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# MENDIP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BASELINE INFORMATION SUBGROUP

Report to the LSP Board 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2002

## 1 Introduction

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The roles of all of the LSP Subgroups are outlined in the minutes of the LSP meeting held on 15 July 2002. The Baseline Information Subgroup is expected to:

1. agree what social, environmental and economic data/information is needed for Community Planning
2. evaluate what data is available – both qualitative and quantitative
3. assess what form it is in, and where it is located
4. evaluate what existing consultation data is available and what it reveals
5. look at existing strategies and plans for potential to re-badge and achieve quick wins
6. assess any gaps in information
7. suggest ways of presenting/communicating information that is useful and accessible
8. from the above develop a proposal of key needs/issue/'Quality of Life' indicators for measuring the impact of Community Planning

As a first step, Subgroup members agreed to identify and collate information about as many sources of data, strategies and consultation as possible. To achieve this, we developed three templates and passed them around members to complete and circulate among their colleagues. *Please see Appendix 1.*

## 2 Sources of data/strategies

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Below is a summary list of data types so far identified. Most are available on small area level, which will be useful when the time comes for target-setting for the community plan.

<b>ECONOMIC</b>	<b>Smallest area of analysis</b>
Employment/Economic activity rates	Ward/town
Unemployment	Ward/town
Local business sector(s)	District
Education/training	Ward/town
Employment by sector	Ward/town
Income/household income levels	Ward/town
Benefit claims	Ward
Travel to work	Ward
Tourism	District
Retail	Towns
Other economic	

<b>SOCIAL</b>	<b>Smallest area of analysis</b>
Housing	Ward/town
Population/demographic	Ward/town
Social Class	Ward/town
Disease/illness	Ward
Accidents	Ward
Disability (physical)	Ward
Disability (learning)	Ward
Mental health	District
Care/social services	Ward
Fear of crime	Beat
Crime against person	Beat
Crimes against property	Beat
Sports/leisure/arts facilities	Ward
Access to services	District
Community/voluntary sector	Ward
Other health	
Other social	
Other crime	
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	<b>Smallest area of analysis</b>
Roads/traffic	Parish
Land use	Parish
Pollution	Parish
Wildlife/Biodiversity	Parish
Built environment/heritage	Parish
Archaeology	Parish
Designated areas/landscape	Parish
Water courses/flooding	Parish
Waste/recycling	Parish
Energy/resource use	Parish
Agriculture	Parish
Other environment	

The next step will be for us to develop a database. In it, we will include details about each source of data we have identified. Once complete, the LSP Board can extract information about the sources of data according to their needs, or the stage of the planning process. For example, this could be on an 'issue' basis, or an 'area' basis.

Subgroup members have identified some 'gaps' in the identified sources of data, which we will investigate in time for the November meeting of the LSP board. These are:

- SINE data
- Education statistics
- Data from the South West Regional Observatory/Health Observatory
- GIS data
- Patient Panels consultation
- Transport data – eg bus miles per head of population/community transport
- Equal opportunities/racial equality data
- Certain environmental indicators

- IMD analysis
- Data about changes to land use in Mendip over time
- Data about village services/facilities

### 3 Strategies and Plans

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Strategies and plans need to be identified and examined so that the emerging community plan takes their actions or targets into account.

The Baseline Information Subgroup has identified several current strategies:

NAME OF STRATEGY/PLAN	PERIOD OF TIME COVERED
Somerset Structure Plan	1991 – 2011
Mendip District Local Plan	1991 – 2011
Crime and Disorder Reduction strategy	2002 – 2005
Mendip Housing Strategy	2002 – 2005/6
Mendip Health Improvement and Modernisation Plan (HIMP)	2002
Strategic Waste management assessment 2000	Annual
Water resource for the future – a strategy for the south west	2000 – 2025
Local Environment Agency Plan – Bristol Avon action Plan	2000
North Somerset Rivers Action Plan	1998 -2003
Brue and Axe Action Plan	1998 – 2003
Regional Planning Guidance 10 (South West)	1991 – 2011
Mendip Hills Local Plan	1989
Transport strategies for Glastonbury, Wells, Shepton Mallet and Frome	up to 2011
Somerset Local Transport Plan	2000
Mendip Economic Development and Tourism Strategy	1999/2000
Mendip Leisure Plan	1998 – 2002
A Playing Pitch Strategy for Mendip	1998
Mendip local Agenda 21 Strategy and Plan	1996
Mendip Biodiversity Action Plan	1995
Village appraisals	1999

Again, the group felt this may not be a complete list, and are keen to 'fill the gaps'.

### 4 Consultation

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The Subgroup has identified the following public consultation exercises:

- Reports of village planning days, 1997
- Facing Reality in Rural Somerset, 1998
- Mendip's Corporate Priorities, 2001
- Best Value General Survey, 2000
- Community Safety, 2001
- Waste, 2001

- Housing Needs Survey, 2002
- MDC service reviews (public cleansing, shopmobility, leisure, development control, affordable housing), 2001
- Glastonbury Festival Residents Survey, 2002

*Brief information about major data sources/consultations/strategies is included in Appendix 2*

## **5 Initial assessment of priorities**

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The group provisionally discussed what it saw as the priority areas across the themes of economy, society and environment:

<b>ECONOMY</b>	<b>SOCIETY</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relative poverty and debt</li> <li>• Pockets of economic deprivation</li> <li>• Town Centre regeneration</li> <li>• Matching local skills to local jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Access to health and health information (mental and physical)</li> <li>• Youth provision</li> <li>• Teenage pregnancy</li> <li>• Suicide</li> <li>• Coronary heart disease</li> <li>• Social exclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Waste management</li> <li>• Mineral extraction</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Pollution</li> <li>• Flooding</li> <li>• Contaminated land and land use</li> </ul>

## **6 Summary and actions for LSP Board meeting in November**

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The Baseline information subgroup has worked to identify sources of data, strategies and consultation information. Details of these will be entered into a database, which can be accessed according to need/issue.

At the November Board meeting, the Subgroup will provide more details of:

- the perceive priorities that the data demonstrates
- an assessment of the 'gaps' in identified action plans and strategies

Both these tasks will assist the development of the Community Plan.

***The Board are asked to notify Jane Roland (Lead Officer) of any perceived 'gaps' in what has been identified above. Please contact: Jane Roland, Housing Needs and Social Support Officer, 01749 341487, rolandj@mendip.gov.uk***

## APPENDIX 1 - TEMPLATES

### **MENDIP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

#### **Baseline Information Subgroup**

<b>SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC DATA / INFORMATION</b>	
Please complete the following table (one for each data source), showing all known <b>publicly available sources of social, environmental and economic data/information</b> relevant to community planning in Mendip. Please be specific in your answers.	
Type of data/info (eg social, economic, environmental)	
Variables included if quantitative	
Issues covered if qualitative	
When was data/info collected	
Who collected the data/info	
When was data/info published	
Who published the data/info	
What format(s) are the data/info available in (eg excel, .pdf, word doc etc)	
Where can the data be accessed from (eg hard copy report, internet, cd-ROM)	
What is the area of analysis (eg ward, district)	
Any contact details for the source	

## MENDIP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

### Baseline Information Subgroup

<b>STRATEGIES AND PLANS</b>	
Please complete the following table (one for each strategy/plan), to include all known current <b>strategies and plans</b> relevant to community planning in Mendip. Please be specific in your answers	
Name of Strategy/Plan	
What is the scope/topic covered by the strategy/plan	
When was it published	
What years does it cover	
What geographical area does it cover	
What data sources does the strategy/plan use	
What is the publishing organisation	
What other partnership organisations are involved	
Is the strategy/plan a statutory requirement?	
Any contact details for the strategy/plan	

## MENDIP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

### Baseline Information Subgroup

CONSULTATION DATA / ACTIVITY	
Please complete the following table (one for each set of data/activity), to include all known <b>consultation data/activity</b> relevant to community planning in Mendip. Please be specific in your answers.	
Type of consultation data (eg social, economic, environmental)	
Variables included if quantitative	
Issues covered if qualitative	
When was data collected	
Who collected the data	
When was data published	
Who published the data	
What format(s) are the data available in (eg excel, .pdf, word doc etc)	
Where can the data be accessed from (eg hard copy report, internet, cd-ROM)	
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Any contact details for the source	

## **APPENDIX 2 – SUMMARIES OF MAJOR WORK**

### **Somerset Health and Social Needs Analysis Data**

The HSNAG report summarises a comprehensive multi-agency information set for Somerset. It includes data about a wide range of issues, including accidents, benefit dependency, crime and disorder, education, employment, health, housing and social service use. The data is available at ward level.

### **Mendip Influence**

Somerset Influence is panel of 8000 randomly sampled residents, 2000 of which live in Mendip. It is run in a partnership agreement with all the District councils, the Police and Health Authorities. Since its inception, it has been consulted on political structures, Corporate priorities and the Mendip Crime and Disorder reduction strategy.

### **Housing Needs Assessment**

The assessment, carried out in 2001, conformed to the Government's good practise guide. It was based on a postal census of all Mendip households., almost 10,000 of which were returned. The results were assessed using the Opinion Research model, which profiles housing requirements, availability, affordability, and the net excesses or shortfalls in specific areas.

### **Index of Multiple Deprivation analysis**

Some analysis of IMD data was done in 2000/01. Mendip wards were ranked for all variables, and then compared to Somerset as a whole. "Although the District as a whole ranks joint equal last on the IMD along with a number of other District Councils, there are distinct areas of deprivation and need within the District, to the extent that one ward - Glastonbury St Benedict's - is within the top 2000 deprived wards in England...A further 5 wards are in the top 3000 (Glastonbury St Edmund's, Frome Keyford, Frome Welshmill, Glastonbury St Mary's, Shepton Mallet). The Index gives weighting to Low Household Income and to Unemployment indicators in its calculations, but also measures other factors including geographical access to services. It is notable that when analysed on deprivation according to geographical distance from services and facilities 5 Mendip wards feature in the top 1000 deprived wards (Vale, Avalon, Postlebury, Nordinton, Nedge)." **(Extract from Area Board report).**

### **HIMP**

"The HIMP draws together plans to develop health in the Mendip area over the next three years. The HIMP is an opportunity to consider other factors that affect health, such as housing and transport. The HIMP is divided into three parts: Lifestyle, which deals with smoking, healthy eating, physical activity and alcohol; Wider factors influencing health, such as economic development, housing and transport; Health Services in areas such as coronary heart disease, cancer, sexual health and primary care." **(Extract from HIMP)**

### **Mendip District Local Plan**

The Local Plan provides a strategic analysis of spatial patterns across Mendip District. It presents a variety of data in map format: transport/public transport, energy efficiency, woodlands, wildlife habitats, water conservation/quality and land classification.

### **Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy**

The Strategy “sets out the direction for the Mendip Community Safety Partnership for the next three years.... The priority areas for action were identified by carrying out an audit of crime and disorder in the District, which included information and statistics collected from partner agencies and voluntary groups. This audit also included the views of Mendip residents carried out by Somerset Influence.” The priority areas are house burglary, violent crime, drugs and alcohol, disorder, vehicle crime, victimisation/hate crime and road safety. *(Extract from Mendip Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-5)*

### **Economic Development service plan**

This outlines the economic development activities of the District Council. These are Business Support, which includes advice on land and business premises, grants, business directories, promotional literature, planning and development; Area Regeneration; Tourism, which includes improving accommodation quality and developing sustainable approaches to tourism; Rural Development, which aims to improve services, job opportunities and access to public transport in rural areas.