

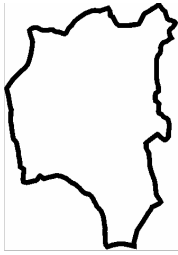


# Working in partnership to create the future you want

## Report 2006/08

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## **VISION for WELLINGBOROUGH**

**Wellingborough – *The place to be. At the heart of Northamptonshire where we are proud to be. The place where all have high aspirations, all are encouraged to achieve them and the potential is realised for the whole community. The place where we lead in quality businesses and the environment. The place where communities are sustainable, healthy, safe and prosperous.***

**Wellingborough - the excellent place where:**

- everyone respects others, their moral and ethical values, and all are equal in an active, culturally diverse and cohesive community
- businesses prosper increasing the range of business type and the wealth generated
- there are learning and job opportunities that meet the needs for all
- the environment, both natural and built, is continually enhanced
- there are open spaces and leisure facilities for all
- good transport links exist throughout the area
- all services are accessible
- the prime location is used to advantage
- life expectancy is high and local health services are there to serve individual needs
- everyone feels and is safe

**Wellingborough - this IS the place to be.**

# **Working in partnership to create the future you want**

## **Report 2006/08**

### **Introduction**

This report covers activity from the end of 2006 (the second Community Plan was launched in April 2006) until present. The data on progress against targets was collected fully in January with notes on any changes since then. Information on the baseline figures is included in the full Community Plan.

The new Community Plan was formally launched 25 April 2006 and summary copies distributed. The full plan is available on the website.

The four task groups operate as the delivery arms of the partnership. The report from each of the task groups on achievement against the target is given later in this report. The task groups continue to give partnership views on relevant issues / suggested changes through their own initiative, as requested & through formal consultation processes.

In terms of achievements against the current plan, there have been some successes but slower progress in others. Difficulties remain with measuring some of the targets set. The reorganisation of the Primary Care Trust (PCT) into a Patient-centred structure, the merging of three into one PCT for the County and the pressure to balance the financial overspend, across the health economy, have significantly impacted on the development of the Partnership and the attainment of Healthier targets in particular.

There have been some variations in the successes of the Safer Task Group (our Crime & Disorder Partnership (CDRP)). Some crimes have fallen drastically and others, although slowing down, have proven more resistant to the interventions taken. The introductions of crime type sub-groups of the Task Group, focussing on priority areas of activity, are addressing the issues and will hopefully result in further improvements. The effect of the Safer Community Teams across the Borough is significant particularly in confidence in the police & partners and in reducing anti-social behaviour & criminal damage.

However, the biggest effect is that two sets of targets exist for Wellingborough. The Community Plan targets and those of the Local Area Agreement, which are mainly not disaggregated from the County targets. It is this issue that has the largest effect on target achievement and partnership working.

## **Progress on targets**

These problems do not negate the successes and we focus on those. Below are a few comments on successes in each of the target areas, details on each are given in the tables later in this report:

### **Cross Cutting targets**

The Quality of Life Indicators were not measured / reported at the base line time. Thus no progress is available on most of the cross cutting targets.

Significant progress has been made on the Town Centre rating target

### **Better**

Affordable housing target was exceeded

Good air quality was maintained

Bus passenger numbers up

Urban cycleways will be completed ahead of target date.

The recycling & total waste targets – good progress made

Cleanliness target – good progress made

Community open space groups continue to be formed at / above target rate

### **Healthier**

Access to GP / Health professional achieved. Health trainers are being appointed.

“Smoke Free Home” and “Kick Smoking into Touch” campaigns operating

More Children’s Centres are operating.

“Health Garden” is running, “Healthy Walks” – several operate weekly

### **Prosper**

Town Centre retail space usage target – at target level

Innovation Centre hosting new businesses

NEET target achieved

Educational standards – all targets appear to have been exceeded

### **Safer**

Vehicle thefts and domestic burglaries are down

ROSE scheme participation has increased

Number of drug suppliers brought to justice – target exceeded

It is clear that some targets need amending because of change in priority and data collection problems. We also need to align targets to those in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Northamptonshire. This process is underway and the Partnership Conference is the major event in achieving this.

## **Steering Group**

During 2007/8, the steering group focused on:

- Ensuring actions plans are devised for all the new targets
- The growth in North Northamptonshire
- Linking to the County Local Area Agreement structure and delivery

Action plans are in place for most of the new Community Plan targets and work continues on those remaining. The Theme Group progress is reported below. With the delay in the Core Spatial Strategy finalisation until 2008, most involvement this year has been working with the Borough Council on the Wellingborough Local Development Framework and Action Plans.

Good progress was made by linking to all of the 4 LAA blocks with the all Chairs and lead officers attending our Steering Group meetings. The Children and Young People Partnership (C&YPP) Board (Children's Trust) is intentionally moving toward locality working and this has been embraced by us. Our Theme Group has been accepted by all as the Strategic lead for this Borough.

Progress has been enhanced by the formation of the Education Partnership involving all schools in the town. They are working together as part of the community not as separate academic institutions. We are part of their Steering Group.

We were a pilot for the implementation of Youth Matters: Next Steps in the County. Two workshops have been held, a Youth reference group formed (being involved in the second workshop), a mapping exercise completed, needs analysis carried out, "what youth wants" collated, an overall measure agreed and a Youth Strategy drafted, being currently out for consultation.

A Children & Young People Change Manager has been appointed, through C&YPP funding, as a 50% full time secondment for 6 months. This should allow real progress especially on targeted support for vulnerable children & young people and their families.

The steering group membership has changed in the year, as it has in other years, and the current list is shown later in the report.

The Wellingborough Voluntary & Community Sector Forum has now appointed 4 of the 6 Community Advocates, the other 2 being appointed from 2009. Connexions and the Environment Agency have advised that it is no longer able to provide a manager to serve on the Steering Group. Replacements will be considered as part of the full partnership review.

## **Theme Groups**

The 4 new Theme Groups are in different stages of development. The change of focus of the Equalities Group to that of Equalities and Community Cohesion is slowly happening. Participation and focus are issues to be resolved.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Group continues to made progress with good involvement. Covering all the 4 priority Neighbourhood Management areas, it ensures action plans are in place and will inform high level decisions, as necessary, between the areas.

The Children & Young People (C&YP) Group has made good progress. Supported by the C&YPP Board decision on locality focus and the Youth workshops, etc. membership has increased. It is likely that local commissioning will happen in 2008/09 for 2009/10, this being a role for a subgroup with specified membership.

It was intended to leave the Older Person Group formation to last. An initial meeting of key partners was held in 2007 and the need will be ascertained as part of the partnership organisation review.

## **Community Involvement**

Information about the partnership continues to be focused through its website:

[www.wellingboroughpartnership.org](http://www.wellingboroughpartnership.org)

On this site, minutes of meetings, dates of consultations and announcements are posted. There are also links into our site from the Borough Council website.

The Sustainability Forum continued to meet during the year providing differing means of community involvement. Paper membership is large, attendees at meetings vary but more people need to be encouraged to attend the meetings.

The Community Safety Forum, in any new format, has not met in the year. Means for wider involvement in this field are currently being developed and will now form part of the partnership organisation review.

The Health and Wellbeing Forum did not meet during the year and its future will now form part of the partnership organisation review.

With the focus on development of Community involvement at neighbourhood levels and the quarterly meeting of Wellingborough Voluntary & Community forum, we need to continually review the effectiveness of Reference Groups as part of the whole community involvement picture within the Borough.

### **Climate Change**

The Community Climate Change toolkit was formal launched at the Wider Partnership Meeting in December 2006. Rt. Hon. David Miliband, Secretary of State, attended an event at Wrenn School the next day when he was on a panel questioned by pupils from the Borough. He received a copy of the toolkit and can be seen talking about it on his website.

The toolkit continues to be of interest to Community Groups and other areas. It was updated in 2007.

### **Party in the Park**

We again had a significant presence at Party in the Park with many partners involved explaining about the partnership and its activities to the several thousands who attended the event. For 2008, we decided to move our event to one in the Town Centre, details to be decided.

### **Facing the future**

In 2008, we are determined to refresh the Community Plan, making it “Sustainable”, i.e. including more on growth, housing and homelessness, and align with the County Sustainable Community strategy and Local Area Agreement. Only in this way will we maintain the level of partner involvement to achieve the priority actions needed for Wellingborough. We must then review the organisation of the Partnership to ensure that it is fit and able to deliver the new Community Plan.

Having discussed the Community Plan priorities at the Partnership Conference in April, we will go through the process of approval by June of the priorities for full public consultation from July. With approval of the revised structure expected in July, we should have the new Plan and Partnership organisation operational by October 2008. This timetable is as near aligned to that of the County strategy and Local Area Agreement as practical.

We ask for your continuing support.

## CROSS CUTTING TARGETS

### Status at March 2008

<p><b>Equalities and Community Cohesion target</b>          - where all communities rural and urban have a sense of belonging, diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued, all people have similar life opportunities and have strong and positive relationships.</p> <p>Measured by:-          Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that race relations has got better or stayed the same.– the baseline is 83.53% (2005)</p>	<p>No information is available from the Audit Commission on this measure so progress cannot be reported.</p>
<p><b>Sustainable Growth target</b> – communities and places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. Communities that are active, inclusive and safe, well run, environmentally sensitive, well designed and built, well connected, thriving, well served and fair to everyone.</p> <p>Measured by:-          % of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that wage levels and local cost of living has got better or stayed the same – the baseline is 47.81%.</p>	<p>No information is available from the Audit Commission on this measure so progress cannot be reported. However, little growth has occurred since the baseline.</p>
<p><b>Neighbourhood Renewal target</b> – where no-one should be seriously disadvantaged by where they live, by narrowing inequalities between disadvantaged neighbourhoods and other parts of the borough and involving local people in improvements</p> <p>Measured by:-          Reducing the proportion of the population living in the most deprived 'super output areas' in the Borough – the baseline is 11% (2005)</p>	<p>No information is available from the Audit Commission on this measure so progress cannot be reported. Measurement, by other indicators, show that progress has been made, particularly on Queensway.</p>
<p><b>Town Centre target</b> - improving the vibrancy and vitality of Wellingborough town centre, encouraging a wide range of services in a good environment, accessible to all.</p> <p>Measured by :-          Increasing the town centre's relative position on the Experian register – the baseline is 351 (2003)</p>	<p>The 2007 data shows Wellingborough as rated 266, being 13 in the East Midlands.</p> <p>Progress has been made.</p>

## BETTER TARGETS

### Status at March 2008

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
B1	Use the Local Development Framework, to assure positive impact of the growth agenda in the Borough of Wellingborough so that all new developments demonstrate net environmental gain.	It is now considered that no measure can be found for this target. Thus needs to be deleted.
B2	Construct 160 Affordable houses on average in each of the years from 2006 to 2010	Although 2006/07 was under target, 2007/ 08 will be above and over the 3 year the target will be exceeded.
B3	Through WEAST & the River Nene Regional Park Projects, water meadow habitat is to be increased. Measure is number of known locations where Water Voles are present to increase from 5 to 10.	With unavoidable delays to WEAST, the target may not be achieved by 2010. No recent data on water vole numbers.
B4	Create a legitimate off-road motor bike area by 2008	No real progress so completion will not be in 2008
B5	Maintain levels of air quality above the nationally set limits during and after future developments such as WEAST	No areas are expected to exceed limits during planned developments. No action plan needed.
B6	Increase the number of bus passengers by 50% (Baseline is 479,595 in 2004)	Baseline is 479,595 in 2004  Some data has been provided. The increase in use of the Wellingborough Connect bus usage has risen by about 75% (to September '07) since the new service was introduced.
B7	Complete the construction of the planned network of urban cycleway	The list of planned works has been reviewed. Latest map appeared to have additional cycleways. Progress on originally planned routes to be established.
B8	Recycle 45% of urban waste whilst reducing overall waste to 419/420 kg per person each year	(Figures are on a rolling average basis.) All phases of the new collection service now rolled out. The unaudited figure for 1.04.07 to 29.02.08 was 35% recycled. The overall waste generation is expected to be about 400 kg per person. Both on target.

B9	Increase cleanliness, etc throughout the Borough.	<p><i>(Measure by the Environmental Protection Act standards on relevant land - "A" or "B" achieved to increase from 82% to 90%).</i></p> <p>A continuing programme. The figure for the year 2007/08 is 84% - improving.</p>
B10	Establish 5 open spaces community involvement / "friends of" groups (1 pa).	<p>3 schemes – Glamis Grove, Swanspool &amp; Croyland active. A river watch scheme is also being proposed by Anglian Water. A rural scheme is proposed next.</p>

## HEALTHIER TARGETS

### Status at January 2007

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
H1	<b>Sexual Health</b>	
H1a	To halve the under 18 years conception rate by 2010 (15% reduction from 2004) (target = 27.84 per 1000 female pop. Under 18)	Latest figures show (published in 03.08) show a 10.8% decrease. Going to the right direction but not a quickly as required.
H1b	To develop central town access to advice and contraception services	Every School Nurse in Wellingborough now has been trained in sexual health advice and is able to ensure more equitable distribution of service  Chlamydia screening programme implemented
H2	<b>Smoking Cessation</b>	
H2a	To implement the Smoke Free Homes (SFH) initiative in 10 further primary schools	Schools are recruited and the programme continues.
H2b	To support achievement of the national targets to reduce smoking to 21% or lower in 2010 (from 26% in 2002), and in manual groups from 31% in 2002 to 26% or less by 2010	For workplaces, referral scheme established so that businesses, identified by WBC Environmental Health Officer with an interest in smoke free policy, are referred to PCT Tobacco Policy Lead. Smoke free award scheme continues. "Kick smoking into touch" has been introduced.
H2c	To support achievement of a 1% annual reduction in smoking in pregnancy	Progress continues but no reduction figure available.
H2d	To develop and implement an anti-smoking campaign targeting South Asian communities	Implementation plan for Ramadan Campaign developed through LAA
H3	<b>Access to Primary Care Services</b>	
H3a	To improve access to GP services by enabling 100% of people who wish to do so to access a GP within 48 hours and a health professional within 24 hours, and to enable forward booking of appointments in all GP practices.	Practices continue to meet 24/48 hour access targets. Work ongoing to improve forward booking in all GP practices.  Health Trainers are currently being recruited
H3b	To develop new GP premises in the West and East of Wellingborough by 2008	Estates Group involving GP practice representation set up to take this forward. Currently 10 practices in Wellingborough. Working towards new practice in Wellingborough East, and new practice on the Isebrook Hospital site.

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
H3c	To increase access to NHS dentistry in North Northants by a planned increase of 12,950 NHS registrations in 06/07	Recruitment issues have impacted on development of further NHS dentists in Wellingborough area at present
H4	<b>Children and Families</b> To develop high quality family and early years support through Wellingborough's Children Centres	Croyland are continuing to work in conjunction with Sure Start local programme. The Ruskin Centre is operational and those at Highfield Nursery and Oakway Infant School are to follow.
H5	<b>Tackling Obesity</b> To develop and implement a childhood obesity programme	Work continues through the schools to tackle this problem
H6	<b>Improving Mental Health</b>	
H6a	To establish a 'Green Gym' in Wellingborough	The "Healthy Garden" is operational using a plot jointly with BBC Radio Northampton on Breeze Hill allotments.
H6b	To develop and implement awareness training for Activity Referral Scheme staff to support scheme referral criterion for depression, anxiety, stress	The promoting Mental Health Strategy has been agreed. The Partnership is involved in implementation.

## PROSPER TARGETS

**Status at September 2007**

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
	<b>Strong Town Centre</b>	
P1	Support and promote the vitality and viability of the town centre by increasing the usage of town centre retail space from 89.6% to 92%	Occupancy of town centre retail space remained at 92%. Current footfall shows an increase of 0.16% as compared to 2006.
	<b>Improving business &amp; employment opportunities</b>	
P2	Increase the level of sustainable new business start-ups. Measure by the net number of businesses registered for VAT from 4.7% to 6% by 2010.	230 VAT registrations and 195 de-registrations which equates to a net increase of 35 businesses. 16 actual & 5 virtual businesses in the Innovation Centre.
P3	Increase the average growth rate per annum for gross pay by 5% by 2010	The average annual gross pay for 2005 was £ 19,942, whereas in 2006 it was £ 21,276, resulting in an increase of 6.7% on the previous year.
	<b>Raise learning aspirations &amp; attainment</b>	
P4	Raise the educational standards of both young people and adults, tackling the most educationally disadvantaged. Measure through reducing the number of 16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) to 7% by 2010.	NEET target group for 2008 stood >5.9% being measured at 3 points during the year. This was below target.  As expected, it was higher at the end of February – 8% - representing 179 young people.

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P5	<p>Raise the educational standards of both young people and adults, tackling the most educationally disadvantaged. Measured in 3 ways:</p> <p>a) Reduction in the number of working age with no qualifications from 17% to 16% by 2010.</p> <p>b) Increasing the number of people of working age with qualifications at Level 3 or above from 30% to 35% by 2010</p> <p>c) Increasing the percentage employed in managerial, professional and technical occupations from 25% to 30% by 2010</p>	<p>Reduce by &gt;40% the number of adults in the work force who lack an NVQ Level 2 or equiv. qualification by 2010. Nationally, the target is to deliver 350,000 full Level 2. Locally, the plan is to deliver 2395 full level 2, (2096 in FE &amp; 299 in WBL) in 06/07 of which 40.5% (970) need to be first full level 2's. This is double the number for 2003/04 (1062 for FE + WBL). Additionally, under the new "Train to Gain" programme, the need is to deliver 930 full level 2's of which 90% (837) will be first level 2's. The target requires a significant proportion in priority sectors, Construction, Health &amp; Social Care, Engineering &amp; Logistics. The County target for Skills for Life in the period 04/07 is 7325 for Life qualifications. The need is for 2800 to achieve a qualification in 06/07. The LSC has agreed a Performance Indicator for Apprenticeships, the aim is for 75% more people to complete their apprenticeship in 07/08, compared to 02/03. Nationally the aim is to raise the number of completions to 70,000 in 06/07 supporting the achievement of level of 2 &amp; level 3 targets. Northamptonshire achieved a 41% completion rate in 04/05; the aim is to be 43% 05/06. 06/07 completions to be 995 a completion rate of 47%.</p>																								
P6	<p>Ensure that all parents and carers have access to information about childcare and related issues at a local point of delivery. Measure by the increase in the number of enquiries to the Children's Information Service in the Wellingborough area from 7.5% to 9% by 2010.</p>	<p>The effectiveness of this measure is being questioned and a better measure sought. Figures are 307 enquiries in 05/06 &amp; 109 in Q1 &amp; Q2 of 06. An increase of 5.5% in 05/06 compared with 04/05</p>																								
P7	<p>Reduce the percentage of Jobseekers Allowance claimants who have been in receipt of benefit for over 12 months from 8.1% to 7% by 2010.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="813 1650 841 1675">%</th> <th data-bbox="841 1650 943 1675">Month</th> <th data-bbox="943 1650 1138 1675">JSA Customers</th> <th data-bbox="1138 1650 1333 1675">1 year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="813 1682 841 1707">10</td> <td data-bbox="841 1682 943 1707">Dec 05</td> <td data-bbox="943 1682 1138 1707">1185</td> <td data-bbox="1138 1682 1333 1707">120</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="813 1713 841 1738">11</td> <td data-bbox="841 1713 943 1738">May 06</td> <td data-bbox="943 1713 1138 1738">1499</td> <td data-bbox="1138 1713 1333 1738">165</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="813 1745 841 1770">12.5</td> <td data-bbox="841 1745 943 1770">July 06</td> <td data-bbox="943 1745 1138 1770">1473</td> <td data-bbox="1138 1745 1333 1770">185</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="813 1776 841 1801">12.2</td> <td data-bbox="841 1776 943 1801">Oct 06</td> <td data-bbox="943 1776 1138 1801">1106</td> <td data-bbox="1138 1776 1333 1801">135</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="813 1808 841 1833">15.4</td> <td data-bbox="841 1808 943 1833">Aug 07</td> <td data-bbox="943 1808 1138 1833">1099</td> <td data-bbox="1138 1808 1333 1833">170</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>By comparison, the East Midlands is at 15.3% Nationally is 16.1%.</p>	%	Month	JSA Customers	1 year	10	Dec 05	1185	120	11	May 06	1499	165	12.5	July 06	1473	185	12.2	Oct 06	1106	135	15.4	Aug 07	1099	170
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## SAFER TARGETS

**Status at December 2007 – targets to be achieved by 2007 being the end of present Crime & Disorder Partnership Programme**

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
S1	To reduce the number of thefts of and from vehicles by 45.2%.  2003/04 baseline = 1481	There have been 420 reported incidents of vehicle crime for the period September 07 to end December 07.
S2	To reduce the number of residential burglaries by 5.5%  2003/04 baseline = 830	There have been 123 reported incidents of burglary dwelling for the period September 07 to end December 07.
S3	To increase the number of people participating in and successfully completing the ROSE scheme (formerly HOPE)	(PPO is Prolific & Persistent Offender) Latest data is: There are currently:-  1 - Prevent & Deter 11 - Resettle & Rehabilitate 14 – Catch & Convict  2 identified PPOs are inactive and 15 are in prison.
S4	To increase the number of offenders brought to justice for class A drug supply, especially those involved in heroin and cocaine, in line with national targets.  Police baseline = 29	For the period September 07 to December 07, there have been 9 drug trafficking sanctioned detections.
S5	Increase the number of people reporting they feel the live in a safe area from 65% to 68% by 2005.	Survey to assess the percentage of people reporting that they live in a safe area to be conducted.

CP Ref	Target	Progress / Comment
S6	<p>To reduce the number of violent crimes by at least 5%.</p> <p>2003/04 baseline = 1245</p>	<p>There have been 438 reported incidents of violent crime for the period September 07 to December 07.</p> <p>There have been 34 reported incidents of robbery for the same period.</p>
S7	<p>To increase the reporting level of Hate Crime</p> <p>Police baseline 329.</p>	<p>For the period September 07 to December there have been 29 reported incidents of hate crime.</p> <p>NB. These figures are police statistics alone and do not include MAGRAH figures (unavailable for this report)</p> <p>Funding has been provided for a shared Hate Crimes Officer (Police) who is now in post. The appointment allows for closer working relationships with agencies such as Victim Support, Women's Aid and MAGRAH.</p>
S8	<p>To continue to redefine the Anti-social Behaviour Process to initiate and co-ordinate actions to combat and divert people away from anti-social behaviour and to develop information recording and collection processes to determine baseline figures.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Specialist Anti-social Behaviour personnel recruited by Police and WBC.</p> <p>Wellingborough Area Anti-social Behaviour Group is now well established. The group comprises Police, WBC and other agencies involved in the Anti-social Behaviour diversionary process.</p> <p>Links with the Northamptonshire North ASB Unit. (Partially funded through CDRP).</p>
S9	<p>Improve information collection processes to determine baseline figures relating to alcohol related violence in preparation for an improvement target in 2006/07</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>The Town Centre Task Force includes representation from licensees, taxis and local fast food outlets and information/data is being collated from these sources</p>

## STEERING GROUP MEMBERSHIP

(at time of Wider Partnership Meeting)

### Members

David Cross	Business Advocate (Wellingborough Chamber and Town Centre Partnership) (Deputy Chair)
Jennifer Dixon	Community Advocate (Older People)
Martyn Emberson	Chief Fire Officer, Director - Northamptonshire County Council
Ch. Supt Paul Fell	Area Commander, Northamptonshire Police
Hugh Fenton	Business Advocate (Larger Business / Northamptonshire Chamber) (Chair)
Councillor Andre Gonzalez de Savage	Cabinet Member - Northamptonshire County Council
Councillor Eileen Higgins	Lead Advisor on Partnerships, Wellingborough Borough Council
John Hughes	Deputy Director of Public Health, Northamptonshire Teaching PCT
Lyn Martin-Bennison	Chief Executive – Wellingborough Borough Council
Mike Prescod	Community Advocate (BME)
Anne Toms	Community Advocate (General)
Carolyn Turner	Community Advocate (Rural)
Jonny Whitmore	Community Advocate (Youth)
vacant	Community Advocate (Faiths)

*Connexions and the Environment Agency are no longer able to send a representative. See main report for news on replacements.*

### Observer

Nick Duff	Learning & Skill Council
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### Roles for the Steering Group

Partnership Contact	Hugh Fenton
Lead Officer	Carole Stephenson (WBC)

### Task Group Chairs, Vice-Chairs, where appointed

Environment (Better)	Hugh Fenton
Healthier	John Hughes
Prosper	David Cross, Nicola Dennis (WBC)
Safer	Joe Hubbard, Supt Richard James (Police)

### Theme Group Chairs / Leads

Equalities & Community Cohesion	Anjona Roy (Racial Equality Council)
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