

MAKING THE DISTRICT BETTER

How to improve the effectiveness of partnership working in the District was the challenge put before the LSP Board during the review of priorities and organisation.

The current Community Strategy for the District runs from 2003 to 2007 and as we approach the mid-point the LSP took the opportunity to question whether it could deliver more. The current Action Plans, based on the five key themes of the Strategy, are substantially on target for delivery and will continue to be monitored.

However, the LSP decided that the Strategy would now best be met by focussing on projects which meet the aims of a number of themes. Some of these projects will be aimed at specific groups, but all will benefit the community as a whole. This approach will ensure that there will be more community involvement in planning, implementation and delivery. It will also enable partners to contribute across a wider range of priorities.

The new approach will be delivered by restructuring the support to the LSP Board. Rather than having groups dedicated to each theme a larger single co-ordinating group will be responsible for monitoring the projects which will be delivered through 'task and finish' groups. This new structure will streamline the process, while again improving involvement.

Ideas for projects will be developed over the coming months, and the views of individuals and existing groups will be sought to make sure that they will deliver the right outcomes. Communication will be a vital element and everyone in St Albans and District will be invited to contribute to the success of the Community Strategy.

