

Darlaston Local Neighbourhood Partnership - 5th July 2005

Partnership plan and Task Groups

1. Brief Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the additions made to the draft Partnership Plan and the general progress of the various task groups.

2. Work to date

The LNP has undertaken various task group meetings since the last main LNP meeting:

- **Health Task group:**

All LNP members were invited to 2 events hosted by the PCT on 17th May and 25th May.

Information that was provided included some useful information in regards to current health problems within the area. (see enclosed)

- **Task Groups:**

- ◇ Environment: – Councillor A. Johnson
- ◇ Crime – Councillor Rose Burley
- ◇ Young People – Pete Burton
- ◇ Education – Councillor Keith Chambers
- ◇ Health – Cath Bonham

- **Funding Workshop**

In addition to normal task groups a further meeting took place on 17th June to allocate the £22,000 resource

- **Bus Tour**

On the 14th June, the LNP went on a bus tour of the area, picking up issues of concern and also celebrating the positives of the area reflecting the Placecheck approach. The tour only covered part of the LNP area, thus another tour is being planned.

4. Recommendations

- LNP to endorse changes and additions to partnership plan
- For LNP members to continue in attendance at the workshop meetings
- For individual LNP members to encourage wider participation from community members within the task groups

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Local Neighbourhood Partnership Health Workshop

Demographic and Health profile of Darlaston LNP

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Health Headlines

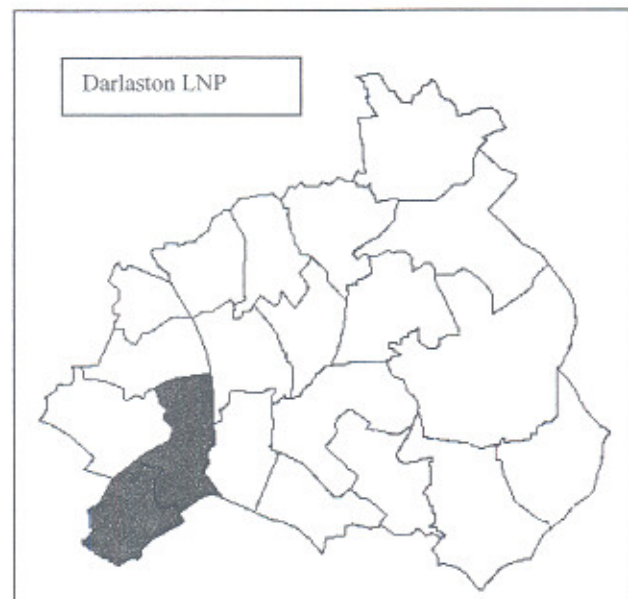
Darlaston LNP has smaller proportions of young people (0-15yrs) and older people (65 and over) than the whole of Walsall. The key health issues in the LNP include:

- Obesity and smoking prevalence in the LNP is higher than Walsall averages.
- There is a very large number of lone parent households (14.1% of all households).
- Long-term illness is also a problem with over 1 in 5 people reporting such a condition in the LNP.
- Cervical screening, breast screening and flu-uptake are all below borough averages **and** national targets.
- The rate of teenage pregnancy is double the national rate in both Darlaston LNP wards.

Background:

- The total population of Darlaston is 25,941.
- About 6,200 of these residents are under 16 years of age (23.9%) and roughly 4,000 are over 64 years of age (15.6%). Walsall has more young people (24.4%) and more older people (16.2%) overall than the LNP.
- There are more than 10,200 households in the LNP area, 14.1% of which are lone parent households. This compares with 10.7% across Walsall.
- The proportion of residents in Darlaston from BME groups is 15.6% being higher than the Walsall average of 13.6%. There are currently over 40 asylum seekers in the LNP living in LA accommodation (spread fairly evenly across the 2 wards) making up 11.1% of the Walsall total.
- 49.6% of the LNP adults (aged 16-74) have left school with no qualifications, compared to 42.7% across Walsall. Nationally there are 29.1% of adults with no qualifications.
- Unemployment is notably higher than the borough average (5.6% against 4.4%), and 11.8% of the LNP's Smaller Areas are in the country's top 10% most deprived.

Walsall Borough Ward Map



Source: Walsall teaching PCT

Public Health Issues:

- The life expectancy (1996-2000) at birth for those living in Darlaston LNP was 72.8 years for men and 79.8 years for women. This is similar to the Walsall average of 74.4 and 79.5 respectively. Life expectancy for Walsall men is 1 ½ years less than for the whole of England & Wales.
- Infant Mortality Rates of 4.6 per 1,000 live births over the 3 years 2001-2003 is well below the Walsall figure (5.7) and England and Wales figure (5.4). The Perinatal mortality rate (deaths under 7 days and stillbirths) of 6.4 for the same period in the LNP, was also below borough rates (Walsall rate is 8.8).
- The rate of deaths (all ages, all causes) per 1,000 population in the LNP is 9.8, being marginally better than the Walsall overall rate of 10.2.
- There are approximately 22% of the LNP residents suffering from a long-term condition. This is higher than the borough average of 20% and even higher than the England and Wales average of 18%.

Lifestyle and Choosing Health

Earlier this year the Department of Health released the White Paper "Choosing Health" aimed at addressing health issues across the country. Six main issues were identified as requiring special attention that have a major contribution to poor health. These are:

Obesity:

- Obesity amongst adults in Darlaston LNP is much more than in the rest of Walsall (19% against 15%, and is equally as likely in either of the wards).
- Across the LNP, women are more likely to be obese than men (21% and 16.5% respectively) reversing the gender trend over the borough.

Smoking:

- It is estimated that over 5,400 adults (27.5%) in the LNP are smokers. This is higher than the borough prevalence of 26%, however some lifestyle data is not thought to be very accurate.
- There were 24.7% of women smoking at time of birth of their child in Darlaston. This is substantially higher than the Walsall figure of 20.2%.

Exercise & Nutrition:

- At least 6% of adults in Darlaston LNP do none or very little exercise, being slightly less 'active' than the rest of Walsall (5%).
- Approximately 21% of the adults in the LNP eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetable a day. The national proportion for this measure of dietary intake is approximately 14% however doubts have been cast over the accuracy of local data.

Drinking:

- 82% of adults drink some alcohol in the LNP. It is estimated that 16.1% of men and 10.5% of women in the LNP drink to excess. This is considerably lower than Walsall levels (20% and 12% respectively).

Sexual Health:

- Teenage Conceptions rates in the LNP are well above Walsall averages (94.4 compared to 63.4 per 1,000 female population aged 15-17). Both wards in the LNP are equally as bad when it comes to teen pregnancies. The rate in England and Wales was 42.8.

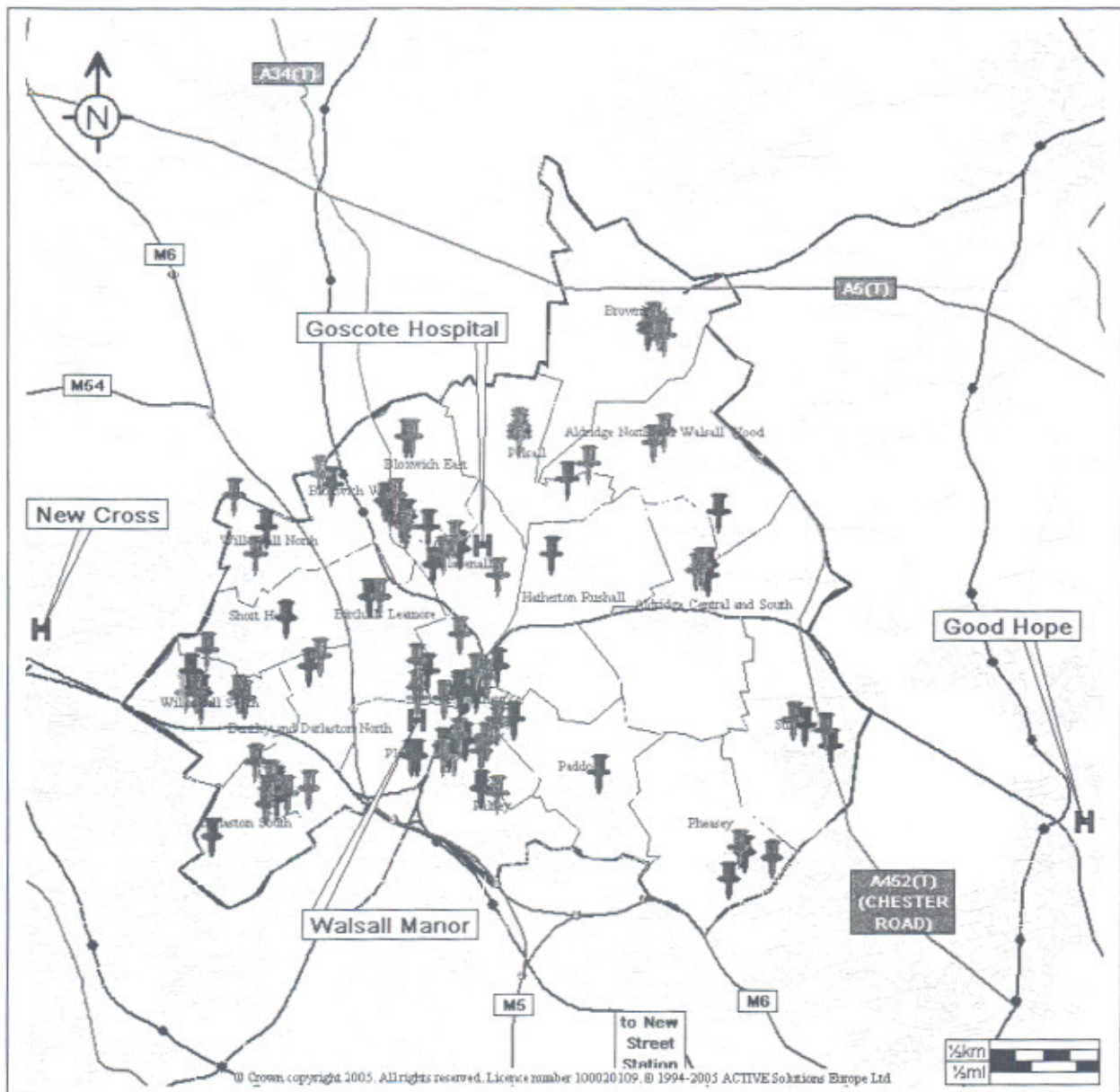
Mental Health:

- No detailed information is available at this time however; recent estimates are that 1 in 4 people across the borough suffer from some sort of mental health condition.

Other Key Public Health Issues:

- Breastfeeding levels (at transfer to Health Visitor) were 38.1%. Again, this is slightly below the current Walsall average of 39.4%.
- Crude mortality rates (per 100,000 population) from Cancer in the LNP (2000-2002) were 268.66. This is slightly higher than the overall Walsall rate of 260.6.
- Mortality rates from Coronary Heart Disease in the LNP were 2.7 per 1,000 population. This is slightly worse than the Walsall average of 2.6.
- Breast screening uptake from the mobile unit in Darlaston was 69% at the last screening round, against the target to achieve a 70%+ uptake rate.
- Cervical screening in the LNP area (from GP's based in the LNP) ranges from 74% to 85% (average 79%) and the target is 80%. The Walsall average is 81.8%.
- Childhood immunisation rates vary little across Walsall and average uptake (by 2 years of age) for MMR is 82% with Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Hib and Meningitis C all having uptake ranging from 94% to 99% across the borough.
- Flu Vaccination in Walsall in over 65s has met the 70% target but in Darlaston this ranges from 58% to 77% with the average uptake being 67.6%

Map of Walsall Services and major road and rail networks.



Key	Description
H	Hospital Site
+	Practice Location
+	Pharmacy Location
+	Breast Screening Unit

Health Services in the Area:

- At present there are 7 General Practices in Darlaston accommodating 10 GPs.
- There are 2 General Dental Practices in the LNP and also 1 Community Dental Service.
- There are 4 pharmacies currently in Darlaston LNP.
- There is also 1 Breast Screening Unit in the LNP as well as a link worker.
- Manor hospital is in the neighbouring ward of Pleck.

Population and Public Health Snapshot Indicators: Summary Table

	Darlaston	Walsall	England & Wales
Demography:			
Total Population	25941	253499	52 mill
Male	12604 (48.6%)	123189 (48.6%)	49%
Female	13340 (51.4%)	130310 (51.4%)	51%
Under 16s Population	6195 (21.2%)	55009 (21.7%)	20.2%
Over 64s Population	4041 (13.4%)	41067 (16.2%)	16%
Population change (1991-2001) +/-		-3.10%	
Number Households	10249	101333	
Proportion of Lone Parent Households	14.1%	10.7%	
Population density (residents per sq km)	3317	116	
Ethnicity:			
Proportion of BME population	15.6%	13.6%	8.7%
Travellers/Asylum Seekers (in LA Accommodation as at 22.11.04)	43	388	
Education:			
No qualifications	49.6%	42.7%	29.1%
Degree or higher	6.5%	11.1%	19.8%
Deprivation and Unemployment:			
Super Output Areas (SOAs) in top 10 most deprived in UK, 2004	2	29	
Proportion of SOA within Borough/LNP in top 10% most deprived	11.8%	17%	10%
Unemployment (2001)	5.6%	4.4%	3.4%
Lifestyle and Choosing Health:			
Proportion of adults drinking alcohol (2001)	82%	84%	
Proportion of adults eating 5-a-day (2001)	20.9%	24%	
Proportion of adults drinking to excess (2001)			
Men	16.1%	20%	
Women	10.5%	12%	
Proportion of adults taking little or no exercise (2001)	6%	5.50%	
Proportion of adults who are obese (2001)	19%	15%	
Proportion of adults who smoke (2001)	27.5%	26%	
Teenage Conceptions (1998-2000) as rate per 1,000	94.4	63.4	
Other Key Public Health Issues:			
Life Expectancy (1996-2000)			
Men	72.8	74.4 years	76
Women	79.8	79.5 years	80.5
Infant Mortality	4.6	5.7	5.3
Perinatal Mortality	6.4	8.8	8
Long term conditions (2001)	22.2%	20%	18%
Smoking in Pregnancy (2002)	24.7%	20.2%	
Breastfeeding (2003)	38.1%	39.4%	
Mortality from cancer, crude rate/100,000 pop (2001-2003)	268.6	260.6	263.6 (1995-97)
Mortality from CHD, crude rate/ 1000 pop (2001-2003)	2.7	2.6	
Breast Screening uptake	69%	70%	70%
Cervical Screening uptake	74-85%	81.80%	80%
Flu Vaccination uptake	58-77%	70%	70%
Childhood Immunisation at 24 months	94-99% (MMR at 82%)		

DARLASTON LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD 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 – Bill Madeley

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 Partnership do?

The partnerships are there to:

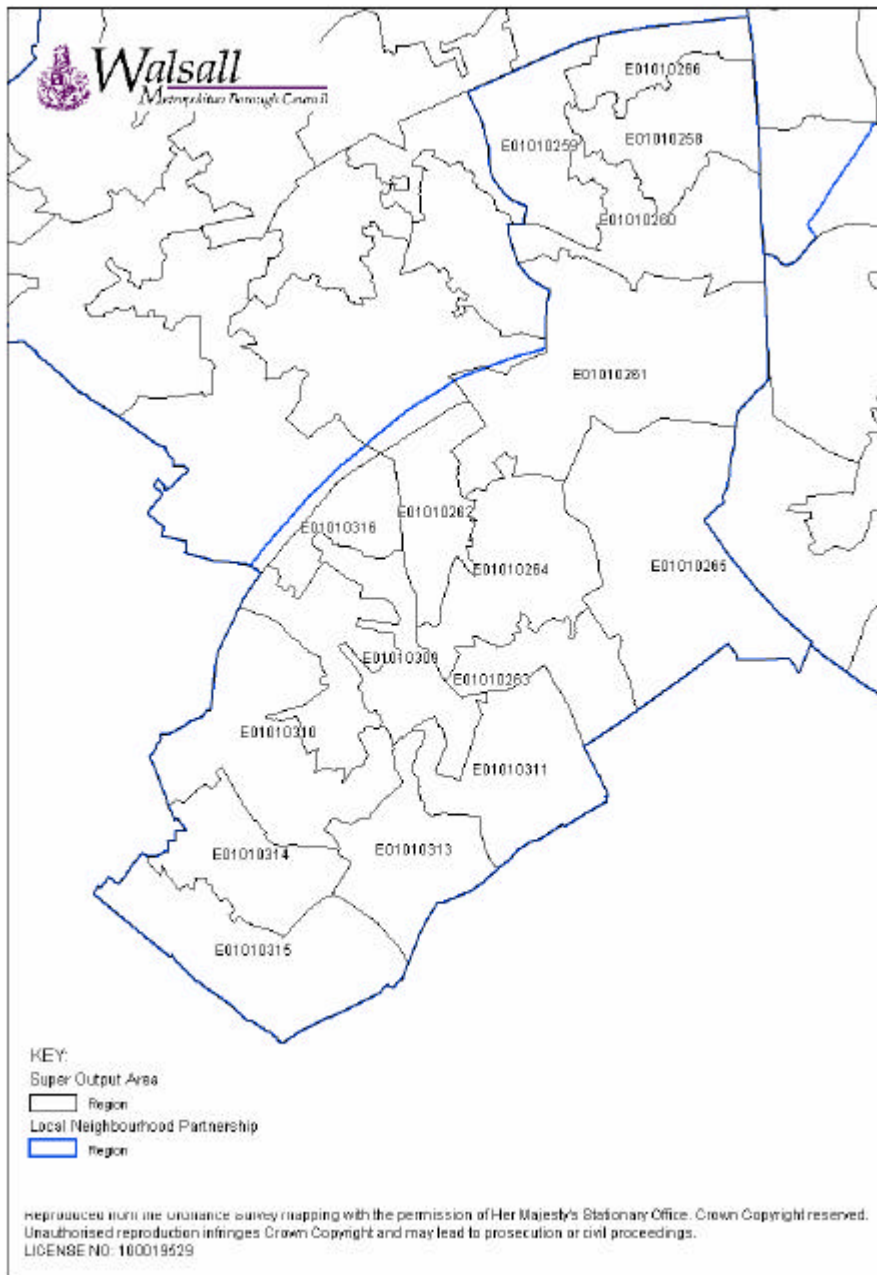
- Consult and involve local residents, businesses and other service providers in agreeing a plan for their area.
- Produce a partnership plan which will help to deliver the 2008 Vision of the Council and inform the Community Strategy for the borough.
- Manage and monitor the implementation of their plan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

The LNP's 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

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 up to 44 years old and well above average numbers of young people aged between 5 and 15 years of age. Some 84.5% of residents are of white origin while the area has above the borough average of people of Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi origin living locally. It has below the borough average of owner occupiers

Environment: In a study completed in 2001, residents in this LNP area when asked “Do you consider the area to have got worse?” some 43% Answered “Yes” – the third worst of all LNP areas.

Economy: The area has below the borough average for people in employment and, as a result, a high level of unemployed people. In terms of people claiming a range of benefits (such as Disability Living Allowance, Job Seekers Allowance and Income Support) it is above the borough average. It has the highest rate of people claiming council tax benefit of all LNP areas. Another indication of poverty is car ownership, this LNP area is classed as the third highest of all LNP areas with people who have no cars.

Statistics relating to specific neighbourhoods within the LNP area

Government departments have developed a way of mapping “poverty or deprivation indicators” across the UK. 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 the UK 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 Rough Hay with a rank of 3,210, is considered to be the most deprived neighbourhood, overall, in this LNP area and therefore in need of most help.

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
Darlaston South	E01010316	Rough Hay	3210	10
Darlaston South	E01010314	Old Moxley	3387	15
Darlaston South	E01010310	North Moxley	4124	15
Darlaston South	E01010315	South Moxley	4261	15
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010258	Mid Bentley	4629	15
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010265	Fallings Heath	4730	15
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010260	South Bentley	4756	15
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010261	Bentley/Bentley Bridge	4973	20
Darlaston South	E01010309	South Darlaston	5022	20
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010263	Butcroft	5169	20
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010266	North Bentley	5478	20
Darlaston South	E01010313	Woods Bank	6322	20
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010264	Darlaston Green	6611	25
Darlaston South	E01010311	Kings Hill	6729	25
Darlaston South	E01010312	South George Rose Park	6957	25
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010262	West Darlaston	10250	50
Bentley And Darlaston North	E01010259	West Bentley	11936	50

There are therefore 17 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 help.

This LNP area has 12 small neighbourhoods in the top 20% of deprived areas nationally and a further three in the top 25% nationally. Put another way, 15 of the LNP’s 17 small

neighbourhoods (some 88%) are considerably deprived against nationally recognised indicators.

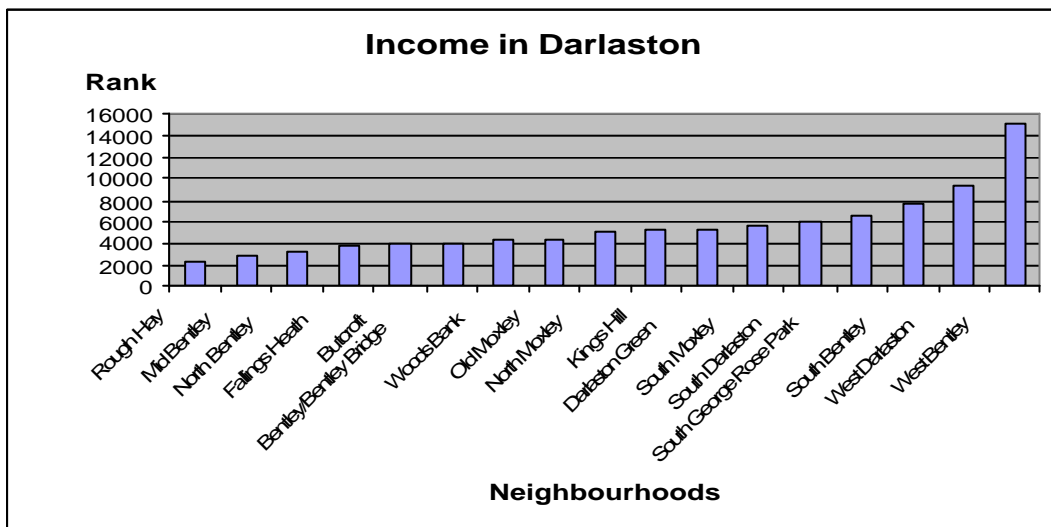
Considering specific elements of the overall “neighbourhood ranking”

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.

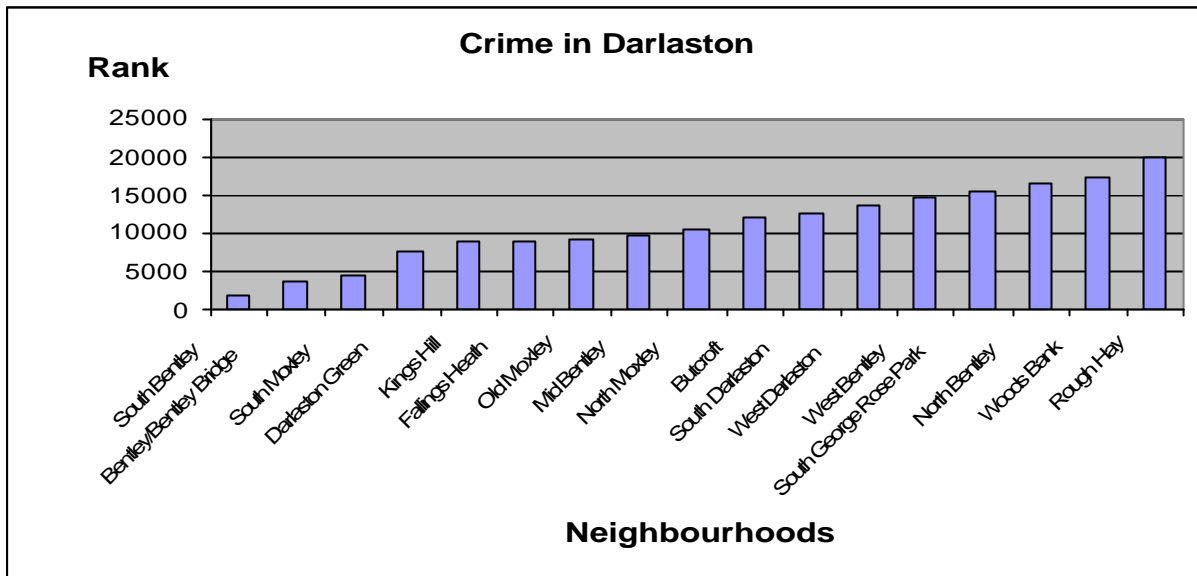
Income
Graph 1



The above graph confirms the extent of the deprivation across the LNP area, Rough Hay is the most deprived small neighbourhood with a “score” of 2,192. In fact the 3 neighbourhoods to the left of the graph all score below 3,248 hence they are in the top most 10% deprived neighbourhoods.

Crime

Graph 2



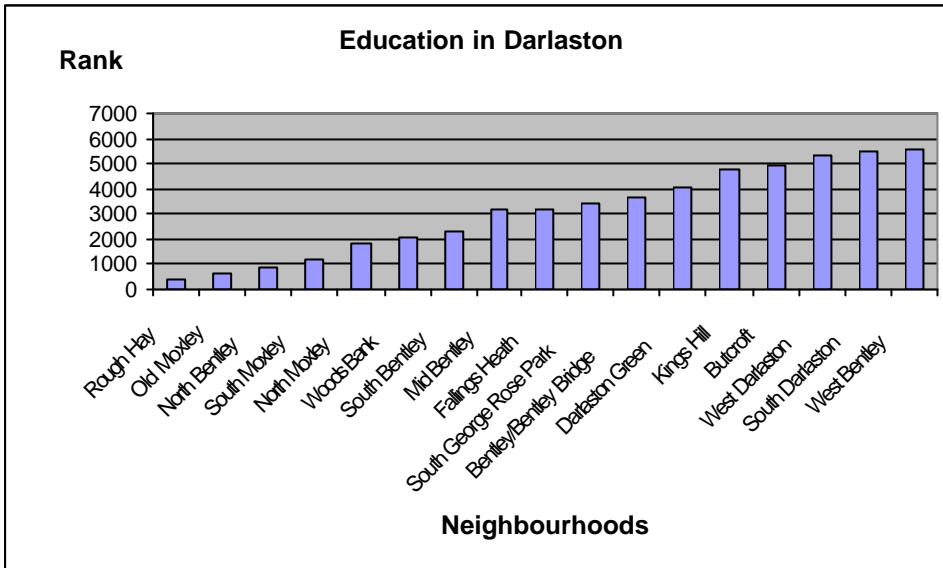
The Partnership focussed on the issue of crime, especially anti social behaviour, statistics of the area show that the % of young offenders has increased in the area from 02/03 to 03/04. Graph 2 shows which neighbourhoods are considered to be most deprived in terms of this aspect.

Using the left axis to read across the graph shows that South Bentley is the most deprived small neighbourhood with a “score” of 1,935 whilst the least deprived is Rough Hay with a score of 19,867. Considering the graph overall reveals that whilst South Bentley is in the top 10%, most deprived nationally, a further three (Bentley/Bentley Bridge, South Moxley and Darlaston Green are in the top 25% nationally (e.g. all of these neighbourhoods “score” below 8,120)

Education

Education was also noted as a concern at the LNP’s initial meeting; it is therefore worth noting the education graph. As a point of interest, it would seem that adults living in this LNP area are relatively well catered for; using information provided by Adult & Community Learning in Walsall reveals that there appears to be one Learn Direct Centre and two UK Online Centres in the LNP area, plus three information advice and guidance centres.

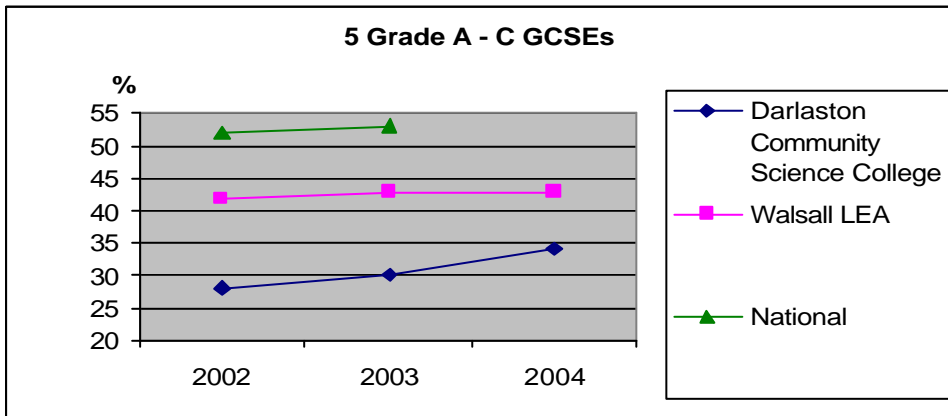
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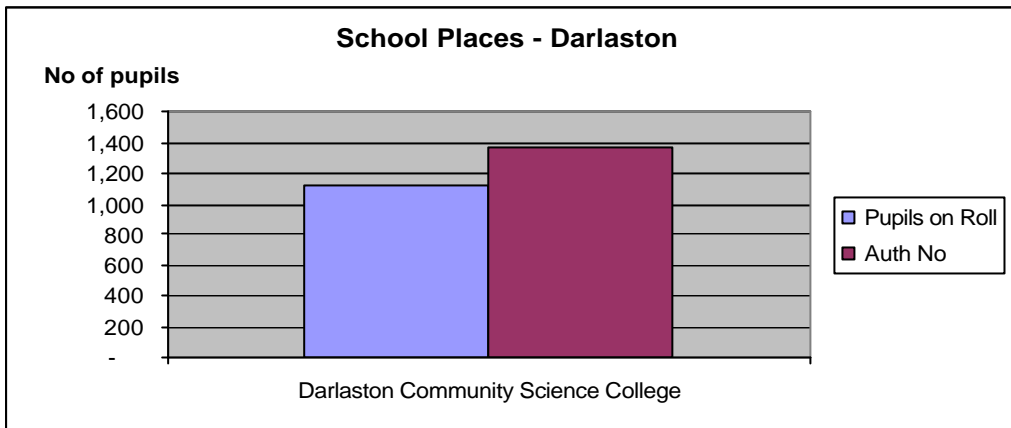
Again the above graph illustrates the widespread deprivation across the LNP area. The left axis shows that all areas are in the top 20% of deprived neighbourhoods nationally – i.e. below 6,496. Indeed, Rough Hay, Old Moxley, North Bentley and South Moxley all score below 1,624 hence they are in the top 5% nationally.

There is only one secondary school based in the area and despite being below the national and the Walsall levels graph 4 shows a steady improvement (one of the most improved in the borough) and is in line with similar schools nationally.

Graph 4



Graph 5



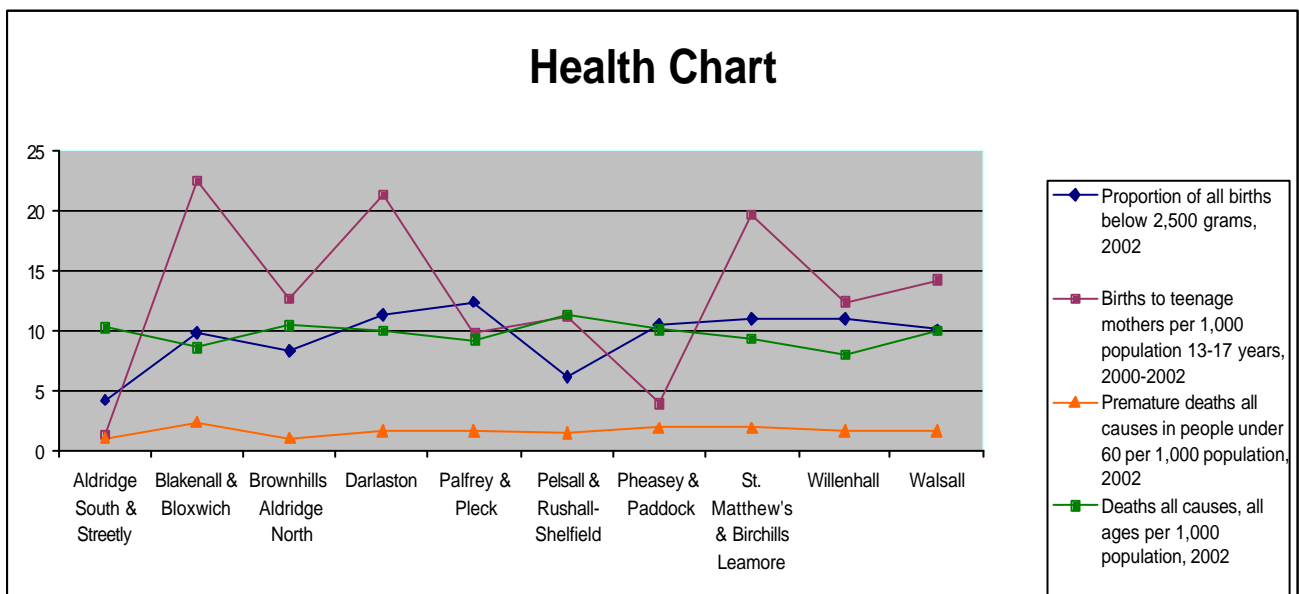
The school also appears to be undersubscribed in terms of pupils attending the school. However despite surplus places year 7 entry numbers are holding up well against falling primary school numbers. Post 16 recruitment has increased from September 2004, and attendance has improved over the last five years although it still falls below the national average.

To place the above Graph in context, to the issues to be addressed in the following section, it is obvious that the area suffers from low attainment which may be linked to low attendance.

Health

Statistics further indicate that the area has a high incidence of teenage pregnancy (Graph 6 below) – the result of which may be that young people are leaving school without completing their education.

Graph 6



SECTION THREE: AREAS FOR ACTION

THEME: Listen to what People want

Objective: To improve the quality of life of young people and increase the opportunities for them in the LNP area

This LNP area has higher numbers of young people than elsewhere in the borough; thus the perceived lack of facilities and services for young people is an issue which needs to be addressed. It also has “knock on” effects on a wider range of issues and across themes as noted below

- There appears to be insufficient maintenance of play areas locally which can lead to health and safety risks. Several play areas were noted as “concerns” on the Ward Walk of 23rd September such as “rear of Health Centre, Churchill Road”, “Alleyways off Broadwater open space”
- There is an increasing incidence of anti social behaviour with gangs of young people in evidence. This is illustrated in both the increasing numbers of thefts from local shops and criminal damage. It is exacerbated by shop keepers knowingly selling both cigarettes and alcohol to underage children. This has led (perhaps directly) to more incidences of gang warfare being in evidence
- The social fabric of the area gives cause for concern; statistics illustrate that teenage pregnancy is high (as is low birth weight in babies) in this LNP area in comparison to other areas in the borough. This fact has led to young, lone parents who are struggling to cope, with many lacking in parenting skills.
- Greater intervention and prevention is key; particularly with young people at an earlier age. It is vital to engage with young people who are opting out of school or who are in danger of being excluded from school. Better partnership working between agencies is thought to be an important factor in improving services in the LNP area.
- Young people need to have a say in what happens in the area: they are the future.

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Establish a Development Plan based on "Parks for Children with targeted facilities and safe play equipment". (The LNP at its initial meeting of 28 th September felt there was a need to develop activities for young people in terms of shelters, play schemes/programmes, skate parks, ball courts, etc)	Jan 05	The sub group of the LNP – Town Centre & Environment		The sub group of the LNP – Town Centre & Environment noted this point in its "Parks, Open Spaces and Canals Action Plan" dated 6 th December 2004	
Re-designate open play areas as parks; this may improve the overall management of areas.					
LNP to propose a formal resolution to the Council regarding an alcohol ban and greater enforcement.	Jan 05	The sub group of the LNP – Town Centre & Environment		The sub group of the LNP – Town Centre & Environment noted this point in its "Parks, Open Spaces and Canals Action Plan" dated 6 th December 2004	

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
<p>Improve outreach services to reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy, low birth weight, smoking, drugs/alcohol abuse. These services should focus upon sexual health issues and making informed lifestyle choices based on improved education.</p>					
<p>Make a real effort to listen to young people, to find out what they think and what they want – e.g. it is important not to make assumptions on their behalf.</p>					
<p>Consider setting up a “Youth Forum” to consider aspects of anti social behaviour and identify the facilities needed by young people in the area</p>				<p>Initial talks with Youth Opinion Unite</p>	

Children's Centres	Phase 1 implemented by March 2006 Phase 2 – 2006-08	Michael Hiscox – Walsall Children's Centres		Location of 2 Children's Centres identified (phase 1) Further centres may be identified through Phase 2	Walsall Childrens Centres Programme
Consult with under 13s	Before the end of school year	Cllr Rose Burley Angie Clarke			
Support and grow the work of Walsall MBC Youth Provision with 13-25's		David Owen Jan Madeley			
Support Sure Start/Children's Centres		Angie Clarke Cllr A Johnson			
Children's Centre Phase 2 development		Michael Hiscox			
Support and Know what the Darlaston CA are doing – Pods Project		Sally Milne Cllr Paul Bott			
Expand Extended School Provision - West Midlands Police have a classroom which may be used		Andy Clarke Sue Machin			

THEME: Ensure a Clean and Green Area

Objective: Improving the environment

- LNP members highlighted fly-tipping and litter as specific areas of concern at its initial meeting on 28th September. Environmental issues generally were further discussed by the Town Centre & Environment Sub Group at its meeting of 6th December.
- Fly-tipping is felt to be particularly prevalent in the Bentley area (this was also noted in the Ward Walk of 23rd September.); schools are felt to be specific problem areas in “attracting” increasing amounts of litter. Fly tipping and litter were also discussed by the “Crime” sub group of the LNP with a series of specific sites being identified. Details of the sites are contained in the notes of the Crime Workshop held on 13th December 2004.
- In terms of issues which needed medium or longer term attention, Darlaston Town Centre is in urgent need of regeneration, particularly the market area of the town. It is felt that whilst Darlaston could claim a “Conservation Area” in the Town Centre, there are many buildings that are in need of removing or improving; it was felt external funding would need to be secured possibly via Advantage West Midlands or other sources. The future impact of the Metro Line in Darlaston also needs investigation.

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Strengthen enforcement measures with regard to both litter offenders and fly-tippers; The LNP would support action taken against private land owners by enforcing agencies.					
Introduce or improve surveillance on sites with a history of tipping. The easy accessibility and availability of open space for “tippers” should be addressed; consider restricting access to “known” problem sites.					
Consider the introduction of Service Level Agreements between agencies such as Walsall MBC, Walsall Housing Group and British Waterways to encourage greater inter agency working as a means to introduce seamless					

service delivery.					
Town Centre Plan - Seek to appoint a consultant to prepare update of 1999 Darlaston Town Centre Plan	April 2005	Cllr B. Madeley			
Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS)	Start April 2003 Completion March 07			A further bid is being made to English Heritage for additional funds to extend the scheme	Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS)
Darlaston as a vibrant and attractive economic area: Find funding for Darlaston Town Arch – 'Welcome to King Street' and signage	April 05 for concept Complete March 07	Cllr Keith Chambers			
Market layout on Friday & Saturday Explore turning market to create gateway to centre	May 05	Cllr A. Johnson			
Events on Market Days Establish Events Committee. Prepare Programme of Events and secure funding	Jan 05 April 05	Cllr Bill Madeley		Formation of events committee	

Promoting good things happening already- Events committee to promote Darlaston	Jan 05			Formation of events committee	
Car Parking issues – Lack of/Secure Council to provide Into or current provision & consultant to assess sustainability to meet demand	April 05	S. Borland			
Residential Development in Town Centre Ask Housing Partnerships to provide information on feasibility	April 05	Sue Byard/Mark Wade			
Dog Fouling & Litter Dog fouling –outside Bentley West School Bins Required? Spot Fine Information on Dog Fouling Crackdown required	Jan 05				
Flytipping Sites identified Timetable for Enforcement & Prevention on these sites	Jan 05 March 05	Cllr B Madeley		Mapping exercise has started (initially through Crime workshop)	

Lighting Identify problem areas Prepare plan for improvements	March 05	Cllr K Chambers			
Footpath issues Reinstates from Statutory; who is responsible for checking and agreeing these	Feb 05	Rose B/ Cllr A Johnson			
Trees Park maintenance around trees; Leaf removal; Reinstates from Statutory; who is responsible for checking and agreeing these	Feb 05	Rose B/ Cllr A Johnson			
Traffic Calming Identify Hot Spots Develop Priority & Programme	Feb 05				
Alleys Lack of Maintenance; Lighting; Closure; Identify problem alleys; Options to resolve	March 05	Cllr K Chambers			
Parks for Children Targeted facilities	January 2005	Councillor A Johnson		TYS Scheme identified (see YYS Section)	

Properly sectioned Safe Play equipment		TYS			
Clean parks/graffiti – Request for information on current standards and COSH	January 2005	Councillor R Burley			
Funding through Friends Groups – Request for information on what is available and how to access, current plans	January 2005	Sandra Borland			
Vision for canals/ issues local to Darlaston – - Contact other LNP's for common issues - Endorse principal of development	January 2005				
Moxley Urban Farm/ Citadel Site -managed track on the site?					

Transforming your Space projects

A report was presented to the LNP, by officers of the Council, at its meeting of 28th September. The following “Transforming your Space” schemes were recommended to be noted in the Local Plan for the LNP area. TYS schemes will play a part in improving the local environment as indicated below

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
<u>George Rose Park:</u> major improvements including a new play area, multi sports pitch, equipped skate park, new pathways and a safe crossing facility to provide safe access to the park.	Work to be completed by October 2005.	TYS			
<u>The Barn Bentley:</u> refurbishment to existing sport facility to include replacement roof and floor, new heating system, lights and cavity walls.	Work to be completed by July 2005.	TYS			
<u>Darlaston District projects:</u> Broadwaters Road play area, Victoria	Work to be completed by October 2005.	TYS			

Mews Play area and Kingshill Park – refurbishment, new play equipment, safety surfacing and fencing					
<u>Darlaston District projects:</u> Bentley New Centre: provision of mobile play equipment to be decided by residents and current users.	Work to be completed by October 2005.	TYS			

THEME: Ensure all People are Safe and Secure

Objective: To reduce levels of crime and fear of crime in the local area

The sub group of the LNP met on 13th December 2004 to discuss crime related issues in the LNP, fly tipping and litter, both of which were thought to be factors in the increasing anti social behaviour in evidence locally, are noted in the Environment section above. The notes of the meeting detail the sites in the LNP area which need to be addressed. This detail has been noted in the Crime and Community Action Plan which has been written by Keith Newell, Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor.

- Anti social behaviour. The group identified specific locations in the LNP area which are the focus of anti social behaviour and patterns of behaviour which need to be addressed. Anti social behaviour includes large groups of youths gathering causing problems and general vandalism.
- Vehicle crime. The group noted various types of vehicle associated crime that are an issue in the LNP area, including burnt out cars, car racing, illegal riding of motorcycles and other vehicle crime.

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Motorbikes on former Moxley Urban Farm / Citadel site Look into prospect of erecting ASBO signs	Jan 05	Sgt Gary Asbhy		- Forward to Traffic Police to instigate patrol - Option for managed track on the site: refer to Environmental Task group.	Refer to LNP Crime and Community Action Plan
Group of Youths				- Look at targeting Youth Service funding at this issue - Referral to young peoples task group	
Arson				Links formed with West Midlands Fire Service	
Burglary					
Car Fires/ Burnt Out cars				Links formed with West Midlands Fire Service	
Car Racing/ Motorbike riding					
Dog Fouling (see environment section)					
Drugs				Report by a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor,	Refer to LNP Crime and Community Action Plan

				outlining key recommendations	
Fly Tipping					
Inappropriate Behaviour					
Litter					
Alcohol ban and enforcement - LNP to propose a formal resolution to Council	January 2005	Councillor K Chambers			
Underage drinking				Trading Standards to consider Test Purchases at 2 specific locations	
Vandalism					
CCTV Identify Hotspots Investigate how can be deployed	Jan 05	S Borland			
Vehicle Crime				Report by a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor, outlining key recommendations	Refer to LNP Crime and Community Action Plan
Alley Gating		Steve Gittins – Safer Walsall Borough Partnership			

THEME: Education

Objective: To Raise the aspiration of People in Darlaston
 To be involved in Lifelong Learning
 To improve the standard of living and self esteem

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Family Learning Antenatal Care Childcare Training Vocational Training Family Learning: accreditation Life Skills		tPCT Sure Start			
Library Links - Awareness of mobile library - home delivery service - level of service provided by library service					
Citizenship- bringing people/parents into assisting a learning environment. Use of community centres to do this. Involving the family throughout education – i.e. Internet bus available for moms/dads/ women only groups etc; retraining in the community					
Attendance - truancy - attendance on courses					

Involvement of local community and businesses in offering placement opportunities on courses to tackle skills shortages. Identify other ways of tackling skills shortage, who, where and how this is to be done.					
Raise awareness of vocational/educational/employment programmes i.e. E2E (education through employment), EMA (educational maintenance allowance)					
Inclusion:- Physical access audits Physical barriers to inclusion rather than personal i.e. wide doors rather than two communities getting on with each other					
Tap into current skills base and pass on experience					
Good sporting facilities					

THEME: Health

Objective:

Action	Target & Timescale	Champion	Outcome	Progress so far	Themed Strategic Link
Collate localised targets		Keith Chambers			
Healthy Eating - Food Coops		Sharon Dunning			
Raise the profile of issue affecting men's health		Wendy Pearce Tony Steadman HAZ/tPCT			
Teenage pregnancies - Workshops		Angie Clarke Sharon Dunning			
24 hour Doctor Service (WALDOC) Walk in medical centre		Cllr A Johnson Cath Boneham			
New Health Centre- maximise use - minor surgery		Cllr A Johnson Tony Steadman			
Communicate health services available i.e. out of hours. All communication must reflect language diversity					
Tipping Sites- monitor pollution levels		Cllr Keith Chambers			
Number of Dentists with the area; information on service		Cllr Keith Chambers			

Housing Standards- Private Properties; - info on Private landlord Strategy					
Improving Benefits awareness		Tony Steadman Fred Gleeson			
Alcohol / Drugs awareness – health impact					

Darlaston LNP Priorities

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with Under 13's • Collate localised targets including level of dentists in area • Communicate what health services are being provided • Improve Benefits awareness • Raise the profile of issues affecting men's health • Teenage pregnancies - workshops • Number of dentists within the LNP area • Housing standards; information on Private Landlords Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Eating- food Coops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hour Doctor Service; Walk in medical centre • Maximise use of new Health centre- dentists, minor operations • Citizenship- bringing people/parents into assisting a learning environment. Use of community centres to do this. • Involving the family throughout education – i.e. Internet bus available for moms/dads/ women only groups etc; retraining in the community • Involvement of local community and businesses in offering placement opportunities on courses to tackle skills shortages. • Identify other ways of tackling skills shortage, who, where and how this is to be done. • Raise awareness of vocational/educational/ employment programmes i.e. E2E (education through employment), EMA (educational maintenance allowance) • Attendance • Inclusion • Tap into current skills base and pass on experience • Good sporting facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs/ Alcohol awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs/ Alcohol awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs/ Alcohol awareness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and grow the work of Walsall MBC Youth provision with 13-25 • Support and know what the DCA is doing • Expand Extended school provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tipping Sites- monitor pollution levels 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Suestart/Children's centres including Phase 2 development • Family Learning • Antenatal Care • Childcare Training • Vocational Training • Life Skills • Family Learning: accreditation • Library Links : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awareness of mobile library - home delivery service • level of service provided by library service 		

SHORT
0-6 months

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6-18 Months

LONG
18 Months +

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SECTION FOUR: MAKING IT HAPPEN

Summary of Planned Consultation Events

How local people will be involved

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 want to find out more about the Darlaston LNP or other ways of getting involved then please contact Narinder Singh Chumber, Neighbourhood Partnership Officer on 01922 653508 or chumbern@walsall.gov.uk.

Review of the Plan

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 the 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

Useful Contacts

Appendix

Anti –Social Behaviour

Playing fields to the rear of Monmouth Road
Park Street – youths gathering in large groups
Asda, Darlaston - youths gathering in large groups
Hopland Close
Rubery Court, Rough Hay Road
Rough Hay Road - youths gathering in large groups
Station Villas – large groups of youths causing problems
Station Street – large groups of youths causing problems
James Close – young people congregating and criminal damage

Arson

Bin Store to low rise block of flats set on fire 2-3 times, Bellman Close, Darlaston
Kids setting fire to fly tipped material - Bentley Mill Lane
Kids setting fire to fly tipped material - Bentley Mill Way

Burglary

Rubery Court, Rough Hay Road

Burnt out Cars/ Car Fires

Anson Road, Bentley
Bentley Mill Lane
Bentley Mill Way
Residential Car Park, Bellman Close Darlaston

Car Racing

Lowe Avenue

Dangerous Pavements; Old flower planters

King Street

Dog Fouling

Churchill Road (near no 109)
Alley between Wolverhampton Road West and Morris Avenue
Fields near Granbourne Road
Rough Hay Estate, lack of dog fouling bins
Bentley West School, Monmouth Road

Drugs Issues

Paddington Walk
Old Hall Estate – Covert police operations happening
Pinfold Court
Moxley Road
Kings Hill, Rough Hay, Moxley
Latches Close
Bentley Estate

Fly Tipping

Anson Road, Bentley
Wood Street, Darlaston
Tilley Street, Darlaston
Bottom of Alexandra Road opposite Doctor's Surgery
Fields near Granbourne Road
Wing Close, Old Hall Estate Bentley
Car Park, Queen Street, Darlaston
Old Hall Estate Bentley, particularly the linear walkway o the near of Poplar Avenue
Blackhorse Close
Pinfold Street
Kendrick Road, Darlaston
Areas around Moxley Tip
Bentley Mill Way
James Close
Latches Close
Bentley Mill Way
Bentley Mill Lane

Inappropriate behaviour by men in public toilets

Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley

Litter Problems

Junction 10 M6
Around bus stops
Gladstone Street, Darlaston
Shops, Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley
Walsall Road from Gordon Street to All Saints Church, Darlaston
Owen Street, Darlaston
Penny Street, Darlaston
Fields near Granbourne Road
Outside shops near, 140 Walsall Road, Darlaston
Garage area, Alexandra Road, Bentley
Litter School Day – Herberts Park Road
Wolverhampton Street
Heathfield Lane
Allen Drive

Steps to Emmanuel Church
Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley
From playing fields (junction with Churchill Road), Western Avenue
Monmouth Road
50 King Street Darlaston

Regular Sweeping Required

Western Avenue, Bentley

Riding illegal motorcycles

Hopland Close
Monmouth Road

Traffic Calming Measures required

Western Avenue

Underage Drinking

Rough Hay Area
Wolverhampton Road Area, Off licences
Western Avenue, Bentley
Moumouth Road

Vandalism

New medical centre, Churchill Road, Bentley

Vehicle Crime

Western Avenue
Faversham Close