

Partnership Matters

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum is made up of over 50 organisations who are working together for a better Derbyshire

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Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)

From April 2009, the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) replaces Comprehensive Performance Assessment as the new assessment framework. This new framework will provide a snapshot of how effectively local partnerships are working together to deliver local people's priorities.

Whereas CPA focused on services provided by local authorities, CAA will look at the public services in an area delivered by councils and their partners including the private and voluntary sectors. The assessment will be based on evidence from across the different public services.

The CAA framework consists of two main elements:

1. An **area assessment** asks how well public services are tackling local priorities both now and in the future
2. An **organisational assessment** will focus on the individual public organisations within an area, focussing on value for money and managing performance

The Audit Commission has recently provided a set of CAA Background papers for each area to begin the evidence gathering process. The Derbyshire background papers are currently being reviewed by partners, who have been asked to provide feedback on the background paper to the county council so that this can be passed on to the Audit Commission. Following this, the county council will work with partners to develop a comprehensive self assessment for Derbyshire. Partners will be contacted over the next few weeks about this.



More information on how CAA will be delivered is available on the Audit Commissions website: www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caa/framework.asp

In the meantime, for further information about Derbyshire's approach to CAA, please contact Esther Croll (ext 7267/ esther.croll@derbyshire.gov.uk) or Sarah Eaton (ext 7268/ sarah.eaton@derbyshire.gov.uk).

Message from the Chair



A lot of work has gone in to drafting a new Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy. Partners, Elected Members and Derbyshire residents have all contributed to making sure it reflects the needs of communities in Derbyshire. However, that doesn't mean that it will be perfect first time. By taking part in the final consultation you can help to make sure we have got it right for Derbyshire people.

John Williams, Chair Derbyshire Partnership Forum

Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-14

Over the last few months Derbyshire County Council on behalf of the DPF have been developing a new SCS which is now available in draft for comments. The long term vision of the new Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy is for 'everyone in Derbyshire to enjoy a good quality of life, both now and in the future', so we asked more than 1000 people in Derbyshire what they consider to be the essential ingredients of a good 'quality of life'.

We went out and spoke to groups across Derbyshire using existing forums, libraries, focus groups and information stands. In total more than 3000 comments were made by local people from across Derbyshire including, older people, young people, people from black minority ethnic backgrounds, people with disabilities and learning disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and children in care.

Derbyshire people have told us that the following issues are most important to them and these are incorporated into the draft strategy. The top issues chosen by the people of Derbyshire are:

- Crime, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
- Highways, roads and transport
- Activities for children and young people
- Affordable decent housing
- Health and well-being

People with learning disabilities giving their views on what makes a good quality of life at the Task Force meeting in Bakewell



Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-14

We also asked what makes Derbyshire special to help us get an impression of Derbyshire as a place. Local people were very positive about where they lived and the people who live there. The following themes dominated the responses:

Countryside	Beautiful and makes Derbyshire unique
Attractions	Lots of interesting things for people to see and do
Public services	People trust public services and feel they are there when they need them
People	Seen as friendly and helpful and an asset to Derbyshire.

Local peoples views combined with research, performance data and partners' expertise have been analysed to develop all aspects of the new strategy including the priorities for Derbyshire. The new strategy covers the period 2009 –2014 to align with the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The strategy will have five broad themes mirroring the thematic partnerships of the DPF, safer communities, health and wellbeing, children and young people, culture and sustainable communities. However, to ensure that partnership activities respond to current pressures, partners will choose a small number of key issues to concentrate on each year.

Cross cutting issues for 2009—2010

- Alcohol harm
- The economic downturn
- Safeguarding vulnerable people

Priorities have been decided based on the information we have gathered but there is now the opportunity for organisations and individuals to comment on the detail. Ensure your knowledge of local communities in Derbyshire is taken into consideration by feeding in your comments by the 15 June 2009.

The strategy is available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/communitystrategy.

For further information about the Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy please contact Becky Lomas at Derbyshire County Council on 01629 585366 or email at becky.lomas@derbyshire.gov.uk

Caring for carers in Derbyshire

Working with and meeting the needs of carers are important for many organisations. Following the publication of the National Carers Strategy in June 2008 Derbyshire County Council and the Primary Care Trust are now working on the development of a joint strategy which will be consulted on during the summer of this year and finalised in the autumn.

The 8th to the 14th of June is National Carers Week and during this week we want to celebrate the work that carers do. We will be organising a range of events and activities which will provide information, and offer carers the opportunity to meet each other and enjoy some taster leisure activities. If you would like to get involved with the planning of the week or can think of any ways your organisation can help please get in touch with Claire Raw on 01629 532202

We are developing a number of new services and initiatives for carers and expanding existing ones to include identifying carers who don't currently use services or receive support. We have recently launched an emergency card scheme that will bring peace of mind to many carers across the county. Each carer's card has a reference number linked to their stored details and the card should be carried at all times. If the carer is involved in an accident or emergency situation which would disrupt their caring role, the details of the person they support and the care usually provided is available so alternative arrangements can be made.

Adult Social Services staff are working with doctors, ambulance crews, hospital staff and other health workers who are aware of the Carer's Emergency Card and know to look for it or ask if a patient is carrying the card. Anyone who finds a card on someone who is involved in an emergency should ring the number. To get information on the card, telephone 08456 058058 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Meeting dates and contact information

The Derbyshire Partnership Forum meetings are held quarterly at County Hall in Matlock on the following dates. All meetings start at 10am.

26 June 2009

25 September 2009

11 December 2009

For more information about the DPF and to access this newsletter online visit

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/partnerships/derbyshire_partnership_forum/meetings/

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