

What changes can I expect in the next few years?

A lot has been planned for the next few years, and these actions are already underway. Below are some of the actions we will deliver.

Economic Development & Enterprise From 2009 to 2012 we will:



- Provide help to recover from recession.
- Develop regeneration projects across the area.
- Complete the Bath SouthGate development, which will be fully occupied.

Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change. From 2009 to 2015 we will:



- Reduce the Council's carbon footprint by 30%.
- Take action to cut carbon emissions and move away from fossil fuels. This will help to tackle the issue of 'peak oil', and the impact of peak oil.
- Have an Environmental Sustainability Partnership and Climate Change Initiative strategic planning framework in place.

Children & Young People From 2009 to 2012 we will:



- Have the first phase of Diplomas for ages 14-19 available in Construction/Media and Creative Arts.
- Provide children and young people with a safe environment.
- Provide co-located multi-agency integrated working that brings joined-up services closer to children, young people and their families and carers.

Health & Wellbeing From 2009 to 2012 we will:



- Give people access to services as fast as or faster than national standards.
- Integrate health and social care teams for adults working in three localities across B&NES, providing advice, information, assessment and care.
- Improve services to vulnerable people by targeting those who find it more difficult to use health and wellbeing services.

Stronger Communities From 2009 to 2012 we will:



- Significantly increase community planning initiatives such as Parish Plans.
- Help communities identify and prepare for the impacts of climate change on local community life.
- Empower communities to tackle local issues such as flytipping, building on our community engagement work in Whiteway.

Safer Communities From 2009 to 2012 we will:



- Continue our focus on working with local communities to reduce crime and fear of crime.
- Further strengthen our approach to tackling anti-social behaviour, recording, investigating and keeping victims informed of action taken.
- Reduce incidents of nuisance and disorder in our city and town centres at night.

Bath & North East Somerset
Local Strategic Partnership

Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2026



Making Bath & North East Somerset an
even better place to live, work and visit.

What is the Sustainable Community Strategy?

The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) sets out what type of place Bath & North East Somerset should become. It deals with a range of challenges and changes that impact on our daily lives. The strategy sets out the challenges but also how they are going to be addressed. It is aspirational and high level, but these aspirations will be worked towards to make them a reality.

The strategy is the outcome of listening to what is important for the community and responding with a vision for the area.

Who created the strategy?

The strategy has been created by a group of organisations called the Bath & North East Somerset Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The LSP includes the Police, Fire and Rescue, NHS, the Council, Somer Housing, voluntary and community groups and business sector.

Why is the strategy important to you?

The strategy shows how we think the area should change and become more sustainable. Everyone in the community has a part to play in improving where we live.

There are lots of strategies; why is this one different?

The SCS sits at the top of our strategies, and influences all of our other work. The strategy sets out what we plan to deliver for all of the area.

Why does the area have to change?

The strategy has identified six 'drivers for change' (major reasons for change).

The drivers for change are:



Climate Change - Changing weather, rising energy costs and the need to lead a lower carbon lifestyle.



Demographic Change - The local population is increasing and there will be more elderly members of our communities.



Growth - Housing and employment needs are likely to increase and growth will be required. This growth must be sustainable with the necessary supporting infrastructure in place.



Inequalities - There are notable life expectancy gaps in the area that need to be addressed.



Locality - There is a need to provide local accessible services and to enable more local food production and sustainable local energy production.



The Economy - The economic downturn means there are pressures on how we provide services. We will be reviewing how we provide services and looking at ways of increasing the level of joint working between areas and partner agencies.

2026 seems a long time away; why plan so far ahead?

The strategy is just the starting point for building a better place to live and work. The strategy will give us direction for the future. We plan to regularly review the strategy to make sure it reflects what is currently happening in the area.

How can I find out more?

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