

# **The Tunbridge Wells Borough Community Plan**

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# Why have a Community Plan?

- Sets the “Vision” for the future of the borough
- To enhance the quality of life of local communities and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- A partnership with the public, private and voluntary sectors. Joining everything up!

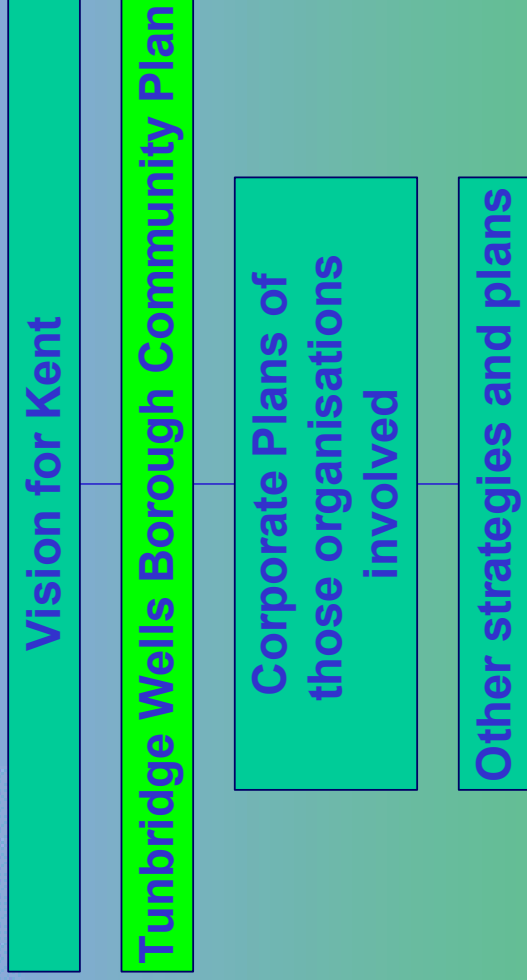


# The four objectives of the Community Plan

- ✓ Allow local communities to articulate their aspirations, needs and priorities;
- ✓ Co-ordinate the actions of the council, and of the public, private, voluntary and community organisations
- ✓ Focus and shape existing and future activity of those organisations so that they effectively meet community needs and aspirations;
- ✓ Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development both locally and more widely



# Where does the Community Plan sit?





# Reviewing the first Community Plan

- Stage one - Early involvement of stakeholders
- Stage two – Consultation on themes and priorities
- Stage three – Consultation on draft Community Plan
- Stage four – Adoption, implementation and monitoring



# The review process

Review began in 2005 with very early engagement of stakeholders, including:

- Stakeholder Conference
- Residents focus groups;
- Borough wide survey;
- Gypsy and Traveller survey;
- Parish and Town Council workshops;
- Youth Council Schools Conference;
- Networking Event
- And much more...



# Consultation on priorities

- On-line consultation (with paper alternative) on priorities for each theme
- Feedback was used to amend the priorities and to influence the actions towards these priorities



# **Important stage in the Community Planning process**

- Consultation on the draft Community Plan is about to begin
- Consultation period starts on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks until 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Consultation period of 6 weeks



# What do you think of the Draft Community Plan?

- Do you agree with the **Vision**?
- Do you think it picks out the right **themes**?
- Are the right **actions** included?
- Where can you contribute to some of the actions as a lead agency or partner?



# **Role of Churches in the consultation process**

- Your comments on the Draft Community Plan
- Encourage others to comment on the Community Plan
- Copies will be available to distribute locally – would you like some for your Church or for meetings you hold or attend?
- Contribute to the Forums relating to the Community Plan where relevant



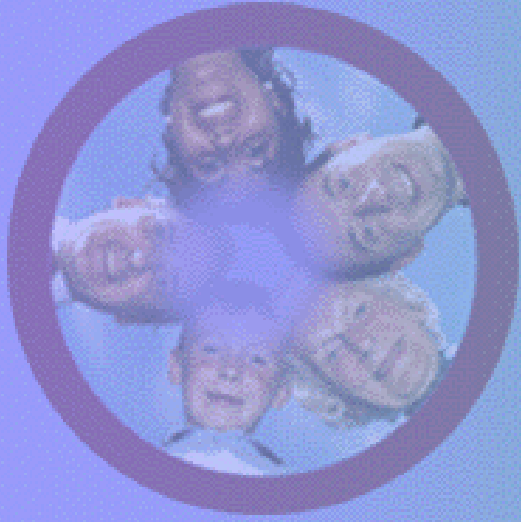
## Next steps

- Draft Community Plan for consultation for 6 weeks from 15 May to 26 June
- Comments will be carefully considered by the Community Plan Partnership and the Forum relating to each theme
- Amendments will be made
- The final Community Plan will be approved by the Community Plan Partnership and by Full Council
- A living and dynamic document that will be annually updated



## For more information

- Contact me and I will be happy to help:  
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- If you would like me to attend a meeting to speak about the Community Plan or answer questions please get in touch
- Visit the website, [www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk) which includes information about the Community Plan, the Community Plan Partnership and the Forums



**Thank you**