

COUNTY DURHAM PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK



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An introduction from Cllr Simon Henig, Chair, County Durham Partnership

The County Durham Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) for County Durham. LSPs were established following the Local Government Act 2000, as the best way of promoting the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of communities. They aim to bring together representatives from key organisations in an area, to work with local communities on issues that impact on their area.

Following Local Government Reorganisation in 2009, the County Durham Partnership was reformed into its current structure of a strategic board and a wider forum.

The Board meets on a monthly basis to drive a common purpose and ambition for the County, influence the use of all partners' resources and ensure a strong focus on the achievement of the County's priorities, as set out in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Sustainable Community Strategy.

Its membership is made up of those people who are able to facilitate achievement of LAA targets and promote the County's economic prosperity and national profile either through the role they play within partnerships or within their own organisation.

The purpose of the Board is to:

- Work strategically with other organisations and partnerships to promote and develop County Durham and the North East region.
- Link local plans and strategies with regional and national strategies.
- Provide strategic coordination for the area.
- Take an overview of the use of resources.
- Develop and drive the effective delivery of the Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- Provide the forum for the Council to achieve collective consensus on the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).
- Ensure SCS and LAA outcomes are delivered.
- Work with thematic groups to collectively shape and steer commissioning of local services.

The County Durham Partnership Forum brings together the County's strategic decision makers represented on the Partnership Board with local communities represented by the chairs of the 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) and a representative from Town and Parish Councils. This provides the opportunity for a two-way dialogue focused on ensuring that strategic decisions regarding the County as a whole are firmly linked to issues of importance to local people.

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An introduction from the Chair - Ken Jarrold

The County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) comprises over fifty organisations that are committed to increasing economic growth and economic competitiveness in the county.

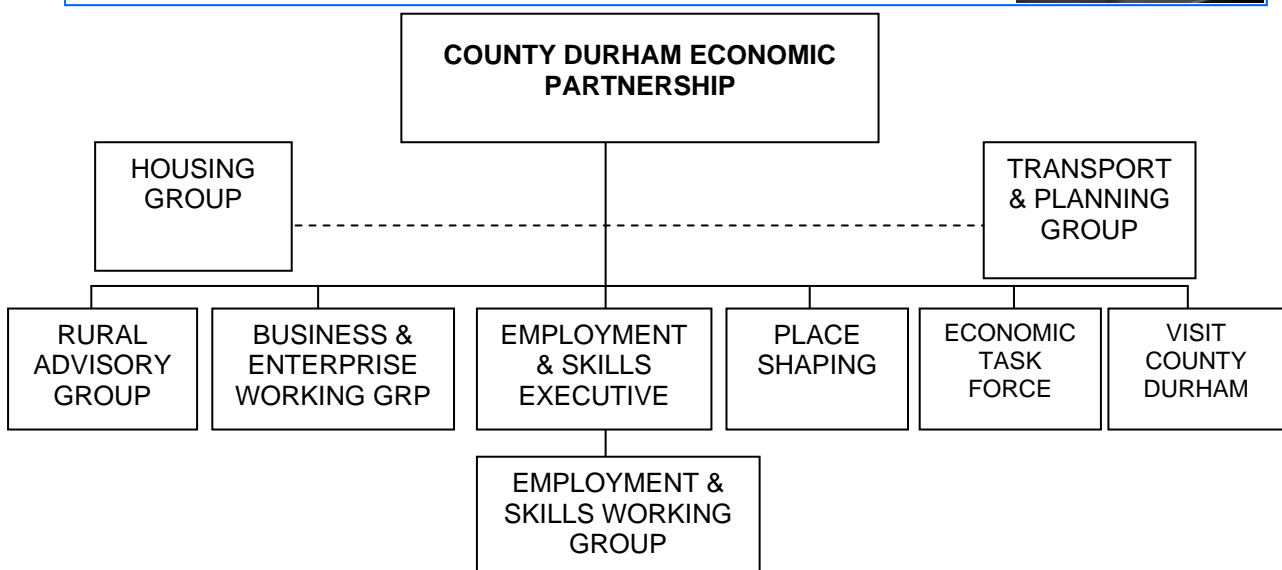
The aim of the of CDEP is

"to contribute to the economic well being of County Durham by leading, developing and delivering the County Durham Economic Strategy (CDES) in partnership with others"

The Economic Strategy sets out an aspirational and challenging vision for the growth of the County Durham economy, and translates this into broad deliverable objectives and priorities to guide the actions and investment of the CDEP and its public, private and voluntary/community sector partners in delivering the strategy. It also highlights the challenges and barriers which must be addressed – by the CDEP partners, regional stakeholders, Government and the private sector – if we are to realise our ambition for sustainable economic growth in County Durham.

The CDEP's role in providing representation and cohesion is central to moving the economy of the County forward. The CDEP's strength of voice behind the economic agenda will be considerably more powerful than any single partner could provide. The appointment of the independent Chair, Ken Jarrold, has seen the implementation of a structure that provides a streamlined way of working giving chairs of working groups more flexibility to work in partnership and strengthen the CDEP Board's ability to deliver strategic economic leadership. The key areas of work include:

- County Durham Economic Assessment
- County Durham Economic Strategy & Action Plan
- Economic Performance
- Resource alignment and management
- Leadership
- Narrowing the Gap – Economic Competitiveness
- Location and spatial connections – Economic Diversification
- Aspirations and attainment – Economic Participation
- Transformational Projects – Business, People, Place



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Place Shaping

To lead in the development of a 'whole-town' approach to economic development that considers regeneration, housing, planning, transport and other infrastructure elements.

Employment & Skills Executive

The aim of this group is to raise employment and skills levels in County Durham by being responsive to the skills needs of employers and setting the strategic policy framework to take forward the skills and employment agenda within County Durham.

Employment & Skills Group

Employer focused, which offers all employers (private, public & VCS) the opportunity to be part of a dynamic, open and flexible group and places them at the heart of developing the skills and employability agendas in the County.

Business & Enterprise Working Group

To lead in identifying strategic business development priorities and oversee business support in the County coupled with considering how to develop an entrepreneurial culture within the County. It will recognise the distinction between business support and enterprise development and then prioritise and target interventions accordingly.

County Durham Housing Forum

The Forum is made up of the key Housing stakeholders for County Durham including the County Council's Head of Housing (Chair) and other Senior Managers, Head of Adults, Wellbeing & Health Commissioning; senior Primary Care Trust rep; Chief Executives of the Council's 2 Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) and 5 Local Stock Value Transfer (LSVT) Registered Social Landlords as well as other key public sector housing providers. There is also a Private Sector House Builders and Registered Social Landlord sub-group of the Form. The Group meets on a bi-monthly basis and has a forward work plan themed against the CAA strands. The group is also becoming increasingly involved in the Total Place project and will be overseeing the development of the new County Durham Housing Strategy.

Transport & Planning Group

The objective of the Group is to improve transport and accessibility in County Durham in a sustainable manner. It meets on a quarterly basis and membership includes transport stakeholders; pressure groups (for example Sustrans, CTC, Living Streets, RailFuture etc.); transport planners or sustainability officers from the former districts; the Highways Agency and interested members of the public. Two of the goals of LTP3 (which is currently under development) are to support economic growth and tackle climate change.

Economic Task Force

The purpose and role of the economic task force is to respond efficiently and effectively to dynamic structural shifts in the economy

Rural Advisory Group

To act initially as a Task and Finish Group to re-evaluate rural issues within County Durham, demonstrating how they can be effectively mainstreamed and provide evidence of the value of retaining a group to perform this task.

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Visit County Durham

Visit County Durham (formerly County Durham Tourism Partnership) is an independent company limited by guarantee. The company provides strategic added value to tourism activity in the county and leadership to both the public and private sectors on the visitor economy. It works to put the visitor at the heart of decisions affecting the county's visitor economy and delivers the county's destination management function. The company is an integral part of a regional network called Tourism Network North East. The Chair of Visit County Durham is Ivor Stolliday. Further information on the work of Visit County Durham can be found at www.visitcountydurham.org or email melanie.sensicle@visitcountydurham.org

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Altogether Better for Children & Young People



An introduction from the Chair - David Williams, Corporate Director, Children & Young People's Services, Durham County Council

The Children's Trust in County Durham is a strong and vibrant partnership which brings together key local services for children to improve outcomes for all children and young people against the 5 Every Child Matters Outcomes. These outcomes align closely with the key priorities of the County Durham Partnership and are:- Be Healthy; Stay Safe; Enjoy & Achieve; Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing

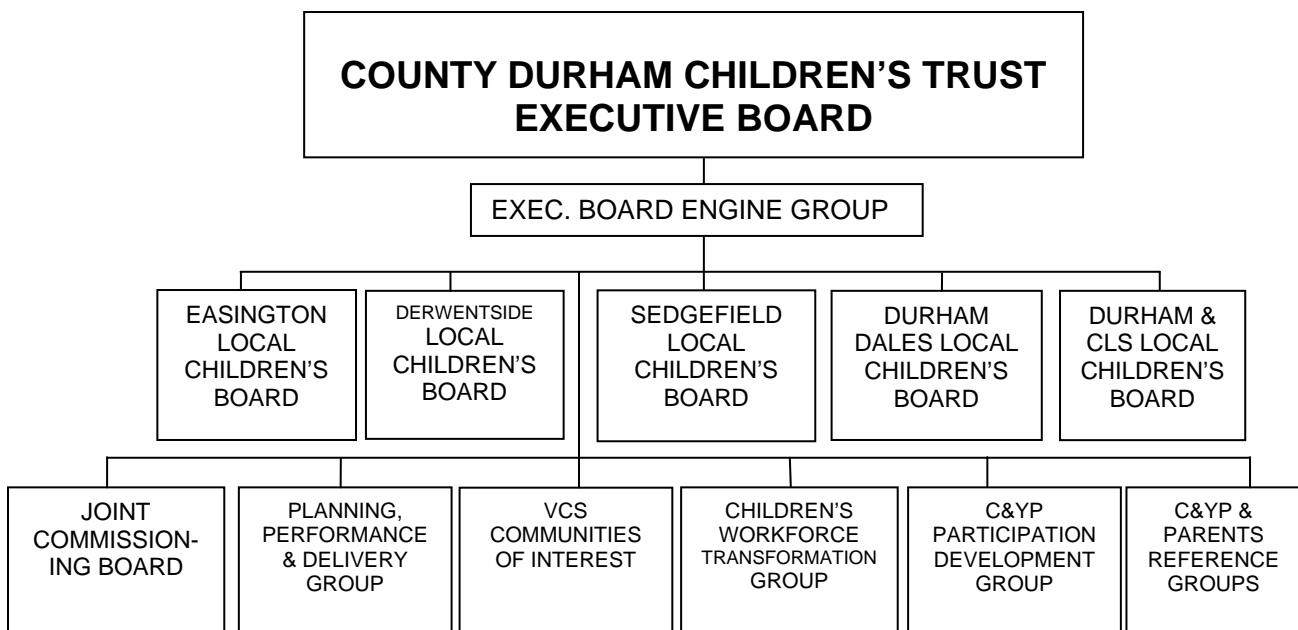
We have recently undertaken a thorough review of our Governance Arrangements and we believe we are now well placed to build upon our successes and deliver our ambitions for every child and young person in County Durham, that they have opportunities to believe, achieve and succeed through their childhood years so they enter adult life as well rounded citizens.

Whilst we know that many of our children and young people achieve their goals and ambitions, others need help to overcome a range of obstacles that stop them from reaching their full potential. Guidance recently produced for Children's Trust states:

"Realising our ambitions for children, in which children who are vulnerable or who need additional help, receive this within a framework of universal services to improve the well-being of every child, requires excellent, integrated services focussing on the needs of each child, young person and/or their family. It also means universal services being proactive in identifying and addressing situations where children would benefit from extra support and having confidence that appropriate targeted and specialist support is available when needed."

That is why our Children's Trust is embarking upon a challenging programme of transformational change that will see our services delivered in an integrated way through the creation of locality based Integrated Teams.

Our Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12 sets out our agreed priorities for the period, following extensive dialogue with partners of the Trust and, importantly, with children, young people and parents. These are genuinely shared priorities, which our Partnership is determined to address so that we can actively demonstrate we are making a genuine difference to the lives of our children and young people.



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Local Children's Boards

The Local Children's Boards are the focus for ensuring the local action and delivery of services to meet the needs of children, young people and their families who live in the geographical area serviced by the Local Children's Board. Accordingly, arrangements will need to recognise and reflect the differing requirements in specific parts of the County. Each will be accountable for performance and planning within their geographical area and will be responsible for ensuring improved performance and measurable improvements in outcomes for all children and young people year on year. The Boards will report on performance through the Children's Trust arrangements and to the emerging Area Action Partnerships (arrangements that focus on every service delivered and planning for within a neighbourhood e.g. housing, policy and leisure).

Purpose

- To bring together partners within a local area to plan, implement and deliver children's services, with due regard for safeguarding, in order to secure improved outcomes for children, young people and their families
- To drive the development and delivery of integrated services in order to identify and provide early intervention for all children who need additional help
- To influence and inform the commissioning of services at local level in line with the commissioning strategy and framework for the Children's Trust
- To monitor the performance of commissioned services locally and work with service providers to ensure service delivery leads to demonstrable improved outcomes for children, young people and their families
- To coordinate delivery plans to achieve the outcomes in the Children and Young People's Plan with a particular focus on the Key Improvement Priorities.
- To contribute to the strategic development of the Children's Trust within Durham

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The Children's Trust aims to

- Reduce childhood obesity;
- Reduce teenage conceptions;
- Reduce children and young people's misuse of alcohol and drugs;
- Reduce youth crime;
- Support families and carers, particularly those that are vulnerable or have complex needs;
- Safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people in County Durham;
- Raise aspirations and help everyone to achieve;
- Improve places to go and things to do for all children and young people;
- Help young people feel valued and respected; and
- Enable young people to actively engage in education, training or employment.

Joint Commissioning Board

The Joint Commissioning Board is the operational commissioning arm of the County Durham Children's Executive Board (CEB), and as such is a high level strategic group. The role of the Joint Commissioning Board is to deliver robust commissioning plans, based upon the strategic priorities agreed by the CEB and identified within the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) and related single organisational strategies.

Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Communities of Interest

The Community of Interest group will work collectively to ensure the Voluntary and Community Sector in Durham are strategic partners with the Children's Trust arrangements. The Community of Interest will develop and maintain an infrastructure that will support the VCS to understand, influence and deliver on the ECM agenda and improve outcomes for children, young people and families in County Durham.

Children & Young People's Development Group

The purpose of the group is to ensure that efforts across the agencies of the Children's Trust to ensure the engagement and participation of children and young people in dialogue and decision-making are properly coordinated. The emphasis is on collaboration and the development of shared principles and practice. The group consists of agencies who form the Children's Trust and children and young people themselves.

Children & Young People's Reference Group (C&YP)

The Children and Young People's Reference Group consists of a small group of children and young people, supported by Investing in Children, who provide a mechanism to engage a far larger population of children and young people in the business of the Children's Trust. The C&YP Reference Groups will work closely with the Local Children's Boards Reference Groups, and will have the opportunity to contribute to the agenda of the Trust, as well as respond to it.

A Parents Reference Group is in the process of being established. It is intended to serve exactly the same function as the C&YP's Reference Group, but for parents.



Children's Workforce Transformation Group

The Children's Workforce Transformation Board (CWTB) is instrumental in leading, developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing the Children's Workforce Strategy for County Durham across all partner organisations.

With direct reporting links into the Children's Executive Board, the Board will act as the catalyst for translating children's workforce strategy into practice across the Children's Trust.

Acting on behalf of their agency and their partners, representatives will drive workforce reform activity, making high level strategic decisions and coordinating work activity that will change the way in which the Children's Workforce operates across the Children's Trust

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Altogether Healthier



An introduction from the Chair - Anna Lynch, Acting Executive Director of Public Health

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership brings together different organisations in the County to improve people's health and wellbeing. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership oversees the health and wellbeing theme in the Sustainable Communities Strategy, working to help ensure that all residents lead long and healthy lives.

We are focused on reducing health inequalities in the county and leading on the health and wellbeing related objectives and targets set by partners in County Durham, including those in the Local Area Agreement.

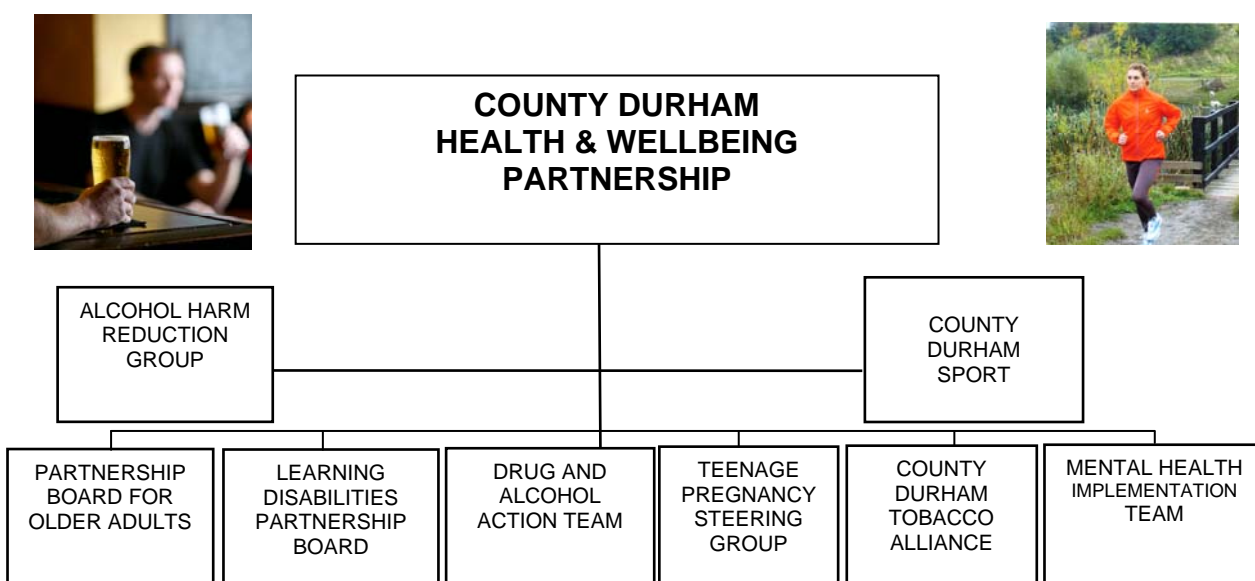
We work with the other lead partnerships in the county to achieve our goals and targets. Core partners work on the Health and Wellbeing agenda providing high level strategic leadership and co-ordination and our linked partners work with the Health and Wellbeing agenda in a way which is specific to a health issue or a population group.

Core Membership of the Thematic Partnerships is made up of a range of agencies including; Representation from each of the locality health networks (to be established during 2010); a representative linking with AAP health representatives; NHS County Durham; NHS Darlington; DCC Adults, Wellbeing and Health; Practice Based Commissioning Groups; DCC Strategic Housing; Government Office North East (GONE); One Voice Network ; The Local Involvement Network (LINK); The Childrens' Trust; Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust; County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust; DCC Environment and Health and the Fire & Rescue Service.

Linked Membership to the Partnership can be seen in the structure chart shown below.

The health of people living in County Durham has improved in recent years and people in the county are living longer than they have done in the past.

However health inequalities persist between the county and England as a whole and within County Durham. We recognise that there are many challenges which we need to continue to address to tackle the causes of coronary heart disease and cancer, which are amongst the biggest threats to health facing our population. To have a direct impact on these killer diseases we need to reduce alcohol consumption, smoking rates and improve food intake and increase exercise levels for people in County Durham.



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Alcohol Harm Reduction Group

This group will focus on the reduction of harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities in County Durham while ensuring that people are able to enjoy alcohol responsibly. Sub-groups have also been developed to implement and monitor the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy in relation to Prevention, Control and Treatment.

County Durham Sport

County Durham Sport (CDS) is one of 49 County Sports Partnerships nationwide responsible for the strategic coordination of sport and physical activity at a sub-regional level. The Partnership operates through an established delivery system of national, regional and local partners providing an effective and efficient infrastructure for sport and physical activity based projects. The work of the CDS core team is supported, monitored and regulated through the Partnership Steering Group, made up of the local authority, NHS County Durham, LEA, Sport England, Durham University and a range of other key stakeholders.

County Durham Tobacco Alliance

The role of the Alliance is to bring together key strategic partners across County Durham to develop and implement a comprehensive tobacco control programme to reduce smoking prevalence that will lead to a reduction in disease, disability and death related to tobacco use.

Drug Harm Reduction Group

This group will focus on the reduction of harm caused by drug misuse to individuals, families and communities in County Durham. The group will focus on prevention, reducing supply and treatment interventions throughout the Criminal Justice System.

The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

This group was set up in 2001 following the Government's White Paper, Valuing People. The Board brings together professionals from various organisations along with elected carer representatives and service user representatives.

The Board oversees the implementation of Valuing People which is a strategy to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities. Most of the work of the Board goes on through sub groups: Health; Housing; Getting a Life; People as Citizens; Personalisation; Respite/Short Breaks and Employment.

County Durham Mental Health Local Implementation Team

The team is the main partnership group in the commissioning and provision of Mental Health Services in County Durham. The LIT meets monthly and consists of range of Health partners and service providers. The LIT is accountable to the Joint Mental Health Commissioning Group and is responsible for the development of new services, new ways of working and bringing together key stakeholders to develop and deliver the Joint Commissioning Action Plan and Local Implementation Plan.

Teenage Pregnancy Steering Group

The Teenage Pregnancy Steering group chaired by Anthony Prudhoe will bring together a diverse partnership. It will provide a forum for outcomes focused debate to address challenges, priorities and issues related to teenage pregnancy strategic aims of ; reducing Under 18 conceptions and support for teenage parents to reduce the risk of social exclusion. It will contribute to reports to inform the Joint Commissioning Board in annual planning and review of strategic commissioning related to teenage pregnancy.

The Partnership Board for Older Adults

The Board is a linked partnership of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and is defined as a special interest group of the Area Action Partnerships for older people and older carers, specifically in relation to health and social care issues. The role of the Partnership Board for Older Adults is to undertake a specialist focus of engaging and involving older people who have an interest in health and social care older people's issues to influence and shape future services.

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An introduction from the Chair - Rachael Shimmin, Corporate Director of Adults, Wellbeing & Health, Durham County Council

The Safe Durham Partnership is the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) for County Durham.

All of the partner agencies are committed to working together to address Crime, Disorder, Substance Misuse and Anti-social Behaviour issues and to make County Durham a better and safer place.

The partners who work together to reduce crime and disorder in County Durham are:

Statutory Partners

- Durham County Council;
- Durham Constabulary;
- Co. Durham and Darlington Fire & Rescue;
- County Durham NHS;
- Durham Police Authority
- Durham Probation

Other partners include:

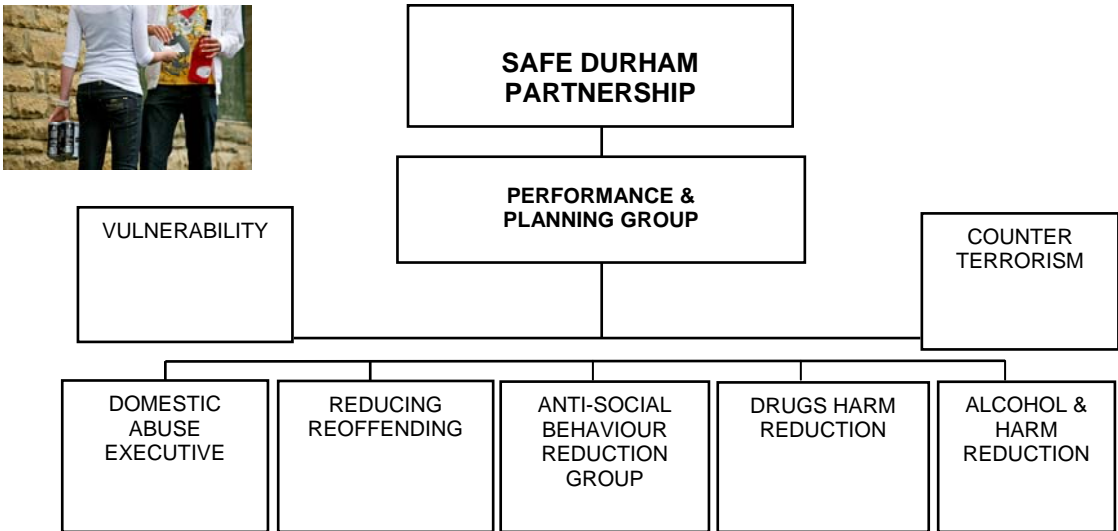
- County Durham Youth Offending Service
- County Durham Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Criminal Justice Agencies and Prisons
- Housing Agencies
- Community and Voluntary Agencies

The Safe Durham Partnership oversees the strategic delivery of the “safe” theme as part of the County Durham Partnership. Being and feeling safe is important to the people of County Durham and is a key priority within County Durham Partnership’s Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) 2009-23 and the Local Area Agreement 2008-11.

Partners have been working together to reduce crime and disorder since 1998 and in Durham, we have seen considerable reductions in crime as a result.

However, we recognise that we still face major challenges. Crime and anti-social behaviour can have a profound effect on society as a whole, for example, becoming a victim of crime can seriously affect someone’s health and wellbeing, high crime levels can affect the economic development of areas and dirty and damaged streets can lead to people feeling vulnerable and unsafe.

Delivering sustained reductions in crime and disorder through focusing on the impact it has on victims, tackling people’s offending behaviour and by targeting problem locations can positively influence other priorities identified in the Sustainable Communities Strategy for County Durham.



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Alcohol Harm Reduction Group

This group will focus on the reduction of harm caused by alcohol to individuals, families and communities in County Durham while ensuring that people are able to enjoy alcohol responsibly. Sub-groups have also been developed to implement and monitor the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy in relation to Prevention, Control and Treatment.

Counter Terrorism Group

This is a national priority that the local authority and police must lead on with partners from other organisations. Although the threat of any extremist attack in County Durham is not as significant as in some areas of the country, attacks have taken place in similar areas and therefore all partners need to remain alert. This group seeks to raise awareness and vigilance to reduce the threat of any extremist attack and prevent vulnerable people from radicalisation. It supports regional and national operations as well as any operations undertaken locally.

Domestic Abuse Forum Executive Group

The remit of this thematic group is to address domestic abuse at a strategic level with a view to protecting victims and children who experience and witness such abuse. The second Countywide Domestic Abuse Strategy 2008/11 was published in September 2008.

Drug Harm Reduction Group

This group will focus on the reduction of harm caused by drug misuse to individuals, families and communities in County Durham. The group will focus on prevention, reducing supply and treatment interventions throughout the Criminal Justice System.

Reducing Re-offending Group

Nationally, it is estimated that approximately 10% of the active offender population are responsible for half of all crime and that a very small proportion of offenders (0.5%) are responsible for one in ten offences. By focusing on reducing the re-offending rate of existing offenders we will see fewer victims of crime and safer communities.

Anti-Social Behaviour Reduction Group

The Anti-social Behaviour Reduction Group will develop a responsive, consistent and coordinated approach to bring together activity that provides highly visible and coordinated action (Prevention, Intervention, Education and Enforcement) against anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes often referred to as 'signal crimes'.

Vulnerability Group

A Vulnerability group has been set up to address those issues highlighted in PSA 23 that cause individuals and communities the most serious harm. The group will identify ways in which the Responsible Authorities, through multi agency working, can effectively respond to, and better protect, those vulnerable individuals and communities at most risk of serious harm.

It is recognised that there are strong links and overlaps with other thematic groups, the reducing violent crime, domestic abuse, the alcohol harm reduction group and reducing re-offending groups in particular.



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An introduction from the Chair - Terry Collins, Director of Neighbourhood Services, Durham County Council

Exciting times lie ahead for the Environment Partnership; having reorganised to reflect our key priorities, we will continue to build on our strong engagement base to drive sustainable development and environmental improvement across County Durham.

We have a new structure that reflects our key priorities and five themed sub groups that will drive sustainable development throughout the County. The Environment Partnership Board will be supported by the Climate Change, Waste, Pride, Built and Natural Environment sub groups, which will provide strategic and focused leadership for these key environmental issues affecting Durham residents.

By effectively working in Partnership to have a positive impact on key environmental issues we will help create an "Altogether Greener" County Durham. By truly working in Partnership to balance the needs of Countywide interest groups, organisations and businesses, we endeavour to help shape County Durham as a great place to live, work, raise a family and lead a healthy and long life.

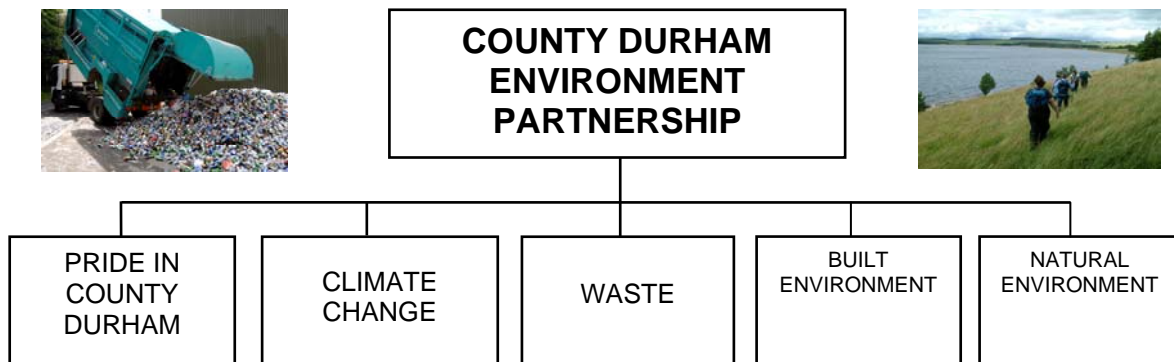
Consultations held by the Area Action Partnerships highlighted that residents consider immediate local environment as an extremely important issue. 'Enviro crime', public transport access, and the provision of local services all strongly effect community cohesion and quality of life. Yet damage to communities and community infrastructure through flooding, financial hardship through the loss of local provisions and environmental degradation directly effect local residents but must be tackled strategically. The Environment Partnership's key priorities reflect these multi-layered issues.

The Environment Partnership incorporates approximately 2000 organisations, businesses, industry, voluntary and community agencies, individual members, and schools, all of whom are an essential asset for the improvement of County Durham's diverse and multi-centric communities.

The Environment Partnership are developing an Environmental Statement for County Durham that will reflect the Partnerships commitment to delivering environmental improvements. The Environment Statement will demonstrate the Partnership's objectives; clarifying the impact the Partnership intends to have within our local communities whilst contributing to national and international targets. The Partnership are in the process of setting ambitious and co-ordinated targets across our priority areas to ensure an efficient and seamless delivery can be achieved.

The Environment Partnership recognises that sustainable economic growth will be key to Durham's continuing future prosperity, therefore the Partnership continues to develop strong links with the Economic Partnership to ensure economic growth and environmental sustainability maintain a mutually beneficial relationship.

These are challenging times, but the Environment Partnership believes that the strength and commitment of our partners will enable environmental, technological and financial innovation to empower effective solutions to deliver measurable change and significantly improved communities, both now and for future generations.



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Pride in County Durham

Through our various consultation mechanisms, local residents have identified clean streets and low levels of crime as two key factors in ensuring our neighbourhoods are good places to live.

The partners in this theme group are working to develop innovative solutions to address those issues which impact the most on enjoying our local environment, such as litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling and anti-social behaviour. The group recognises that to be truly effective and sustainable it should effectively harness the contribution that everyone can make, as we all have role to play in helping make our communities cleaner, safer and greener. The pride theme group aims to harness the spirit and drive of residents, community groups, schools, businesses and public bodies to deliver a cleaner, greener, safer County Durham.

In order to achieve this, and by using a multi-agency approach, the key areas of focus will be:

- Education,
- Local Action through engagement and business community Involvement
- Enforcement.

Waste

The waste themed sub group will provide strategic leadership on sustainable waste management issues, these are:

- To reduce waste and increase resource efficiency
- To promote recycling and the recovery of waste
- To protect and enhance the environment
- To prepare for and mitigate climate change
- To promote cost effective waste management solutions
- To increase levels of customer satisfaction
- To achieve waste reduction and recycling targets



By sharing best practise, engaging with key stakeholders, testing ideas and promoting innovation in waste management, the group will develop, deliver and communicate a vision for sustainable waste management within County Durham. This vision will be supported by the development and delivery of joint action plans to achieve the agreed objectives.

Climate Change

Climate change represents a significant challenge to County Durham's communities, infrastructure and economy. The overarching priorities for the steering group will be mitigate man-made contributions to climate change and adapt to its effects, to maximise affordable warmth for all and to grasp the opportunities for a low carbon economy.

Built Environment Group

Aims to promote exemplar sustainable design to redevelop and regenerate areas of County Durham, and to protect, celebrate and improve the rich built heritage of County Durham.

Natural Environment Group

This group will focus on landscape scale initiatives to protect, celebrate and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity, ensuring County Durham's natural environment is resilient and adaptive to man made climate change.

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Delivery & Improvement Group



An introduction from the Chair, Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive, Durham County Council.

The County Durham Partnership (CDP) plays a key role in ensuring that partners achieve or exceed the targets set out in the Local Area Agreement and take appropriate steps to achieve the priorities set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It also monitors performance against the full National Indicator Set (NIS) and ensure that action is taken to achieve the targets set.

The creation of a new unitary council for County Durham has presented huge opportunities for streamlining and improving performance management arrangements across the County. In order to facilitate this, the Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG) has been created to enable the County Council and the CDP to meet and exceed performance expectations by improving outcomes, quality of life and satisfaction.

The DIG brings together representatives from all key partners, made up of managers from Partners' Corporate Management Teams, the Council's Extended Management Team and members of partners' strategic performance teams. The group meeting on a monthly basis, at the half way point between each County Durham Partnership Meeting. This allows the group to respond to any issues raised by the Partnership and prepare for the next Partnership meeting.

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