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Are we building a 'bigger and better Peterborough'?

For the past three years, members of the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) have been working together to build a 'bigger and better Peterborough.' The GPP will provide a detailed review of their progress on 30 June, at their annual forum, held at The Bull Hotel, Peterborough, which this year is themed around the role of culture as a key driver for social and economic growth. The key note speech will be given by Simon Evans, an entrepreneur, consultant and advocate for cultural business.

The Forum will review the achievements of the partners within the GPP over the last three years in delivering the vision of a bigger and better Peterborough, highlighting reductions in crime, improvements in health and the continued growth of the Peterborough economy, as well as discussing the challenges of the coming three years.

A summary of these highlights and disappointments can be seen in the table below:

| Highlights | Disappointments |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 per cent decrease in crime (target was 22 per cent)• University Centre Peterborough established• Increase in average life expectancy• 2 per cent decrease in the number of young people not in education, employment or training• Increase in the number of people who feel they can influence decisions in their neighbourhood• 10.5 per cent increase in recycling• 25 per cent increase in number of bus passenger journeys• Eco innovation centre opened• Voyager School and Thomas Deacon Academy opened• 3,000 new homes built, including 557 affordable homes• Increase in the number of new mothers initiating breastfeeding from 53% to 67%. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rates of teenage pregnancies continue to be higher than in comparable cities• Adult skills levels have declined• Smoking targets were not met, although over 3,500 people were helped to quit• Fear of crime and perceptions of anti-social behaviour targets not met• Number of people who are satisfied with cleanliness in their area below target• Lower than hoped take up of renewable energy sources in development projects• Sexual health screening programmes did not reach as many young people as hoped |

Also, Peterborough's updated Sustainable Community Strategy, a 12-year strategic document setting out how Peterborough is to grow will be presented, along with its three-year action plan.

Please find Peterborough's Community Strategy 2005-08 Report attached, which will be available from 1 July on the GPP website, www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk

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Notes to editors:

- The Greater Peterborough Partnership is Peterborough's local strategic partnership. It brings representatives from the public, private, faith, community and voluntary sector together to work collectively towards the vision and priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- The GPP is not an organisation. It does not deliver any of the projects or services that will deliver the improved outcomes we aim for. GPP's role is to facilitate joined up work and to ensure that the work of the individual partners is targeted at the priorities collectively agreed.
- GPP oversees commissioning of services and projects to help deliver the aims of the Sustainable Community Strategy, having an important leadership and performance management role, although all the partner organisations retain their own responsibility and governance arrangements.
- For further information on GPP please go to www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk

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