



Your chance to have your say on the final draft of Shropshire's new Community Strategy 2010-2020

Residents across Shropshire were invited to participate in a consultation exercise on the vision and themes for Shropshire's new Community Strategy, which took place between July and September 2009. Over 1000 individual comments were received from around 150 respondees and these responses have been used to draft a final version of Shropshire's new Community Strategy. The Shropshire Partnership is now inviting you to let us know what you think of it by visiting www.shropshirepartnership.org.uk.

The final draft Community Strategy will be available to view on the Shropshire Partnership's website from 19 November 2009 for three months until 12 February 2010. You can comment on the strategy by completing the questionnaire on the website and returning it to the Shropshire Partnership team. A summary copy of the document is also enclosed with this mailing for your information.

The Community Strategy will guide the way public agencies, the voluntary sector and business groups will work together in partnership over the coming decade and will help guide future policy and funding decisions.

The document outlines the challenges and priorities that the county's residents have said need addressing in Shropshire over the next 10 years, and it provides a vision of 'A Flourishing Shropshire' in the year 2020. This vision has been developed from the county's ancient motto, 'Floreat Salopia'. This final draft Community Strategy is being launched at a time of major change, with a new Shropshire Council and transformation of our economic and social fabric happening at an ever increasing pace, spurred on by a volatile economy. This means Shropshire must not stand still. The partnership has set out in this strategy how these changes and challenges will be dealt with to turn them to our advantage.

Information about this consultation is also available on the Shropshire Partnership's new Consultation Portal which summarises all the consultation activities that Shropshire Council and its partners are involved in. You can view this by visiting the Shropshire Partnership website (www.shropshirepartnership.org.uk) and clicking on the link on the left hand side.

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