

## **Partnership Successes in Neighbourhood Renewal 2006-2008.**

### **Appendix 1: Examples of progress by Neighbourhood Renewal Theme.**

#### **Introduction**

*'Appendix 1: Examples of progress by Neighbourhood Renewal Theme'* presents examples of progress made against Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) targets in the third phase of Neighbourhood Renewal (2006/2007 to 2007/2008). The aim of this document is to provide a small number of demonstrative examples of improved performance, reduced inequalities or evidence of the success of particular interventions made in any of the six NR theme areas of Education, Health, Liveability, Worklessness, Housing and Crime. For further details about any of information in this appendix please contact Plymouth 2020 Local Strategic Partnership at [lsp@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:lsp@plymouth.gov.uk).

#### **Thematic progress:**

##### **Education**

- ◆ Foundation Stage Profile results are reported at the end of the Reception Year. The key areas of learning that impact on future academic success are measured in the 7 assessment scales relating to Communication, Language, Literacy, Personal / Social / Emotional development. Improvements in foundation stage attainment have been witnessed in North Prospect and the City Centre neighbourhoods between 2006 and 2007.
- ◆ Improvements in educational attainment for 11 year olds are evident in Key Stage 2 English and Maths results citywide and in the priority neighbourhoods between 2006 and 2007. In particular improvements were evident in City Centre, Stonehouse and North Prospect in Key Stage 2 Maths.
- ◆ Between 2006 and 2007 the percentage of Plymouth's Year 9 pupils achieving level 5 or above in Key Stage 3 English increased by 6%. Increases in Key Stage 3 English attainment were also evident in the priority areas over the 2006-2007 period. In particular Stonehouse, City Centre and North Prospect saw increases, while performance of pupils in Barne Barton remained the same.
- ◆ The performance measure, 5 GCSE A\*-C results for the city rose by over 4.5% between 2005 and 2006, remaining static at 59.6% between 2006 and 2007. In North Prospect, Barne Barton and Stonehouse attainment levels rose over the same period.

## **Health**

- ◆ The city-wide circulatory disease target (to reduce the mortality rates for under 75s by 40% by 2010) will be achieved if the current trend continues as a 59% decrease is predicted between 1996 and 2010. The inequalities gap is projected to decrease by over 20% by 2010. This represents progress against reducing inequalities in circulatory disease across Plymouth.
- ◆ The city-wide cancer target (to reduce the mortality rates for under 75s by 20% by 2010) is very close to being achieved if the current trend continues as a 19% decrease is predicted between 1996 and 2010. The inequalities gap is projected to decrease by over 28% by 2010, so the target of a 6% reduction is likely to be met.
- ◆ In line with the national average, life expectancy overall in Plymouth is increasing for both males and females. However the inequalities gap between the areas of the city with the lowest life expectancy and the city as a whole is projected to continue widening.
- ◆ In 2007/08 3,713 Plymouth residents were seen by the Smoking Cessation Service. The quit rate was 52.0% overall. This was based on 1,931 quitters of whom 953 (49.4%) were residents of the most deprived areas of the city.

## **Liveability**

- ◆ The percentage of household waste arising that has been landfilled exceeded the 2006/07 target by 1.16%. Further progress was made in 2007/08 when 69.2% of household waste was landfilled exceeding the target by 3.8%.
- ◆ A survey of residents in Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) areas carried out over a 12 month period commencing in February 2007 has shown that there has been a significant rise in people's participation in recycling with over 67% of residents surveyed stating that they were committed recyclers – a rise of 13%
- ◆ Since the refurbishment of Weston Mill in April 2007 recycling has increased at the site by 8.5%
- ◆ A customer satisfaction survey of the users of Weston Mill carried out in August 2007, showed that people are visiting the site more often with over 86% finding it easier to recycle at the Centre since the refurbishment in April 2007. This is measured against a baseline survey carried out in February 2007.
- ◆ In 2007/08 611 crime related incidents were recorded by the CCTV operator funded through Cleaner Safer Greener Funding covering the

Stonehouse neighbourhood. 435 people were detained as a result of this CCTV assistance.

### **Worklessness**

- ◆ In May 2007 there were 25,840 adults of working age in Plymouth who are unemployed and in receipt of benefit (16.3% of the population) a reduction from 26,090 in May 2005 (NOMIS)
- ◆ Over the 2005-2007 period the percentage of working age people claiming incapacity benefit has not increased within Plymouth. When looking at the number of claimants as a proportion of resident working age population the percentage has decreased slightly from 9% in May 2005 to 8.9% in May 2007. This figure has been subject to seasonal fluctuations. (NOMIS)
- ◆ Similarly the percentage of residents of working age claiming Job Seekers Allowance has fallen within Plymouth between 2005 and 2007. When looking at the number of claimants as a proportion of resident working age population the percentage has decreased slightly from 2.3% in May 2005 to 2.1% in April 2008 (subject to seasonal fluctuation). This compares favourably with the national average which in April 2008 was 2.2%.(NOMIS)

### **Housing**

- ◆ In contrast to a city wide increase in levels of non decent local authority housing between 2006 and 2008 the level of non decent local authority housing in Stonehouse reduced from 20.1% to 15.6%
- ◆ Over the 2006-2008 period levels of non decent local authority housing in Barne Barton fell from 73.9% to 66.67%
- ◆ 121 Home Condition Surveys for vulnerable householders were carried out between 2006/07 and 2007/08 in both the rented and owner occupied sectors.
- ◆ 7 homes for vulnerable people were made decent between 2006/07 and 2007/08 in the Neighbourhood Renewal areas.
- ◆ 11 landlord grants were approved to make more rental properties decent between 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- ◆ In 2007/08, 2 long term empty properties were brought back into use providing 3 high quality dwellings for vulnerable families in the NRF areas.

- ◆ The conversion of another long term empty will provide 1 high quality house for vulnerable families in the Stonehouse Area and will be completed in 2008/09.

## **Crime**

- ◆ Between 2006/07 and 2007/08 the number of recorded incidents of British Crime Survey (BCS) category crime in Plymouth fell from 18,389 to 16,738.
- ◆ In 2007/08 the number of BCS crimes recorded in Stonehouse was 1,208. This figure exceeded the target of 1,271 needed to close the gap between Stonehouse and the city average. This equated to 302 BCS crimes recorded per quarter in Stonehouse, lower than the target of 318 BCS crimes per quarter.
- ◆ In 2007/08 the number of BCS crimes recorded in North Prospect was 494. This figure exceeded the target of 598 needed to close the gap between North Prospect and the city average.
- ◆ In 2007/08 the number of British Crime Survey BCS crimes recorded in Barne Barton was 492. This represents a fall in the number of crimes from the 2005/06 baseline position of 543. However, a reduction to 390 was needed to close the gap between Barne Barton and the city average.

## **Data Sources:**

- ◆ Plymouth City Council Children's Services
- ◆ Public Health Dispensary Unit, Plymouth
- ◆ NOMIS available at [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)
- ◆ Plymouth City Council Community Services
- ◆ Plymouth Community Safety Partnership
- ◆ Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
- ◆ Plymouth City Council Development Department

\*Please note that some descriptions of trends were added by Plymouth 2020 Local Strategic Partnership.

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