



Progress through Prevention

Community Plan 2005-2010

Raising our game, closing the gap -
Partnership for inclusion, equality and excellence



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A Partnership for inclusion, equality and excellence

Since we published Coventry's second Community Plan in July 2004, much has been achieved and Coventry continues to move forward. This revised plan is focused on those key issues which now need to be tackled by working together even more closely, locally and with the Government.

This plan reflects the fact that more groups and organisations across every sector in Coventry are working together:

- Towards common outcomes
- Based on shared themes
- Through strategic partnership boards and theme groups
- On key strategic issues

We know that whilst local organisations can achieve a great deal by working together, the rules and regulations that surround our work can get in the way. That is why the Partnership and Coventry City Council have secured what is known as a Local Area Agreement with Government. This will help to identify key priorities and reduce bureaucracy so that we can achieve our goals. The diagram on page 7 shows how the revised Community Plan and the Local Area Agreement have been brought together. The Local Area Agreement will produce a step change in our progress and through it we aim to realise our vision that each person in Coventry can experience:

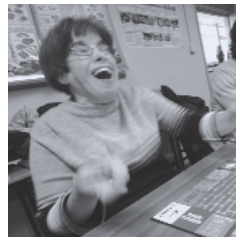
- Being healthy
- Keeping safe
- Achieving and enjoying
- Making a positive contribution
- Realising economic well-being
- Having supportive friends and community

We want this revised plan to help make sustainable improvements to our city. Our colleagues who are working on the Environment Theme Group and through Coventry's Community Empowerment Network will be helping us to ensure that all our future actions promote sustainable communities.

We hope you will see these improvements yourself. You will also be able to track our progress by logging onto our website at www.coventrypartnership.com or by viewing the performance statistics for the city at www.coventrystatistics.org.uk

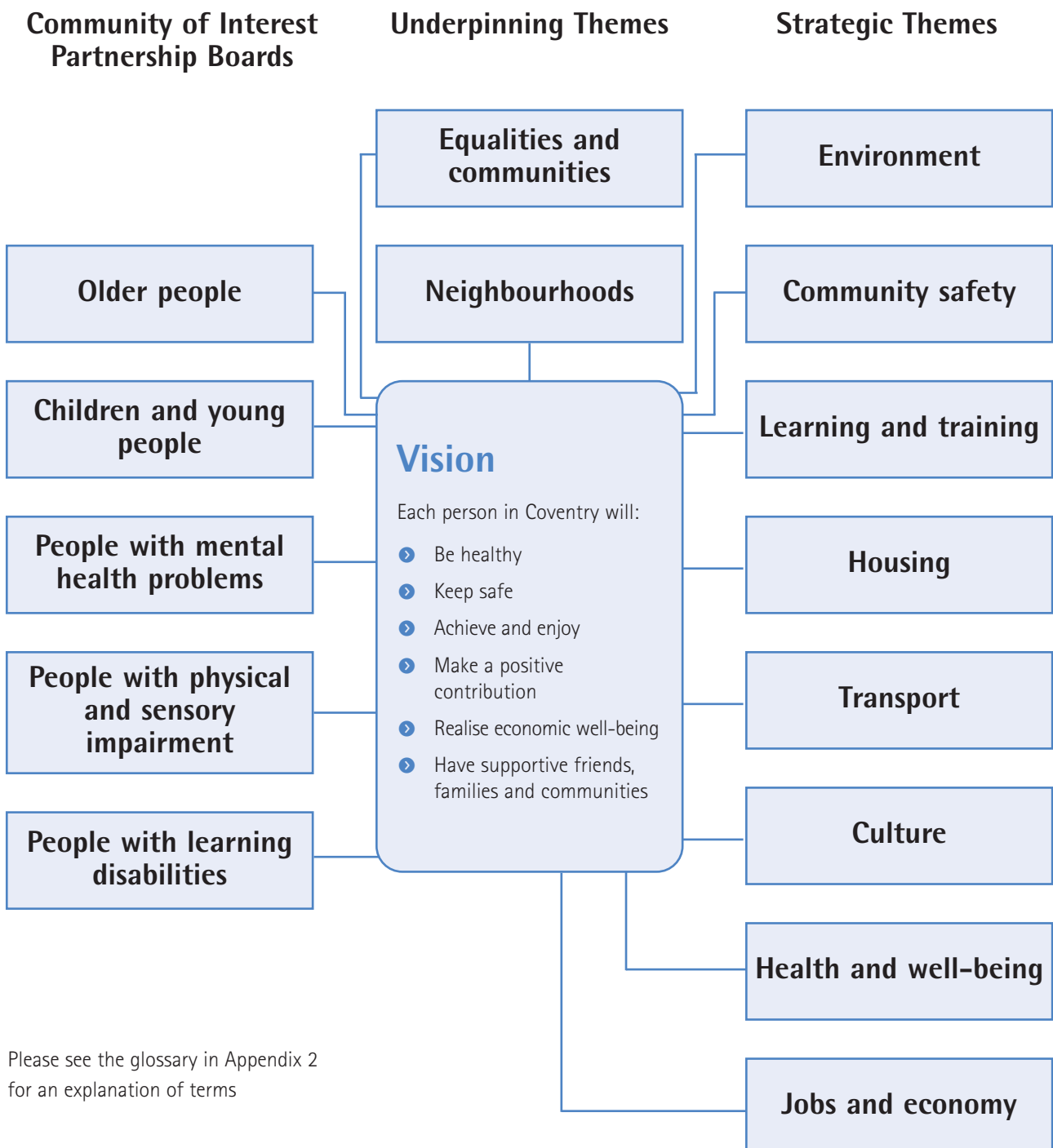
We remain committed to focusing on service improvement across the city and in particular within its priority neighbourhoods and communities as you will see in Appendix 1. That is why we still say that our over-riding concern is to ensure that we are:

Raising our game and closing the gap.



A single plan for Coventry

The Coventry Community Plan Framework (incorporating the Local Area Agreement)



Underpinning Theme

Equalities and communities

(Led by the Equalities and Communities Theme Group)

Priorities

To develop a shared vision and sense of belonging and involvement for all of Coventry's communities

To ensure that the diversity of Coventry people's backgrounds and circumstances is better appreciated and positively valued

To promote equality of opportunity so that people from different backgrounds have better access to similar opportunities in life

To develop strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds

Outcomes

- By 2010, Coventry will be a more inclusive and cohesive city
- By 2010, there will be more equal opportunities for people from different backgrounds in Coventry

We will know we are making a difference if

- There is greater social inclusion and community cohesion
- There is greater equality of opportunity

Underpinning Theme

Neighbourhoods

(Led by the Neighbourhood Management Partners)

Priorities

To improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods

To ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery of services

To close the gap between the quality of life experienced in the city's most and least deprived neighbourhoods

To increase the capacity of local communities so that people are empowered to participate in local decision-making and are able to influence service delivery

We will know we are making a difference if

- More residents feel able to influence decisions affecting their neighbourhood
- More residents are involved in improving their neighbourhood
- More residents are satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live
- More residents are satisfied with local neighbourhood services

Outcomes

- By 2010, more people will feel more able to influence the quality of local public services and facilities
- By 2010, people will have seen improvements happen most quickly in priority neighbourhoods and communities

Strategic Theme

Health and well-being

(Led by the Health of Coventry Group)

Priority

To increase levels of health and fitness for all

Outcomes

- › By 2010, people in Coventry will be enjoying healthier lives which will contribute towards them living longer in the future
- › By 2010, these improvements will have happened more quickly in priority neighbourhoods and communities

We will know we are making a difference if

- › Fewer people are dying prematurely from heart disease, strokes and cancer
- › Fewer babies are dying
- › People in priority neighbourhoods are living longer
- › Fewer adults are smoking particularly during pregnancy and in priority neighbourhoods
- › More people feel hopeful about the future

Strategic Theme

Housing

(Led by the Housing Strategy Group)

Priority

To ensure decent homes, housing choice and support for Coventry residents

Outcomes

- › By 2010, the quality of housing in Coventry will have improved
- › Housing in Coventry will be more suited to people's needs and aspirations with a better mix of the type and tenure of housing in neighbourhoods
- › Housing advice services will have improved
- › These improvements will be more rapid in our priority neighbourhoods and communities

We will know we are making a difference if

- › More homes are of a 'decent standard'
- › More residents are satisfied with the quality of their homes
- › The type and variety of housing are more balanced across the city

Strategic Theme

Transport

(Led by the Transport Theme Group)

Priority

To achieve easier, safer, sustainable and more accessible transport for everyone

Outcomes

- By 2010, the quality of local public transport services will have improved and people will find it easier and safer to get to work, places of learning and leisure, health services and shops
- These improvements will be more rapid in our priority neighbourhoods and communities

We will know we are making a difference if

- Fewer adults and children are killed or seriously injured by road traffic accidents
- Access to jobs, learning, leisure, health and shopping centres by public transport improves
- Residents from priority neighbourhoods are more satisfied with bus services
- More residents are using public transport or are cycling or walking to work, school and college

Strategic Theme

Community safety

(Led by the Community Safety Partnership)

Priorities

To reduce crime and the harm caused by illegal drugs

To reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour

Outcomes

- By 2010, there will be less crime and anti-social behaviour and people will feel safer
- These improvements will be felt fastest in our priority neighbourhoods
- By 2010, there will be more effective support for people who misuse alcohol and drugs

We will know we are making a difference if

- There is less crime, especially in priority neighbourhoods
- Fewer people perceive anti-social behaviour, including drug use, to be a problem in their neighbourhood
- More problem drug users are receiving and successfully responding to treatment
- There is less fear of crime
- Fewer people are dying through accidental fires, and there are fewer deliberate fires

Strategic Theme

Environment

(Led by the Environment Theme Group)

Priorities

To provide cleaner, safer and greener neighbourhoods and public spaces

To champion the development of a sustainable city

Outcomes

- › By 2010, people will see their neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces as more attractive and enjoyable places to be
- › These improvements will be more rapid in our priority neighbourhoods and communities
- › By 2010, Coventry will make more sustainable use of natural resources – less energy and water will be used, less waste and pollution will be produced, more waste will be recycled, and the city will be a better place for wildlife

We will know we are making a difference if

- › Public spaces are cleaner, safer and greener and there are improvements in the built environment in priority neighbourhoods
- › Abandoned cars are removed more quickly
- › People are more satisfied with the cleanliness of their area
- › People are more satisfied with their neighbourhood
- › More residents are recycling their rubbish
- › City parks attain national standards
- › People are more satisfied with local neighbourhood services, parks and open spaces

Strategic Theme

Culture

(Led by The Cultural Partnership)

Priorities

To ensure that Coventry's cultural life including libraries, sport, physical activity, parks and open spaces, heritage and arts enhance the needs of communities

To enrich individual lives, strengthen communities, improve places where people live, promote health and build the local economy through the city's cultural life

Outcomes

- › By 2010, more people will be participating in cultural and sporting opportunities
- › Participation will have increased more quickly in priority neighbourhoods and communities

We will know we are making a difference if

- › More adults and young people are:
 - ›› Taking part in active sports and engaging in regular exercise
 - ›› Participating in arts activity and attending arts events
 - ›› Using museums, galleries and historical sites and services
 - ›› Using the library services

Strategic Theme

Jobs and economy

(Led by the Jobs Strategy Group)

Priorities

To achieve full employment in the city and increase the employment rate of disadvantaged groups

To build an enterprise society in which small firms thrive and achieve their potential, especially in priority neighbourhoods

To stimulate and support a diverse, productive, innovative and knowledge-based economy

To help create the conditions for growth of small, medium and large companies through investment and major developments

Outcomes

- By 2010, there will be fewer households in priority neighbourhoods and communities with nobody in paid employment

- By 2010, there will be improvements to advice services so that people get the benefits to which they are entitled
- By 2010 there will be a wider range of business and job opportunities across the city

We will know we are making a difference if

- More people from disadvantaged groups are in paid work
- Coventry's economic performance improves
- More people are considering going into business, small firms are more productive and more people from priority neighbourhoods are self-employed
- There are fewer households with no-one in paid work

Strategic Theme

Learning and training (adults)

(Led by the Learning and Training Theme Group)

Priorities

To encourage access to education and training for more adults

To provide people with the skills needed for employment, business success, innovation and growth

Outcomes

- By 2010, the number of adults living in our priority neighbourhoods accessing and succeeding in education and training will have risen faster than the rest of the city

We will know we are making a difference if

- More adults have the skills and qualifications they need for employment
- More residents have taken part in Further Education, Higher Education and employer-based training since leaving school
- More young adults are participating in Further and Higher Education

Community of Interest

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

Priorities

To give children in early years the foundation for happy, healthy and successful lives

To enable children and young people with disabilities to maximise their potential for healthy, happy and successful lives

To enable looked after children and young people to maximise their potential for healthy, happy and successful lives

To help children and young people feel part of their local neighbourhood and community, and behave in a way which enables them to fulfil their potential and that of their neighbourhood and city

To ensure children and young people's achievements and aspirations have been fulfilled to the benefit of themselves, their communities and neighbourhoods

To ensure children and young people feel safe and are protected from harm

To ensure children and young people have healthy lifestyles

Outcomes

- By 2010 the quality of life of children and young people will have improved
- This improvement will be more rapid for those living in priority neighbourhoods and disadvantaged communities

We will know we are making a difference if

- Pre-school children develop better skills
- The examination results of 11-year-olds improve for English and maths
- The examination results of 14-year-olds improve for English, maths, science and ICT
- More 16-year-olds achieve five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C
- More 19-year-olds achieve level 2 NVQ or better
- The educational achievement of looked after children improves
- School attendance improves
- Fewer children and young people are excluded from school
- There are fewer young people who are not in education, employment or training
- More young people are participating in Further and Higher education
- The rise in obesity among children and young people is halted
- There are fewer teenage pregnancies
- Sexual health improves
- There is less harm caused by illegal drugs to children and young people
- There is reduced offending and re-offending by children and young people
- Children and young people are protected from harm
- More child care places are available and the take-up has increased

Community of Interest

Older People's Partnership

Priorities

To improve the quality of life for older people in Coventry and ensure all key partners work together to achieve this purpose

To ensure services are high quality and appropriate to meet older people's needs

To ensure older people are able to play an active part in their communities, including increased safety and security, and increased opportunity for and access to life-long learning, culture, employment and leisure

To increase independence of older people through a multi-agency approach to chronic disease management, emergency care and effective rehabilitation

To increase the take-up of benefits to which older people are entitled

We will know we are making a difference if

- ▶ Fewer older people are in hospital
- ▶ More older people are able to live independently in their own homes
- ▶ Older people have increased income and choices through employment and benefits

Community of Interest

Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership

Priority

To improve the quality of life for people with physical or sensory impairment in Coventry by focusing on housing, information, transport, financial flexibility from service providers, service quality and accessibility of neighbourhoods

Community of Interest

Mental Health Services Partnership Board

Priority

To promote and improve the mental health and well-being of adults and their carers within Coventry and to support the recovery of adults suffering from mental health problems

Community of Interest

Learning Disabilities Partnership

Priority

To ensure all people with learning disabilities are more independent and have more opportunities to live fuller lives

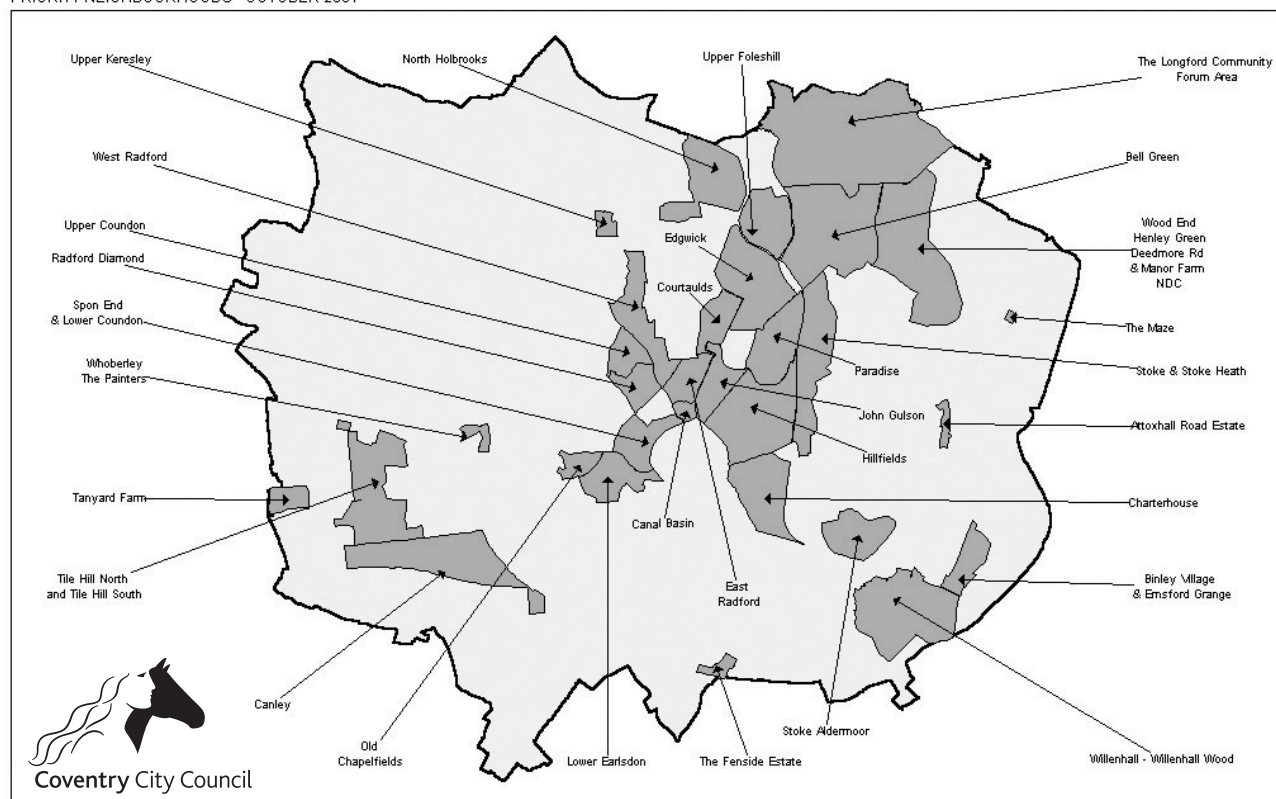
We are working to develop stronger links with these communities of interest, so we can identify how the Coventry Partnership can have most impact on ensuring that their quality of life improves in the ways they most want to see. We will track the development of these links through the annual self-assessment of the Coventry Partnership.

Appendix 1

Where has disadvantage already been identified in Coventry?

The map below shows Coventry's 31 priority neighbourhoods. There is evidence of multiple disadvantage in these areas.

PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS - OCTOBER 2001



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Some disadvantage is experienced by communities of interest whose needs would not be addressed at neighbourhood level. The following city-wide communities of interest have been identified:

- ▶ Disabled people
- ▶ Disaffected young people
- ▶ Ex-offenders
- ▶ Homeless people
- ▶ Looked after children (children and young people in the care of social services)
- ▶ Older people experiencing isolation and poverty
- ▶ People from the most disadvantaged Black and minority ethnic groups
- ▶ People experiencing mental ill-health
- ▶ Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- ▶ Teenage parents and their children
- ▶ Women and children experiencing domestic violence

Appendix 2

Glossary

Coventry Partnership

Coventry's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) consisting of public, private, voluntary and community organisations responsible for the delivery of the Coventry Community Plan. (See Appendix 3)

Community Empowerment Network

The Community Empowerment Network (CEN) provides a voice for the community and voluntary sectors on the Coventry Partnership. See the CEN website at www.covcen.org.uk

Underpinning Themes

There are two "Underpinning Themes" - Equalities and communities and Neighbourhoods.

"Equalities and communities" aims to ensure the Partnership meets the needs of all communities and cultural groups in the city.

"Neighbourhoods" aims to ensure the Partnership reflects the needs of different local areas in the city, with particular attention to the needs of priority neighbourhoods.

Strategic Themes

These are the eight themes that Coventry people and the Coventry Partnership have agreed need to be addressed to improve quality of life. Each theme has a supporting group.

Community of Interest Partnership Boards

There are five Partnership Boards which seek to improve quality of life and services. They link in with the Partnership and will influence the work of the theme groups.

Local Area Agreement

The local area agreement is our agreement with the Government to improve services. The objectives and targets have been included in the Community Plan.

Priorities

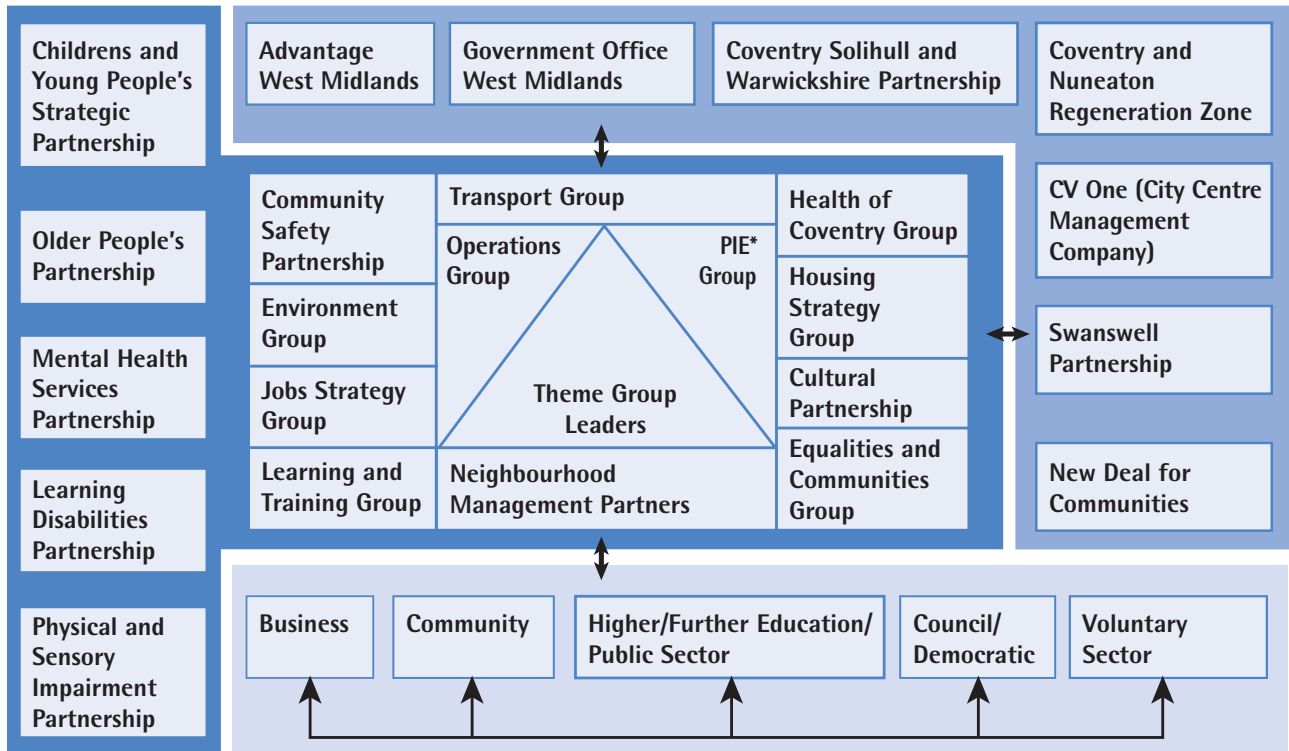
These are the key issues that will be tackled to improve quality of life.

Outcomes

These statements describe what the Partnership is aiming to achieve.

Appendix 3

The Coventry Partnership



* Progress Impact and Evaluation

Light blue box: Sectors involved in the Coventry Partnership

Medium blue box: Organisations working with the Coventry Partnership

Dark blue box: The Coventry Partnership Family





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