping in specific sites were noted as being a concern (Ryders Hayes, Norton Road, Slacky Lane, Common Side, Winterley Lane, Spring Lane (shops) Autumn Drive (shops). The increasing incidence of dog fouling and litter was also discussed particularly in areas such as Pelsall Common, Parks and Open Space.

THEME: **The general environment**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Ensure CA use appropriate car park (this is relation to Manor Farm). Improve access to car park, lighting and implement CCTV; ensure it is marked out properly to encourage use.					
Assess cost of provision of car parking spaces by road widening and ask residents if they are prepared to meet the costs (Stanley Place)					
Limited waiting signs required at St Michaels School (Ward Walk action confirms this has been agreed)					
Installation of 2 hour waiting restrictions and more disabled parking facilities near shops					
Encourage schools to consider walking buses to relieve pressure on local roads and parking					

THEME continued: **<u>The general environment</u>**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
More stringent monitoring and enforcement plus raise awareness of tip opening hours					
Housing: get private landlords to take greater responsibility regarding rubbish collection					
Greater enforcement re dog fouling by-laws with high profile prosecutions					
Overall review of car parking needs Residential School drop offs/pick ups					
Audit of land potentially available for use for car parking					

THEME continued: **<u>The general environment</u>**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Improvement of parks and open spaces, fencing, tidying up High Heath The Radleys Pool View nature reserve Rowley Place Rushall tennis courts					
Assess possibility of establishing a small local business for litter picking using local personnel					
Establish volunteer local community work force for litter picking					
Increase number of litter bins available in the LNP area (design to be sympathetic to the area)					
Secure improvements to Pelsall Common footpaths					

THEME continued: **The general environment**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Provision of dog fouling bins at all parks and open spaces					
Seek robust enforcement of dog fouling laws					
Secure installation of physical measures to prevent access to common areas by motor cycles and other motorised bikes					
Identify suitable site for development for “off road” bike activities					
Improved sign posting particularly defining the boundaries of Shelfield and High Heath					
Litter bins, both in shopping areas, near schools and on High Heath and Shelfield Parks					
Dropped kerbs for disabled access					
Form a High Heath ‘Friends of the Park’ Group					
Post Box for High Heath					

THEME continued: **The general environment**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Increased litter collection from surrounding streets. Enforcement required, especially near Shelfield Community College.					
Local high profile campaign regarding litter and dog fouling					

THEME: **Make Walsall a healthy and caring place**

Objective: To improve the health aspects of the local area

- There was an issue highlighted regarding young single mothers in the area which was thought to link back directly to education and the need to be more proactive about highlighting the pitfalls associated with pregnancy – from contraceptive issues through to smoking during pregnancy. Also noted there are concerns about drinking and smoking in public.

- Drugs issues – the availability and use of drugs in the area is a concern – some of which is believed to be as a result of migration in from neighbouring areas, as such there is an element of displacement.

- **More exercise programmes could be introduced for children (linked to walking to school) young people and elderly people.**

THEME: **Make Walsall a healthy and caring place**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Intervention schemes implemented in local schools focussing on health and lifestyle choices to reduce teenage pregnancy, excess drinking and smoking.					
Check best practice re introducing exercise programmes.					
The opening of "Poppies" a drugs centre was felt to be a positive move and one which should be strongly supported by the LNP.					
Development of Health Centre to serve Pelsall					
Secure additional NHS dentistry services					
Provision of drugs education pre-secondary school					

THEME: **Ensure all people are safe and secure**

Objective: To increase the feeling of this LNP area being a “safe” place to live

- The drugs issue in the area can lead to additional crime; it can fuel other types of crime, such as burglary, anti social behaviour and violence. Allied to this is the access to alcohol for young people which further exacerbates the situation.

- This also has a knock on effect of increased anti social behaviour, crime and a lack of community cohesion – particularly between the youth and older residents. There is a tendency for youths to congregate on street corners, throw bricks at windows, drop litter and play football on the bowling green

- Further aspects of crime which were voiced as a concern at the LNP meeting included drivers speeding through Pelsall village and off road motor cycling.

- **One of the possible causes of anti social behaviour is that there are inadequate facilities in the local area: no youth club, no swimming pool, no football facility, no floodlit provision. This means young people have time on their hands with few diversionary activities available locally.**

THEME continued: **Ensure all people are safe and secure**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
There is a clear need to engage with young people at all levels – through parents, schools and youth fora.					
There should be a tightening of the licensing laws.					
Secure a youth worker for the area to create diversionary recreational activities.					
Identify activities to prevent youths committing crime Identify different youth groups. Work closely with schools.					
Work with parents who absolve themselves of their responsibilities for looking after their children when they are out of school					
Identify facilities for parents and children to participate in activities together					

THEME continued: **Ensure all people are safe and secure**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Build partnerships – cross boundary work, ie with organisations outside the borough .Engage with big leisure companies etc who may be willing to provide subsidised activities for youth groups.					
Identify what facilities (ie social, recreational etc) are lacking and areas where potential exists to develop them.eg Internet cafes, greater use of parks facilities etc.					
Work with police regarding their profile and presence in the area.					
Explore methods to engage young people to educate their peers					
Develop parental contracts – involve parents in the patch in identifying acceptable levels of behaviour.					

THEME continued: **Ensure all people are safe and secure**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Consider the basics, eg effective lighting, clean streets etc.					
Discuss with Police reps effective policing, beat teams.etc					
Consider methods to encourage and improve the use of existing facilities within the area that help to prevent crime occurring.					
Look to improve engagement of young people in the LNP.					
Identify hot spots to enable specific initiatives to be targeted there					
Work with social organisations , pubs/clubs etc to enable youths to access facilities for the purpose of socialising.					

THEME continued: **Ensure all people are safe and secure**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Improve communication with the police - Develop open house /drop in sessions /comments boxes to enable the community to raise issues make ideas/suggestions etc.					
Revisit crime prevention initiatives such as shed alarms initiatives, locks schemes etc Audit and refresh neighbourhood watch schemes.					
Review lighting levels in parks, both as a deterrent for crime and to enable greater use of facilities when required.					
Explore CCTV provision coverage in village centres (including exploration of funding initiatives with businesses/ local community etc).					

Recommendations

(1) A mix and match use of interventions ranging from target hardening to intelligence led policing operations for domestic burglary
(2) Further analysis of 'locations' will inform subsequent target hardening activity to hot spot areas
(3) Drugs – disrupt the market – continue positive enforcement by the police
(4) Drugs – care and support – map current provision for users and identify if gaps exist – then develop accessible local help
(5) Further analysis of criminal damage – type and location – to inform subsequent action plans
(6) Further analysis of violent crime, especially cause and location to inform subsequent action planning
(7) Analyse the levels of domestic violence (DV) and repeat victimisation within the violent crime category
(8) Develop a responsive DV action plan if required
(9) Develop meaningful local performance indicators around anti-social behaviour to enable residents to determine the effectiveness of agency responses
(10) Publicise and conduct high profile policing initiatives for excess car speed and off road motor cycling
(11) Analyse disorder and violent crime where alcohol is known/believed to have been a factor
(12) If trends/locations are identified pursue a parallel action plan of high profile enforcement and health education
(13) Map the locations of recurring youth nuisance
(14) Map the extent of local youth provision
(15) Consider the development of inter-generational projects (IT?) and a mentoring scheme
(16) Review the extent/quality of engagement with hard to reach/vulnerable groups in the area

THEME: **Make our schools great**

Objective: To improve the educational performance of schools to improve the educational experience for young people

Statistics illustrate that this is an aspect of local life which needs to be addressed. There is some evidence that there are bullying and anti social incidents in schools with schools being reluctant to report drug related incidents**.**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
More use to be made of schools liaison officer					
Schools to be encouraged to implement agreed guidelines					

THEME: **Housing**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Identify need for improvements to Housing in partnership with WHG Environmental Improvements External areas to low rise flats		WHG?			
Encourage specialist builders to consider sites for private housing for persons with a disability and the elderly		WHG			
Seek provision of affordable housing for first time buyers		WHG?			

THEME: **Young People**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
YP1 Develop fun days to allow young people to be consulted about what activities they want to be provided and encourage other agencies to be involved	High Priority End of Nov 2005	Donna Rickets Rachel Walker	Aim to use the results to inform activities at fundays. Need to make links with Schools	Following events already planned for the area 2nd July Pelsall Carnval 12th July High Heath 24th July Shelfield Questionaaire to be devised by Donna to be circulated to local schools to find out Young Peoples views	
YP2 When consulting young people, ensure that their views are taken on board and actioned. Involve young people in the projects	High Priority End of Nov 2005	Donna Rickets Rachel Walker		This will be done through the questionnaire	
YP3 Encourage schools to become more involved with youth issues	High Priority End of Nov 2005	Donna Rickets Rachel Walker		This will be done through the questionnaire	
YP4 Provide access to facilities in other areas of the borough (i.e. to sport facilities/ cinema) Get parents involved in organising transport	Medium End of Nov 2006	Ann Rice Donna Rickets Rachel Walker	Explore transport solutions for loan of mini buses, Pool of drivers Negotiate with TWM and Centro	Use results of questionnaire to inform about demand to venues	

THEME continued: **Young People**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
YP5 Ensure that existing facilities cater for all the needs of people with disabilities and they are accessible.	High End of Nov 2005	Parveen		Map youth facilities to see if any additional facilities are needed	
YP6 Provide Y.O.Z.'s - Youth Only Zones, informal 'young people only' setting for 1 night a week in local leisure centres. In partnership with agencies such as D.A.T. and teenage pregnancy unit.	Medium End of Nov 2006			Linked in with YP4	
YP7 Include in area/events less traditional sports facilities, such as rock face climbing and assault courses	High End of Nov 2005			Explore the demand for facility through questionnaire	
YP8 Long term action: To develop a youth centre of excellence, with sports facilities etc.: target external funding streams to realise this.	Medium Nov 2006 +	Gary Perry			

THEME continued: **Young People**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
YP9 Provide cheap/free entrance to local sports facilities for young people	Medium End of Nov 2006			Link in with YP4 and YP6	
YP10 Make better and more use of communal spaces.	Medium End of Nov 2005	Pelsall – Arthur Roberts Shelfield – Donna Ricketts Rushall- John Rees/Ann Rice		Identify the communal spaces iand who manages the space. Use results to explore what activities the area could be used.	
YP11 Facilitate the relationship between young people and adults	High End of Nov 2006	Parveen		Find out if any new youth workers are to be employed in the area Invite young people to meetings Establish a young peoples forum	
YP12 Develop inter-regeneration project. (Example of good practice: Autumn Close gardening project)	High End of Nov 2005	John Ree Bernard Dickenson		To contact Daw End re- garden project Ask for information about Autum Close garden project	
YP13 Skate park facility in the area	Short End of Nov 2005	Donna Ricketts		Determine need via questionnaire	

THEME continued: **Young People**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
YP14 Identify gaps in facilities,(i.e. no local authority managed youth centre in Shelfield)	Medium End of Nov 2005	Parveen		Linked with YP10	
YP15 Ensure young people under 13 will be engaged and supported.				Will be resolved through youth forum and inter-generational working	
YP16 Work towards getting a youth worker in Rushall	Long Nov 2006			On hold depending information from other actions	
YP17 Improve information available in the LNP area focusing on young peoples issues	Medium End of Nov 2006	Donna Ricketts		Find out what information is required via the questionnaire	Link with Health Task Group
YP18 Link in with local youth groups to develop/ build on the local youth forum	High End of Nov 2006			Link with YP 12/20/13	
YP19 Work with disaffected young people, in partnership with schools and Brownhills 'kickstart' project	High End of Nov 2006	Jim Thomas		Map services already available	

THEME continued: **Young People**

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
YP20 Develop a project working with the parents of disaffected children	High End of Nov 2006	Jim Thomas			
YP21 Develop young people mentoring young people project in schools	HOLD	Bernard Dickenson		Schools already doing this, find out what's available	
YP22 Keep informed on and become involved in Children's centres development. Presentation to June/ July meeting?	FOR INFORMATION				
YP23 Youth facilities and provision of detached Youth Worker					

SECTION FOUR: Making it happen

Summary of planned consultation events - Consultants

How local people will be involved – CEN / H of NP

Local people and groups can be involved in many different ways in their LNP:

- Attending the quarterly LNP meetings.
- Becoming a member of one or all of the LNP task groups.
- Becoming a member of the community forum.
- Attending consultation events organised by the LNP.
- Publicising the work of the LNP in your community.
- Encouraging people and groups you know to attend LNP meetings and events.

LNPs are particularly keen to involve and make contact with young people and groups in your area who don't traditionally take part in partnerships such as this

If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved, then please contact Parveen Sangha, Neighbourhood Partnerships Officer on 01922 654701 or email on sanghap@walsall.gov.uk

Review of the plan – Policy Team

Each plan upon completion will be presented to Walsall council, it's partners and local communities to outline what actions have been agreed, and what the plan contains. In this first instance, the neighbourhood plan will be in effect until the end of March 2006, but thereafter will be reviewed on an annual basis. In this way, the partnership will ensure that any actions that have been suggested or identified as part of the neighbourhood plan will indeed be acted upon, making it accountable to the whole of the local community. Action on developing and reviewing he plan will not stop once the initial plan is completed, but will in effect be an on-going process as issues are resolved and new ones are identified.

Partnership meeting dates – Constitutional Services

APPENDIX

List of Partners - Constitutional Services