

Joint Core Strategy

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LSP Event

In November an event was held for executive members of the Local Strategic Partnerships. This early engagement with the LSPs is vital to ensure the Joint Core Strategy is aligned with the vision and objectives of four different Sustainable Community Strategies. An independent facilitator oversaw the afternoon, ensuring high levels of engagement and participation. The event provided the opportunity to inform LSP members and officers about the Joint Core Strategy process, as well as providing the opportunity for stakeholder involvement. Representatives attended from a wide range of sectors, including Local Authorities, health, police, housing, voluntary and community groups, environment, amongst others. Sessions through the afternoon allowed for discussion and feedback on suggested outcome statements for the Joint Core Strategy and LSP groups were given the opportunity to reflect on issues that were raised.

Sustainability Appraisal

The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Joint Core Strategy was published for a five week consultation on 24th October 2008. As part of this consultation the SA group held round-table discussions with stakeholders. The final report will be published early 2009.

Next Steps

Supporting the JCS will be an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) the scope of this will be determined by end December 2008. In January 2009 the first meetings of the Member Steering Group, Cross Boundary Programme Board and Project Board will be held. The JCS website will be up and running by end January 2009.

“ The Joint Core Strategy will affect the attractiveness and sustainability of our communities for decades to come, and 2009 will be a crucial year in the JCS process. Developing a strategy with so many stakeholders, often with strong views, is not going to be easy; but to ensure the continued vitality of our area we must get it right. ”

Andrew North
(Chief Executive
of Cheltenham
Borough Council)



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