

Developing the Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement

National and Regional Policy Context

- Reduce English Regions disparity with SE – increase in regional GVA
- Competitiveness of cities
- WM Urban Renaissance – growth in Major Urban Areas
- Need for considerable housing growth – will be reflected in Regional Spatial Strategy
- New Growth Points Initiative
- Recent Sub National Review –sub-regions
- Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill 2006-07 sets out requirement to develop SCS and new LAAs

Local Policy Context

- Strong history of partnership working
- Restructuring of local economy and tackling deprivation
- Community Plan in place since 1997 – current plan runs to 2010
- Range of strategies for city and organisations' plans delivering the community plan
- Currently on third version of our LAA

Developing SCS from Community Plan

- SCS has a longer term focus - 2026
- Needs to be developed within context of future growth and aspiration to be a city where people chose to live, work, learn and do business
- Needs to deliver better equality of opportunity and vibrant cohesive communities and neighbourhoods – and to ensure community involvement in SCS development and delivery
- And to ensure positive environmental improvement for the city and tackle climate change

Transformation through Growth

- Opportunity to use prospective growth to transform city and lives of local people
- Step change to deliver sustainable growth and benefits for all local communities will require us to plan and tackle all issues together – the SCS
- The LDF Core Strategy will ensure spatial planning delivers for SCS
- Community Engagement Strategy
- LAA will be key to deliver SCS in short term as will a range of key strategies and plans

Coventry SCS & LAA Process

- Both need to be developed simultaneously – see process diagram
- Long term objectives and outcomes with short term priorities
- Evidence base is being built up - taking detail through theme groups and partnership boards
- Need to “tell the Coventry story” and be clear about objectives to provide sound base for LAA negotiations
- Important to keep a collective focus – end of LAA blocks

SCS – Developing Themes

- Based on current plan with some minor changes
 - 2 underpinning themes that are critical to success of SCS which can only be delivered through the other themes
 - 6 floor target themes
 - 2 supporting themes critical to the delivery of the floor target themes

Underpinning Themes

- Better equality of opportunity with vibrant and cohesive communities and neighbourhoods
- Reduce the carbon footprint of the city and use natural resources more sustainably

Floor Target Themes

- Economy, Learning, Skills and Employment
- Health, Well-being and Independence
- Community Safety
- Cleaner, Greener Local Environment
- Educational Achievement and ensuring children and young people achieve their maximum potential
- Housing

Supporting Themes

- Transport
- Culture, Sport and Physical Activity

What we need to do...

- Tell the “Coventry Story” with a robust analysis of current position – not a blank page
- Identify Long term objectives and outcomes
- Highlight the opportunities and challenges of growth
- Think about the cross-cutting issues
- Focus on short term priorities with pragmatism
- Ensure coherence with other key strategies
- Develop Community Engagement Strategy

What are we working towards?

- Overview Document setting out vision; policy context; general Coventry Story; planning for a step change; direction and a summary for each theme
- More detailed analysis for each theme put together into reference document
- By November “Outcomes and Priorities” Draft for approval before consultation