

networkfareham Board Meeting
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Item 7 Briefing Paper
Picture of Fareham and key priorities

BACKGROUND

This report is a summary of the background document that will inform the priorities for action in Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy.

The report presents a review of social, economic and environmental information for the Fareham area built on robust data drawn from sources such as:

- Area Profiles and Quality of Life Indicators (Audit Commission).
- Neighbourhood Statistics (Office for National Statistics),

The data is in alignment with each of the partnership's themes. It will be used to identify key issues affecting the borough.

The background document focuses on data at borough and ward level. Comparative data at county, regional and national levels and for 'nearest neighbour' authorities is also given.

The background document will evolve with regular updates of new and revised data.

1 INTRODUCTION

Overview

This document provides baseline data to inform Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy and the Sustainability Appraisal Report, incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment, for the Fareham Local development Framework.

The baseline data document has 12 parts:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Geographical Area
- 3 Population and Households
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- 5 Community Engagement
- 6 Community Safety
- 7 Economic Development
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Parts 4-10 align with the thematic partnerships of [networkfareham](#), Fareham's Community Partnership.

For each of these themes, this summary document shows:





- Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities.
- Quality of Life indicators (Level 1) published by the Audit Commission.
- Hampshire Local Area Agreement priorities for improvement.
- Local Public Service Agreement performance targets.
- The priorities, aims and objectives of relevant strategies and plans.
- Issues in need of further investigation or improved performance.

The complete version also includes information about the data/indicators used and looks at trends at the local, regional and national levels.

Quality of Life indicators

The Audit Commission publish local quality of life indicators. These help local authorities and LSPs to monitor the effectiveness of their Sustainable Community Strategies.

Quartiles are a simple way of benchmarking with comparator groups. The best quartile to be in for each sector is a matter of judgement. The top quartile represents the greatest contribution to general quality of life. For example, the authorities with the highest scores for the percentage of household waste recycled are shown as top quartile authorities, whereas the authorities with the highest rates of violent offences committed per 1,000 population are shown as bottom quartile authorities. The colours used for each of the quartiles are:

			
Top 25% of results	Inter-quartile range		Bottom 25% of results
	2 nd quartile	3 rd quartile	

The data sets presented in this report are by no means exhaustive. They have however been selected for their relevance to Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework.

Comparator groups

Hampshire district councils

This comparator group includes all of the 11 district councils in Hampshire:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
- East Hampshire District Council
- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- Gosport Borough Council
- Hart District Council
- Havant Borough Council
- New Forest District Council
- Rushmoor Borough Council
- Test Valley Borough Council
- Winchester City Council

The Hampshire area also includes the two unitary authorities of Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council.

Cipfa Nearest Neighbours Model

The Nearest Neighbours Model, developed by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (Cipfa), aids local authorities in comparative and benchmarking exercises. A wide range of socio-economic indicators forms a basis for generating specific 'family' groups.

Each local authority is unique. Not only are its social and physical characteristics different to those of other authorities, but its traditions, organisation and practices are distinctive. The Cipfa Nearest Neighbours Model attempts to adopt a scientific approach to measuring the similarity between authorities, taking many of these issues into account. This comparator group includes the 15 most similar areas. An updated model went live in July 2007.

The table below shows the old and new comparator groups for Fareham Borough Council together with Fareham's geographical neighbours:

Comparator Groups		
Old Model	New Model	Geographical Neighbours
1 Eastleigh	1 Rochford	Winchester
2 Rochford	2 Eastleigh	Portsmouth
3 Rushcliffe	3 Rushcliffe	Eastleigh
4 Lichfield [†]	4 Congleton	Gosport
5 Test Valley	5 Tewkesbury*	
6 Chelmsford [†]	6 West Wiltshire*	
7 Vale of White Horse [†]	7 Teignbridge*	
8 Congleton	8 Blaby District*	
9 Maidstone [†]	9 Canterbury*	
10 South Bedfordshire [†]	10 Suffolk Coastal*	
11 Hinckley & Bosworth [†]	11 Sedgemoor*	
12 Tonbridge and Malling [†]	12 Wealden*	
13 Mid Sussex [†]	13 Havant*	
14 Mid Bedfordshire [†]	14 Test Valley	
15 West Oxfordshire [†]	15 Castle Point*	

[†] indicates an authority no longer makes up part of the comparator group.

* indicates a new authority as part of the comparator group.

The table below shows the old and new comparator groups for Hampshire County Council together with Hampshire's geographical neighbours:

Comparator Groups

Old Model		New Model		Geographical Neighbours
1	Essex	1	Essex	Southampton
2	Oxfordshire	2	Kent	West Berkshire
3	Worcestershire	3	West Sussex*	Wokingham
4	Bedfordshire	4	Cheshire	Portsmouth
5	Warwickshire	5	Oxfordshire	Bracknell Forest
6	Cambridgeshire	6	Gloucestershire	Dorset
7	Cheshire	7	Warwickshire	Surrey
8	Leicestershire	8	Cambridgeshire	West Sussex
9	Gloucestershire	9	Hertfordshire	Wiltshire
10	Hertfordshire	10	Wiltshire	
11	Staffordshire [†]	11	Leicestershire	
12	Kent	12	Somerset*	
13	Northamptonshire [†]	13	Bedfordshire	
14	Buckinghamshire [†]	14	Worcestershire	
15	Wiltshire	15	Devon*	

[†] indicates an authority no longer makes up part of the comparator group.

* indicates a new authority as part of the comparator group.

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships

Based on criteria defined by the Home Office, each CDRP is joined by its 14 most similar CDRPs. The table below shows the family group of 15 CDRPs for Fareham:

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	Police Authority
1 Fareham	1 Hampshire
2 St Albans	2 Hertfordshire
3 Surrey Heath	3 Surrey
4 Tonbridge	4 Kent
5 Windsor and Maidenhead	5 Thames Valley
6 Woking	6 Surrey
7 Wokingham	7 Thames Valley
8 Lichfield	8 Staffordshire
9 Mid Sussex	9 Sussex
10 South Gloucestershire	10 Avon and Somerset
11 Brentwood	11 Essex
12 Castle Point	12 Essex
13 Chelmsford	13 Essex
14 Chiltern	14 Thames Valley
15 Elmbridge	15 Surrey

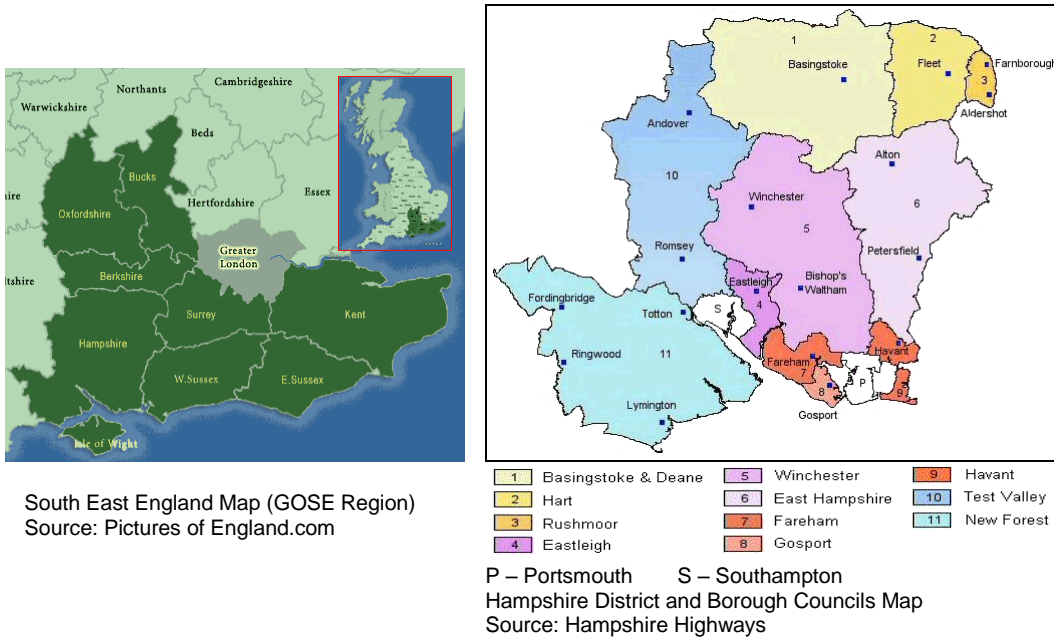
2 GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Overview

This part provides a brief summary of Fareham's geographical area and regional context.

Geography

The Government Office for the South East (GOSE) covers 55 district and borough councils, 12 unitary councils and 7 county councils. The Borough of Fareham is one of 11 district councils in the county of Hampshire and lies between the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton.



The Borough of Fareham covers almost 30 square miles and comprises 15 electoral wards.



Borough of Fareham Ward Map
Source: Fareham Borough Council

Greenspace in Fareham accounts for only 58.63% of the land area compared to 84.81% in the South East Region and 87.47% in England.

South East Region

Government Office for the South East

GOSE works with organisations across the South East to deliver the Government's policies and programmes in the region. It acts as a conduit between central government departments and local authorities.

South East England Regional Assembly

SEERA is responsible for the South East Plan. The Plan sets out the future of the South East region to 2026.

In South Hampshire, the South East Plan proposes to concentrate greenfield development into two Strategic Development Areas – one related to Portsmouth and one related to Southampton:

- 10,000 new homes within Fareham to the North of the M27;
- 6,000 new homes to the North and North East of Hedge End.

South East England Development Agency

SEEDA is responsible for the Regional Economic Strategy for the South East 2006-2016.

Hampshire

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Hampshire's LAA is a three-year agreement based on local Sustainable Community Strategies, that sets out the priorities for Hampshire agreed by the Government Office and the local area represented by the lead local authority (Hampshire County Council) and other key partners through Local Strategic Partnerships.

The current Hampshire LAA 2006-09 is under review. The new LAA will include indicators and targets towards the longer term Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy and will include targets previously contained in the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA2).

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

PUSH is a voluntary partnership of 11 councils in South Hampshire. It is one of 29 'New Growth Points' for England identified by the Government and will deliver a strategy for the economic growth of urban South Hampshire over the 20 years 2006-2026.

Fareham

Local Strategic Partnership

Fareham's LSP, known as **networkfareham**, is responsible for Fareham's Sustainable Community Strategy. The role of the Strategy is to set out a strategic vision for Fareham. It provides a vehicle for considering and deciding how to address difficult cross-cutting issues such as the economic future of the area. The council and its LSP partners prepare the Strategy in consultation with local people, businesses, community and voluntary groups.

Local Development Framework

The LDF is a portfolio of documents providing a framework for delivering Fareham's spatial planning strategy, for example:

- the Core Strategy sets out the spatial vision for Fareham in response to the Sustainable Community Strategy and the views of citizens and local stakeholders;
- the Statement of Community Involvement sets out the ways in which citizens and stakeholders will be consulted and engaged in developing and delivering local planning policy;
- Area Action Plans provide detailed planning frameworks for particular issues.

3 POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

Overview

This part provides a profile of the population and households in the borough of Fareham.

Population

Total population

In population terms, Fareham is the fourth smallest of the 11 Hampshire district councils with a 2006 mid year estimate population of 108,400.

Age profile

The table below shows the age profile of Fareham compared with the profile for England at 2006.

	0-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85+	Total Pop.
Fareham	4.9	11.9	11.8	9.1	15.4	14.2	13.6	9.9	6.7	2.5	108,400
England	5.8	11.9	13.2	13.2	15.4	12.8	11.7	8.2	5.6	2.1	50,762,900

The data are percentages of the total population. Figures may not add due to rounding.
Source: Office for National Statistics Mid Year Estimates 2006

19.1% of Fareham's population is aged 65 or over as against 15.9% for England, giving Fareham 20.1% more persons in the older age group than England.

Ethnic origin

The table below shows the estimated population for Fareham by ethnic origin in 2005.

White	Mixed Race	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese	Other
97.3%	0.8%	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%

Source: Office for National Statistics

Fareham has a much smaller proportion of its population within ethnic minority groups than England (8.1% less) and the South East region (4.2% less).

Religion

The table below shows information about the religion of Fareham residents in 2001.

Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other	None	Not stated
78.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.4%	14.2%	6.6%

Source: Office for National Statistics, Census 2001

Christianity is the religion of more than three quarters of Fareham residents. The next highest categories are no religion and religion not stated.

Population projections – general

The table below shows Fareham's population as projected to increase by 23,131 between 2006 and 2026. This represents 21.1% growth over the 20-year period.

2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	% Growth
109,373	110,955	110,654	121,689	132,504	21.1%

Source: Hampshire County Council Population and Household Projections

Population projections – working age

The proportion of the working age population is set to decline over the period 2006-2016 from 63% to 61% and become older. The table below shows that the number of 16 to 44 year olds will decrease by 3,085, whilst the number of 45 to 64 year olds will increase by 1,241 over the same period. This gives a net decrease of 1,844 working age persons in Fareham.

	2006	2016	Change
Working age 16-44 yrs	39,328	36,243	-3,085
Working age 45-64 yrs	29,757	30,998	1,241
Total working age	69,085	67,241	-1,844

Source: Hampshire County Council Population and Household Projections

Children in families receiving Child Benefit

The table below shows the number and proportion of children, by age band, who were in families receiving Child Benefit in Fareham in August 2006. Fareham has the lowest proportion for the under 5 age group of all the 11 Hampshire district councils and the highest proportion for the over 16 age group.

Total	Under 5	%	5-10	%	11-15	%	Over 16	%
22,625	5,160	22.8	7,210	31.9	6,825	30.2	3,435	15.2

Source: HM Revenue and Customs, Child Benefit Statistics

Households

Average household size

The table below shows a fall in the average household size in Fareham from 2.54 persons per household in 1991 to 2.43 persons per household in 2001; a decrease of 0.11% that is exactly the same as for England and Wales over the same period.

1991 Census	2001 Census	Change
2.54	2.43	-0.11

Source: Office for National Statistics

Household composition

The table below shows the projected changes in household composition for Fareham. The proportion of one-person households is projected to increase substantially such that in 2001 24% of households were one-person households whereas by 2026 this proportion is set to rise to 33% of all households.

Year	Married couple	Lone parent	One person	Cohabiting couple	Other households	Total households
2001	25,702	2,177	10,327	2,817	2,560	43,583
2026	26,879	3,005	19,133	5,787	3,646	58,450

Source: Office for National Statistics

Household income

The table below shows average household incomes in Fareham and the percentage change 2003-05. Out of the 10 councils in the PUSH housing group, Fareham had the 4th highest average household income in 2005.

Income 2003	Income 2004	Income 2005	% Change 2003/04	% Change 2003/05
£32,900 pa	£34,754 pa	£34,960 pa	6%	6%

Source: PUSH Housing Group, from CACI Wealth of the Nation 2005 report

Families receiving Child Benefit

The table below shows the number of families, by number of children, who were receiving Child Benefit in Fareham in August 2006. Out of the 11 Hampshire district councils Fareham has the lowest proportion of families with 3 children receiving Child Benefit and jointly with Hart the lowest proportion of families with four or more children.

Total	1 child	%	2 children	%	3 children	%	4 or more	%
12,820	5,250	41.0	5,780	45.1	1,435	11.2	355	2.8

Source: HM Revenue and Customs, Child Benefit Statistics

Homeless households

The table below shows the number of homelessness decisions made by Fareham Borough Council in the second quarter of 2007 and the corresponding quarter of 2006.

	Eligible, homeless and in priority need	Eligible, homeless and in priority need, but intentionally	Eligible, homeless but not in priority need	Eligible but not homeless	Total decisions
2007	10	4	1	6	21
2006	12	3	1	0	16

Source: Department for Communities and Local Government

The table below shows the number of homeless households accommodated by Fareham Borough Council in the second quarter of 2007 and in the corresponding quarter of 2006.

	Bed & Breakfast	Hostels	Social Housing Stock	Private Sector Leased	Other types incl. private landlord	Total in temporary accommodation
2007	7	0	23	13	0	43
2006	7	0	30	56	0	93

Source: Department for Communities and Local Government

4 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- review the use of our Community Centres, Youth Centres and Sports Pavilions, rationalise provision, and then modernise the buildings, as appropriate by 2012; (*Cross-cutting*)
- improve facilities and activities for children and young people; (*Cross-cutting*)
- empower the Youth Council to give young people a greater voice and influence over decision making.

Quality of life indicators

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Percentage of young people (16-24 year olds) in full time education or employment.			
Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that activities for teenagers has got better or stayed the same.			
Percentage of residents who think that, over the past three years, that facilities for young children have got better or stayed the same.			
Indicator	Hampshire County Council Quartiles		
	Geographical Neighbours	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
The percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority primary schools.			
The percentage of half days missed due to total absence in local authority secondary schools			
The percentage of 15 year old pupils in local authority schools achieving five or more GCSEs at Grade A*-C or equivalent.			

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Improve the life chances of children and young people.
- *Flagship initiative:* Better chances, better lives. (The 12 Schools Project.)

Local Public Service Agreement performance targets

- Raising pupil attainment including looked after children and reducing exclusions and level of absence in targeted schools.
- Improved health of children under 11 by reducing overweight and obesity (over 5 years). *Crosscutting.*

Strategies and plans

Hampshire Children & Young People's Plan

The priorities are:

- Increase the availability of generic and specialist support for vulnerable children, young people and their families.
- Improved support and advice to parents and carers.
- Increased access to excellent general healthcare provision.
- Increased healthy eating and physical activity and reduced obesity.
- Increased availability of mental health services.
- Improved sex and relationship education and reduced teenage pregnancies.
- Reduce substance misuse.
- Improved safety awareness and child protection.
- Increased prevention work to reduce youth crime, anti-social behaviour and exclusion.
- Increased identification, protection and support for those affected by domestic violence.
- Reduce the incidence of bullying.
- Increased access to excellent general education.
- Increased number of children and young people in school, and improved support for those not in school.
- Increased opportunity for play, leisure and recreation.
- Increased accessibility and quality of information on services.
- Increased access to volunteering opportunities.
- Increased number of positive images of young people in the media.
- Increased vocation and work related learning opportunities for the 14-19 age group.
- Improved transport options and reduced costs.

networkfareham Children and Young People's Plan

The priorities are:

- Parenting - Co-ordination and promotion of support so that no parent feels stigmatised.
- Home-School Link Workers – Explore the use of workers and support on-going work.
- Feeling safe – Encouraging young people to attend relevant forums to address this issues.
- Participation – Encourage agencies to listen and to establish mechanisms for messages to come through.
- Children with disabilities – Increase leisure opportunities and holiday provision for children with disabilities.
- Transport – to support the Hampshire County Council work in this area.
- Reduce Bullying – Re-enforce the schools' policies and support parents with positive action.
- Young Carers – Influence Hampshire County Council for a universal service and continue support for young carers locally with a named teacher in every school.
- Leisure opportunities – understand what is available and promote what is working.

Fareham Play Strategy

The objectives are:

- To ensure inclusive play opportunities are provided where they are needed and help facilitate the provision of high-quality facilities that are accessible to users
- To ensure that play opportunities should meet demand, encourage participation and enable children and young people to 'engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child' (Article 31 UN Convention)
- To provide evidence of the need for play opportunities and facilities identifying shortfall and surpluses in provision to enable an informed approach for the future
- To analyse existing provision and establish the future policy of children's play provision within the local authority area
- To provide a practical action plan to detail concrete outcomes that the Council and its partners will aim to achieve over the next 5 years

Teenage Pregnancy Strategy

The Government's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy targets are:

- to halve the under-18 conception rate by 2010, and establish a firm downward trend in the under-16 rate;
- to increase the proportion of teenage parents in education, training or employment to 60% by 2010; to reduce the risk of their long-term exclusion.

The Government has asked all areas to implement a range of factors:

- engagement of delivery partners;
- selection of a senior champion;
- effective sexual health advice service;
- prioritisation of sex and relationships education;
- focus on targeted interventions;
- training on sex and relationships education (SRE) for partner organisations;
- well-resourced youth service.

Teenage Parents Next Steps, published in July 2007, sets out what action local areas need to take to drive improvements in outcomes for teenage parents and their children.

Fareham Youth Strategy

There are 10 high-level long term aims to:

- develop affordable, accessible and safe transport options for young people,
- improve the health and well-being of young people;
- provide adequate, affordable, safe and accessible leisure opportunities for young people;
- help young people to find homes;
- enable and support young people's involvement in and ability to influence their community;
- increase young people's access to appropriate, accurate and up-to-date information and advice;
- promote and develop Education, Learning and Training opportunities for young people;
- help young people learn about money and work;
- increase the resources for young people's organisations and services.

Issues

Quality of Life issues:

- The percentage of young people (16-24 year olds) in full-time education or employment.

5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- review the use of our Community Centres, Youth Centres and Sports Pavilions, rationalise provision, and then modernise the buildings, as appropriate by 2012; *(Cross-cutting)*
- deliver a strategy to plan services to meet the needs of an ageing population; *(Cross-cutting)*
- strengthen our working relationship with the voluntary sector and increase the levels of community involvement in volunteering activity;
- improve our awareness of customers' needs by developing new methods of consultation;
- develop a new approach to service delivery based on neighbourhood working;
- develop the capacity of the Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that all local agencies are working to the same agenda;
- aim to achieve excellent performance for all services when compared to all other district councils.
- Improve performance reporting to our customers, ensuring that we capture the results of feedback and discussions;
- provide Councillors with more training and support to increase engagement with local people;
- improve our 'scrutiny role' by holding organisations to account on behalf of the local community.

Quality of life indicators

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours
First priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents.	Transport Congestion	Transport Congestion	Transport Congestion
Second priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents.	Roads and Pavements	Roads and Pavements	Roads and Pavements
Third priority for improvement in the local area as defined by the local residents.	Level of Crime	Level of Crime	Level of Crime
Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
% of residents who think that for their local area over the last three years that community activities have got better or stayed the same.	☹️	😊	😊
Election turnout – at the last European elections.	😊	☹️	☹️

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services.

Local Public Sector Agreement performance targets

- Increased number and extent of people participating in local voluntary and community activities.

Strategies and plans

Community Engagement Strategy (Fareham Borough Council)

The priorities (draft) are:

- New e-survey network
- New approach to neighbourhood working
- More focus on 'hard to reach' groups such as young people
- Response to the Government's new 'Community call for Action' initiative
- Improved communication with the Business Community
- 'Menu of services' to enable customers to see the cost of individual services provided by the Borough Council

Fareham Older Person's Strategy

The strategic aims are to:

- Promote the independence of older people to enable them to lead active lives
- Help older people to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Help older people to access services
- Ensure that agencies work in partnership to provide services which cut across narrow organisational priorities.
- Ensure that older people have a voice so that their views are taken into account.

The key priorities are:

- Improving transport, mobility and access to services for older people
- Helping older people to maintain their health and well being.
- Supporting older people to continue living in their own home.
- Improving communication and information about services.

Issues

- Quality of Life issues:
 - perception of rough sleeping
- Equalities and inclusion







































6 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- introduce Accredited Community Safety Officers and Police Community Safety Officers to increase the uniformed presence in local neighbourhoods by 2008;
- strengthen enforcement through improved use of our network of CCTV cameras and by taking a 'zero tolerance' approach to vandalism, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Quality of life indicators

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles			
	Hants DCs	CDRP Family	Cipfa Nearest N'bours	England
Percentage of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside during the day.	n/a			
Percentage of residents surveyed who say that they feel fairly safe or very safe outside after dark.	n/a			
Domestic burglaries per 1,000 households.				
Violent offences committed per 1,000 population.				
Theft of a vehicle per 1,000 population.				
Sexual offences per 1,000 population.				
% of residents who think that vandalism, graffiti & other deliberate damage to property or vehicles is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area.				
Percentage of residents who think that people using or dealing drugs is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area.				
Percentage of residents who think that people being rowdy or drunk in public places is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area.				
% of residents who think that people being attacked because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion is a very big or fairly big problem in their local area.				

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Improve crime and anti-social behaviour recognising harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse.
- *Flagship initiative*: Focus on domestic abuse and sexual violence and its impact on victims and families.

Local Public Service Agreement performance targets

- Reduced incidences of violence in public places.
- Reducing re-offending rates of young offenders (10 to 17 years) who commit offences of violence.
- Reducing incidences of fire which are deliberate.

- More residents feel safe.

Strategies and plans

networkfareham Community Safety Strategy

The priorities are:

- Burglary and vehicle crime
- Anti-social behaviour including criminal damage and arson
- Illegal drugs
- Alcohol abuse

Issues

Quality of Life issues:

- personal safety outside after dark;
- perceptions of vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles;
- perceptions of people being rowdy or drunk in public places.




























7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- plan employment opportunities within the Strategic Development Area to the North of Fareham (if it is included in the South East Plan);
- deliver a large food store within Fareham Town Centre by 2009;
- lead the regeneration of the Western end of West Street, Fareham by 2009; (*Cross-cutting*)
- pursue the development of the Foundry site in Fareham;
- facilitate the redevelopment of Broadlaw Walk. (*Cross-cutting*)

Quality of life indicators

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
The percentage of working age population who are in employment.			
The number of Job Seeker's Allowance claimants as a percentage of the working age population.			
The percentage of Job Seeker's Allowance claimants who have been out of work for more than a year.			
Total number of VAT registered businesses in the area at the end of the year.			n/a
The percentage change in the number of VAT registered businesses.			n/a
Job density: number of jobs filled to working age population.			n/a
The percentage of the population living in the most deprived super output areas in the country.			
The percentage of working age population claiming key benefits.			
The percentage of children that live in families that are income deprived.			
The percentage of the population over 60 who live in households that are income deprived.			

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Deliver first class support for businesses, promote skills and workforce development and address barriers to employment.
- *Flagship initiative:* Reduction in economic inactivity and underemployment through increasing the participation of groups under-represented in the labour market.

Local Public Service Agreement performance targets

- Raising skill levels amongst the relatively under skilled.
- Increase Hampshire's share of VAT registrations within the South East.

Strategies and plans

- South East Plan (SEP) & South Hants Strategy – sets growth parameters for next 20 years.
- Regional Economic Strategy (RES) – sets detailed framework for 10 years (2006-2016) to achieve global competitiveness, smart growth and sustainable prosperity via eight transformational actions. South Hampshire is identified as a 'Diamond for Investment and Growth'.
- PUSH – the sub-regional partnership that has the task of implementing the SEP and co-ordinating actions to implement the growth point.
- Area Investment Framework (AIF) – Until March 2008, the AIF is the channel for South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) investment in the SE Hants area.
- Harbour Economic Development Forum (HEDF) – collaborative action in SE Hants to promote area for inward investment and development.
- Fareham Borough Council Economic Development Strategy.

Issues

For economy

1. Economic activity / participation rate
2. GVA growth rate
3. Entrepreneurship
4. Land for development
5. Balance of business sectors
6. Vibrant town centre

For business

1. Land / premises supply
2. Skills availability
3. Key worker housing
4. Congestion
5. Networking
6. Supply chain
7. Business start-up

For residents

1. Training
2. Local jobs
3. Travel to work
4. Affordable housing
5. Childcare?
6. Debt / credit





































8 HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- provide a new swimming pool to the west of the Borough by 2009;
- undertake an option appraisal for the future management of Ferneham Hall and then seek to implement the most favourable option by 2008;
- review the use of our Community Centres, Youth Centres and Sports Pavilions, rationalise provision, and then modernise the buildings, as appropriate by 2012; *(Cross-cutting)*
- improve facilities and activities for children and young people; *(Cross-cutting)*
- deliver a strategy to plan services to meet the needs of an ageing population; *(Cross-cutting)*
- enable the development of a new Community Hospital in the Borough by 2010.

Quality of life indicators

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Age-standardised mortality rates for all cancers by local authority, males all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for all cancers by local authority, females all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for ischaemic heart disease by local authority, males all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for ischaemic heart disease by local authority, females all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for stroke by local authority, males all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for stroke by local authority, females all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for respiratory diseases by local authority, males all ages.			
Age-standardised mortality rates for respiratory diseases by local authority, females all ages.			
Infant mortality rate: deaths up to 1 year per 1,000 live births.			
Life expectancy at birth (years): Males.			
Life expectancy at birth (years): Females.			
Percentage of households with one or more person with a limiting long-term illness.			

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
% of the population that are within 20 minutes travel time (urban – walking; rural – driving) of a range of 3 different sports facility types, at least one of which has achieved a quality mark.			
% of residents who think that over the past three years, that cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums) have got better or stayed the same.			
% of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that sports and leisure facilities have got better or stayed the same.			
% of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that parks and open spaces have got better or stayed the same.			
Indicator	Hampshire County Council Quartiles		
	Geographical Neighbours	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Teenage conception rates: number of conceptions to under-18 year olds in a calendar year per thousand females aged 15 to 17.			

Fareham Health Profile 2007

The Association of Public Health Observatories, for the Department of Health, annually produces Health Profiles for every local authority in England.

The table below shows a number of indicators of people's health in Fareham.

Domain	Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
		England	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	Hampshire DCs
Our communities	1 Income deprivation			
	2 Ecological footprint			
	3 Homelessness			
	4 Children in poverty			
	5 GCSE achievement			
	6 Violent crime			
Giving children and young people a healthy start	7 Smoking in pregnancy	No comparable local data currently available		
	8 Breast feeding			
	9 Obese children			
	10 Physically active children			
	11 Teenage pregnancy (under 18)			
The way we live	12 Adults who smoke			
	13 Binge drinking adults			
	14 Healthy eating adults			
	15 Physically active adults			
	16 Obese adults			

Domain	Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
		England	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	Hampshire DCs
How long we live and what we die of	17 Life expectancy – male	😊	😊	😊
	18 Life expectancy – female	😊	😊	😊
	19 Deaths from smoking	😊	😊	😊
	20 Early deaths: heart disease & stroke	😊	😊	😐
	21 Early deaths: cancer	😊	😐	😐
	22 Infant deaths	😊	😐	😐
	23 Road injuries and deaths	😊	😊	😊
Health and ill health in our community	24 Feeling 'in poor health'	😊	😊	😐
	25 Mental health	😊	😊	😐
	26 Hospital stays due to alcohol	😊	😐	😐
	27 Drug misuse	😊	😐	😐
	28 People with diabetes	😊	😐	😐
	29 Children's tooth decay	😐	😐	😐
	30 Sexually transmitted infections	No comparable local data currently available		
	31 Older people: hip fracture	😐	😊	😐

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- promote the health and well-being of people in Hampshire.
- *Flagship initiative:* To develop effective schemes that provide care at home and in the community and prevent admission to hospital, residential and nursing care.

Public Sector Service Agreement performance targets

- Increased number of adults adopting healthier lifestyle.
- Improved health of children under 11 by reducing overweight and obesity (over 5 years).
Crosscutting.
- Lives saved by faster emergency response times.
- Reducing emergency (non-elective) occupied bed days for older people aged 75 and over.

Strategies and plans

Area Public Health Liaison Board

(Hampshire Primary Care Trust and Fareham, Gosport and Havant Borough Councils)

Priorities for joint local action:

- to increase physical activity across all age groups;
- to effect a reduction in levels of obesity in children and adults;
- to promote independence and quality of life/well-being amongst older population groups.

The South East England Health Strategy (Draft)

Five key themes:

- reducing health inequalities;
- promoting healthy, sustainable communities and sustainable activities;
- employment and health;
- improving outcomes for children and young people;
- improving outcomes for older people.

Issues

- Quality of Life and Health Profile issues:
 - mortality rates for strokes – females;
 - travelling time to sports facilities;
 - ecological footprint;
 - homelessness.
- Options for the future provision of three midwife-led birth centres for women living in South East Hampshire.
- Mortality rates for stroke, females all ages.
- Proximity to a range of sports facilities.
- Ecological footprint.
- Homelessness.
- Obese adults.

















9 HOUSING

Corporate Priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:

- achieve a target of 100 affordable homes per year until 2016;
- conduct a review of sheltered housing provision in the Borough by 2008 to ensure that we are making the best use of our accommodation;
- implement a supported lodging scheme to end the use of bed and breakfast accommodation for 16/17 year olds;
- provide a 'dry house' for vulnerable people who have completed a treatment programme for alcohol or drug misuse;
- plan a new mixed community through the Strategic Development Area to the North East of Fareham (if it is included in the South East Plan);
- develop a new Housing Tenancy Board;
- facilitate the redevelopment of Broadlaw Walk. *(Cross-cutting)*

Quality of Life Indicators

Indicator		Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
		Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Total number of new housing completions.				n/a
Affordable dwellings completed as a percentage of all new housing completions.	2004/05			n/a
	2005/06			n/a
Household accommodation without central heating.				
Percentage of all housing which is unfit.				n/a
House price to income ratio.				n/a
% of residents who think that people sleeping rough on the streets or in other public places is a very big or fairly big problem in their area.				

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Improve access to housing accommodation.

Local Public Service Agreement performance targets

- Improved access to housing for people with assessed social care needs.

Strategies and plans

Tackling homelessness (Housing Corporation)

The objectives set out by the Corporation for consultation included:

- Encouraging better partnership working among housing associations, local authorities and other agencies including Supporting People Teams and to improve co-operation in delivering local housing strategies and offering alternative housing options.
- Supporting housing associations to prevent homelessness by promoting holistic and seamless housing allocation and management approaches, with eviction very much as a last resort.
- Encouraging housing associations to make better use of existing stock, including reducing under-occupation and bringing empty homes back into use, hand in hand with more efficient lettings procedures and exploration of the scope to convert temporary tenancies into settled homes.

Regional Housing Strategy (South East England Regional Assembly)

The strategy proposes:

- the urgent need to build **more affordable homes**, with a shift in focus towards increased provision for social rented accommodation;
- continued support, where there is evidence of need, for affordable housing for **key workers** as defined by Government, but also aiming to meet the needs of other essential workers;
- a **geographical focus** based on housing need arising from affordability, homelessness and temporary accommodation criteria, and aligned where possible with strategic sites;
- to fund 20% affordable housing in the South East's three designated **growth areas**: Milton Keynes and Aylesbury Vale, Ashford and Thames gateway;
- support for the principle of **meeting housing need** across sub-regional housing markets;
- funding for new affordable housing in **small villages** with populations of less than 3,000 at the same levels as in 2004-05 and 2005-06 (720 units across the two years). Affordable housing in **small market towns** will also be supported in proportion to need, sustainability and capacity.
- funding allocated for affordable housing on sites that should normally deliver a density of **at least 40 dwellings per hectare** with significantly higher densities achievable where conditions allow;
- schemes of more than 200 units should be **referred to design review** at an early stage of development;
- all homes funded by the Board must meet the 'very good' EcoHomes **environmental sustainability rating**;
- support for local authorities **retaining their stock** for progress towards meeting the decent homes standard where appropriate;
- support for the **renovation of unfit private sector housing** by authorities reporting over 2000 unfit homes, to assist meeting decent homes standard;
- to **commission research** on type, level, and nature of unfitness to identify where need is greatest to inform investment for private sector renewal from 2008;
- to develop further options for establishing a portfolio of **brownfield land** to complement the work of local authorities and partner organisations to increase housing supply and affordability.

Homelessness Strategy (Fareham Borough Council)

The overall aim is "to provide a sensitive and responsive prevention based service which gives good quality advice, assistance and support to people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness and, where appropriate, to secure good quality accommodation.

The overall objectives are to:

- Wherever possible to prevent homelessness from occurring in Fareham by working in partnership with other statutory and independent sector agencies.
- Improve the level of advice, assistance and support which enables homeless and vulnerable people to lead independent lives.
- Develop initiatives to reduce the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation.
- Secure good quality permanent and temporary accommodation in Fareham to help those people who become homeless.
- Monitor the levels of homelessness in the Borough and regularly review the impact on the community.

Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy (Fareham Borough Council)

The main objectives are:

- to reduce serious hazards in the private sector housing stock;
- to ensure that vulnerable and elderly people living in the private sector stock have the opportunity to live in a decent home;
- to provide assistance where there is a disabled occupant to undertake adaptations to enable occupants to access the dwelling and amenities;
- to reduce accidents in the home and reduce the fear of crime;
- to further improve the energy efficiency rating of the private sector stock;
- to make best use of the private sector housing stock in meeting local housing needs by reducing the number of empty homes across the borough.

Affordable Housing Strategy (Fareham Borough Council)

The aim is to deliver rented and shared ownership housing through registered social landlords, which provides:

- value for money schemes;
- affordable rents;
- high quality housing;
- balanced and sustainable communities;
- a well defined programme, achievable within acceptable timescales;
- a clearly stated method of enabling which is understood by all parties;
- a flexible programme to allow for changes in resources or demand.

Fareham and Gosport Supporting People Strategy

The objectives set for 2004-09 are:

- to support the development of services and appropriate accommodation for single homeless people in Fareham and Gosport;
- to support the development of services and appropriate accommodation for young people in Fareham and Gosport;
- to support the development of services and appropriate accommodation for people with a dual diagnosis (people with both enduring mental health problems and substance misuse difficulties) in Fareham and Gosport;
- to support the expansion of the Generic Floating Support Service via the Transitional Housing Benefit Scheme to meet identified need in Fareham and Gosport;
- to support the development of services and appropriate accommodation for older people following the recommendations by the Older Persons Housing and Support Group, Best Value Reviews and the Older Persons National Service Framework Local Implementation Team.

Issues

- Quality of Life issues:
 - new housing completions and proportion of affordable housing;
 - households without central heating;
 - unfit housing;
 - rough sleeping.
- National target set for halving the number of homeless households living in insecure temporary accommodation by 2010.
- Low levels of unfit housing exclude Fareham from assistance from the Regional Housing Board towards private sector housing renewal activities.
- Lower quartile and median house prices are significantly higher than in neighbouring areas.
- Low percentage of existing affordable housing provision.
- Limited number of brownfield sites likely to come forward for development with most valued at a level that will not permit the development of affordable housing.
- Low council land bank.
- Local problems in securing accommodation for key workers.


















10 PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY









Corporate priorities

Fareham Borough Council's corporate priorities are to:





































- achieve a recycling target of 50% by 2010;
- improve environmental monitoring of our land, air and water;
- promote the need for energy conservation, improve energy efficiency and undertake other environmental sustainability initiatives;
- undertake projects to enhance biodiversity within the Borough;
- plan the Strategic Development Area to the North of Fareham (if it is included in the South East Plan);
- implement projects to improve the appearance of conservation areas and public spaces;
- take a 'zero tolerance' approach to littering, fly tipping, graffiti and abandoned vehicles;
- reduce littering at the entrances to the Borough;
- improve the appearance and accessibility of our parks, woodlands and green spaces – achieving at least 3 Green Flag awards by 2010;
- fulfil our duty to identify a transit site for travellers by 2008;
- increase cemetery provision in the West of the Borough by 2008;
- improve road safety and reduce the number of cycling accidents;
- improve levels of 'on street' parking enforcement;
- refurbish and improve our public conveniences;
- support public transport congestion and reduce the levels of traffic congestion.

Quality of Life indicators: Transport

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Percentage of the resident population who travel to work by private motor vehicle (car, taxi or motorbike).			
Percentage of the resident population who travel to work by public transport.			
Percentage of the resident population who travel to work on foot or cycle.			
Percentage of the resident population travelling over 20 km to work			n/a
Percentage of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years, that public transport has got better or stayed the same.			
% of residents who think that for their local area, over the past three years that the level of traffic congestion has got better or stayed the same.			

Indicator	Hampshire County Council Quartiles		
	Geographical Neighbours	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Estimated traffic flows for all vehicle types (million vehicle kilometres).			n/a
Number of pedestrian road accident casualties per 100,000 population.			
Number of cyclist road accident casualties per 100,000 population.			

Quality of Life indicators: Environment

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Proportion of developed land that is derelict			
The percentage of land and highways assessed as having unacceptable levels of litter and detritus			
Percentage of land and highways from which unacceptable levels of graffiti are visible			
Percentage of land and highways from which unacceptable levels of fly-posting are visible			
Local estimates of CO ₂ emissions (tonnes CO ₂) – Domestic emissions per capita			
Local estimates of CO ₂ emissions (tonnes CO ₂) – Total emissions per capita			
Average annual domestic consumption of gas in kWh			
Average annual domestic consumption of electricity in kWh			
Daily domestic water use (per capita consumption, litres)			
Percentage of river length assessed as good biological quality			
Percentage of river length assessed as good chemical quality			
Number of kilograms of household waste collected per head of the population			

Indicator	Fareham Borough Council Quartiles		
	Hampshire District Councils	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Percentage of household waste recycled			
The percentage of household waste composted			
Area of land designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the local authority area			n/a
The percentage area of land designated as a SSSI within the local authority area, which is found to be in favourable condition			
Indicator	Hampshire County Council Quartiles		
	Geographical Neighbours	Cipfa Nearest Neighbours	England
Percentage of household waste used to recover heat, power and other energy sources			
Percentage of household waste landfilled			

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Priorities for improvement:

- Improve the coordination of transport and access to services across the county.
- Use material resources more efficiently.

Local Public Service Agreement performance targets

- Reductions in numbers of killed and serious injury road casualty numbers below both national and Second Hampshire Local Transport Plan “stretch” target levels on Hampshire’s roads (including Hampshire County Council area trunk roads and motorways).
- Improved cleanliness of land and highways and condition of streets and pavements.
- Increased tonnage of waste diverted from landfill through greater participation in recycling by local private and public sector organisations.

Strategies and plans

South East Plan (South East England Regional Assembly)

Key themes for the South East Plan include:

- Making urban living more attractive through physical and social regeneration, improved design and a renaissance of our towns and cities, including improvements to public spaces and transport.
- Improving access to housing by providing what the region needs in terms of new homes, including affordable homes to buy or rent.
- Making access easier for people who need to reach services such as shops and doctors, workplaces or leisure, cultural and recreational facilities. A key aim is to reduce the need to travel long distances by car.
- Encouraging more prudent use of natural resources such as water and energy as well as reducing the amount of waste we all produce.

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

The PUSH strategy objectives are to:

- provide a buoyant and diverse economy;

- reduce inequalities and develop skills;
- secure sustainable communities;
- safeguard a quality environment;
- provide quality housing for all;
- improve accessibility;
- provide quality cultural, recreational and leisure facilities;
- improve health;
- maintain the separation of settlements.

Hampshire Local Transport Plan (Hampshire County Council)

The main objectives of the Local Transport Plan are:

- To increase accessibility.
- To promote safety.
- To reduce the impact and effect of traffic congestion.
- To widen travel choice.
- To improve air quality.
- To support wider quality of life objectives.
- To encourage value for money and efficient waste management.

The key elements of the Solent Transport Sub-Regional Strategy for Fareham focus on improving accessibility for all modes of transport and better interchange between modes:

- Improving the interchange provision between bus and rail services at Fareham rail station, including pedestrian access to bus stops, provision for taxis, access for disabled people and better passenger information.
- Improving accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Town centre access plans will be prepared for Fareham and Stubbington.
- Managing traffic, including traffic routeing, speed controls and safety improvements.
- Promoting bus use through Quality Bus Partnerships, infrastructure improvements and better travel information, including real-time information at bus stops and other locations.
- Raising travel awareness and promoting effective marketing campaigns.
- Promoting car sharing and car club initiatives.

Environmental Sustainability Strategy (Fareham Borough Council)

Priority actions for sustainability:

- energy and climate change;
- more sustainable procurement;
- sustainable development awareness and training;
- managing council land more sustainably;
- sustainable development and construction;
- recycling and waste minimisation;
- air quality review and assessment;
- sustainable transport.

Issues

- Quality of Life issues:
 - mode of travel to work;
 - traffic congestion and traffic flows;
 - road accident casualties – pedestrians and cyclists;
 - daily domestic water usage;
 - biological and chemical quality of rivers;
 - composting of household waste.
- Problems of accessibility:
 - geographic – e.g. out-commuting from the Fareham-Gosport peninsula;
 - access to the North Fareham Strategic Development Area and links to Fareham and Portsmouth;
 - development of the Foundry site and access from the Quay Street roundabout;
 - access to Fareham town centre from surrounding local areas.

- Increasing levels of traffic using less suitable local and residential routes to avoid congestion, e.g. through traffic in Stubbington.
- Energy consumption and the predicted effects of climate change.
- Travelling by private car, congestion and poor air quality.
- Affordable housing.
- Reaching disadvantaged residents and engaging community participation.
- Securing local employment.
- Protecting and enhancing our natural and cultural resources.
- Minimising our waste.
- Protecting the health and well-being of our residents.

11 SOURCES

This is an A-Z list of sources used in putting together the baseline document together with an indication of the update frequencies.

For example:

SOURCES

Area Profiles

Audit Commission

www.areaprofiles.audit-commission.gov.uk

Fareham Health Profile 2007

(Association of Public Health Observatories and Department of Health)

www.communityhealthprofiles.info

UPDATES

Periodically

Annually

12 GLOSSARY

This is an A-Z summary of terms relating to this baseline data document. Some of the terms used by local strategic partnerships and related strategies and plans are also included.

For example:

Greenfield Site

Land upon which no development has previously taken place.

Job density

Job density figures represent the ratio of total jobs to working-age population.

Sustainable development

Sustainable Development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brundtland Report 1987).

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