

Shaping our future

A summary of Lewisham's
Sustainable Community Strategy

Foreword



Real, lasting improvements can only occur when we all recognise our own contribution to making them happen. I want to see a future where all citizens, young and old, feel empowered and involved in the changes that shape their lives.

Shaping our future sets out a vision for Lewisham where we are all pulling together as individuals, communities and organisations. Together we can make Lewisham a prosperous and exciting place with strong and cohesive communities, today and for future generations.



Welcome to Lewisham

Lewisham today is a successful, cosmopolitan and inclusive part of London. It is characterised by the energy and diversity of its local communities and its citizens are well-placed to benefit from the opportunities the future will bring.

Lewisham today:

- has excellent transport connections to the rest of London, the wider region and the world beyond, with Canary Wharf, the City, London City Airport and the new international rail terminal at Stratford all within easy reach of the borough
- is the 15th most ethnically diverse local authority in England where over 130 languages are spoken

- has over 800 active voluntary and community sector organisations and more than 200 individual faith groups
- is an area where people benefit from attractive residential neighbourhoods, rapidly improving local schools and a high proportion of good quality parkland and open spaces

Lewisham into the future

We can also look ahead to what the future might bring. Between now and 2020 Lewisham will see:

- the Olympic and Paralympic Games coming to London in 2012 and placing the capital at the centre of international attention

- significant developments across the borough, including new look town centres in Lewisham, Catford and Deptford
- the opening of the East London Line extension, connecting more parts of Lewisham with central London and the Overground network
- more people living in the borough in more diverse communities

We need to make sure that Lewisham is able to respond to future challenges and will be in the best position to benefit from all the developments the future will bring.



Shaping our future

Shaping our future is Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy. It covers the period 2008 – 2020 and sets out a vision for Lewisham and the priority outcomes that organisations, communities and individuals can work towards to make this vision a reality.

Shaping our future's vision for the borough is:

Together, we will make Lewisham the best place in London to live, work and learn.

This vision and the priorities contained in *Shaping our future* are all sustainable. What this means is that they look at changes we can make that will have a positive impact on our communities both now and in the future.

Changes can only be sustainable when our citizens and communities recognise their own role and their responsibility to contribute to making things happen. To develop *Shaping our future* we have listened to local concerns as well as people's hopes and aspirations for the future.

Our principles

All activity to achieve this vision will be based upon two key principles:

Reducing inequality – narrowing the gap in outcomes for citizens

Delivering together efficiently, effectively and equitably – ensuring that all citizens have appropriate access to and choice of high-quality local services

Lewisham Strategic Partnership will work to address the inequalities that exist, so that all citizens, no matter their background or circumstances have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. This means that as things improve, they do so at a faster rate for the most disadvantaged.

All citizens should expect equal and fair access to local services and, where appropriate, a choice over the type of services they receive. This is why it is important that citizens are fully involved in the process of designing and commissioning local services.



Our priorities

Shaping our future sets out 6 priority outcomes. These are broad priorities, which reflect what citizens have told us matters most to them and set out what we would like our communities to look and feel like in the future:

Ambitious and achieving

where people are inspired and supported to fulfil their potential

- Inspire our young people to achieve their full potential by removing the barriers to learning.
- Encourage and facilitate access to education, training and employment opportunities for all our citizens.
- Celebrate local achievements so people feel proud of their area and eager to be a part of its success.

Safer

where people feel safe and are able to live free from crime, antisocial behaviour and abuse

- Reduce the overall level of crime to below the London average.
- Tackle antisocial behaviour and ensure that people feel confident and safe throughout the borough.
- Keep our children and young people safe from harm, abuse and criminal activity.

Empowered and responsible

where people can be actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities

- Empower citizens to be involved in their local area and responsive to the needs of those who live there.
- Promote volunteering and the activity of voluntary and community organisations.
- Champion diversity and the contribution everyone makes to the borough's quality of life.



Clean, green and liveable

where people live in high-quality housing and can care for and enjoy their environment

- Maximise Lewisham's contribution to a sustainable future by tackling waste and making effective use of resources.
- Increase the supply and quality of housing to accommodate the diverse needs of our population.
- Protect and enhance our parks, open spaces and local biodiversity.

Healthy, active and enjoyable

where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and well-being

- Improve the well-being of our citizens by increasing participation in healthy and active lifestyles.
- Improve health outcomes and tackle the specific conditions that affect our citizens.
- Support people with long term conditions to live in their communities and maintain their independence.

Dynamic and prosperous

where people are part of vibrant localities and town centres well-connected to London and beyond

- Improve the quality and vitality of Lewisham's town centres and localities.
- Increase access to the number, quality and range of employment opportunities.
- Improve access to sustainable modes of transport within the borough and our connections to London and beyond.



Lewisham Strategic Partnership

Lewisham Strategic Partnership (LSP) is responsible for developing and monitoring progress against the priorities in *Shaping our future*.

The LSP is chaired by Lewisham's directly-elected Mayor, Sir Steve Bullock. The Partnership brings together representatives from Lewisham's public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations. It sets the broad strategic direction for the Borough and develops new ways of working together to improve the quality of life for Lewisham's citizens.

The LSP works through six thematic partnerships which focus on specific agendas or client groups. However, the structure of the Partnership may change in the future to address emerging issues and agendas.

Lewisham's thematic partnerships are:

- Adult Strategic Partnership
- Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Board
- Economic Development and Enterprise Board
- Safer Lewisham Partnership
- Stronger Communities Partnership
- Sustainable Development Partnership

The Lewisham Compact, developed with Lewisham's voluntary and community sector, contains the principles of accountability and partnership working which the Partnership employs.

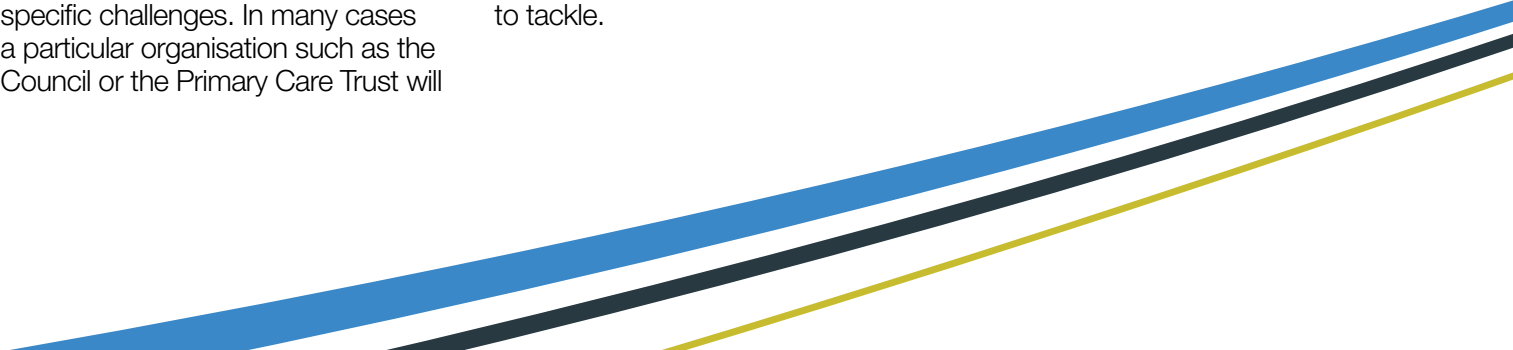
Local Area Agreement

One of the ways in which the Partnership will monitor progress against the priorities of *Shaping our future* is through its Local Area Agreement. This is an agreement with national government, which establishes a set of challenging targets that the Partnership and Lewisham as a whole will have to meet.

These targets are linked to the priorities of *Shaping our future* and will help the Partnership to focus its activity on tackling some specific challenges. In many cases a particular organisation such as the Council or the Primary Care Trust will

take the lead on responding to these challenges. However, effective and long-lasting change can only happen if these responses draw on the expertise and involvement of citizens and local voluntary and community organisations.

Each Local Area Agreement runs for three years. In 2011, 2014 and 2017 new Local Area Agreements will build on the progress that has been made and identify the issues that still require Partnership attention and new issues which we will need to tackle.



How to be involved



Citizens have an active role to play in improving local quality of life and helping to develop inclusive and sustainable communities.

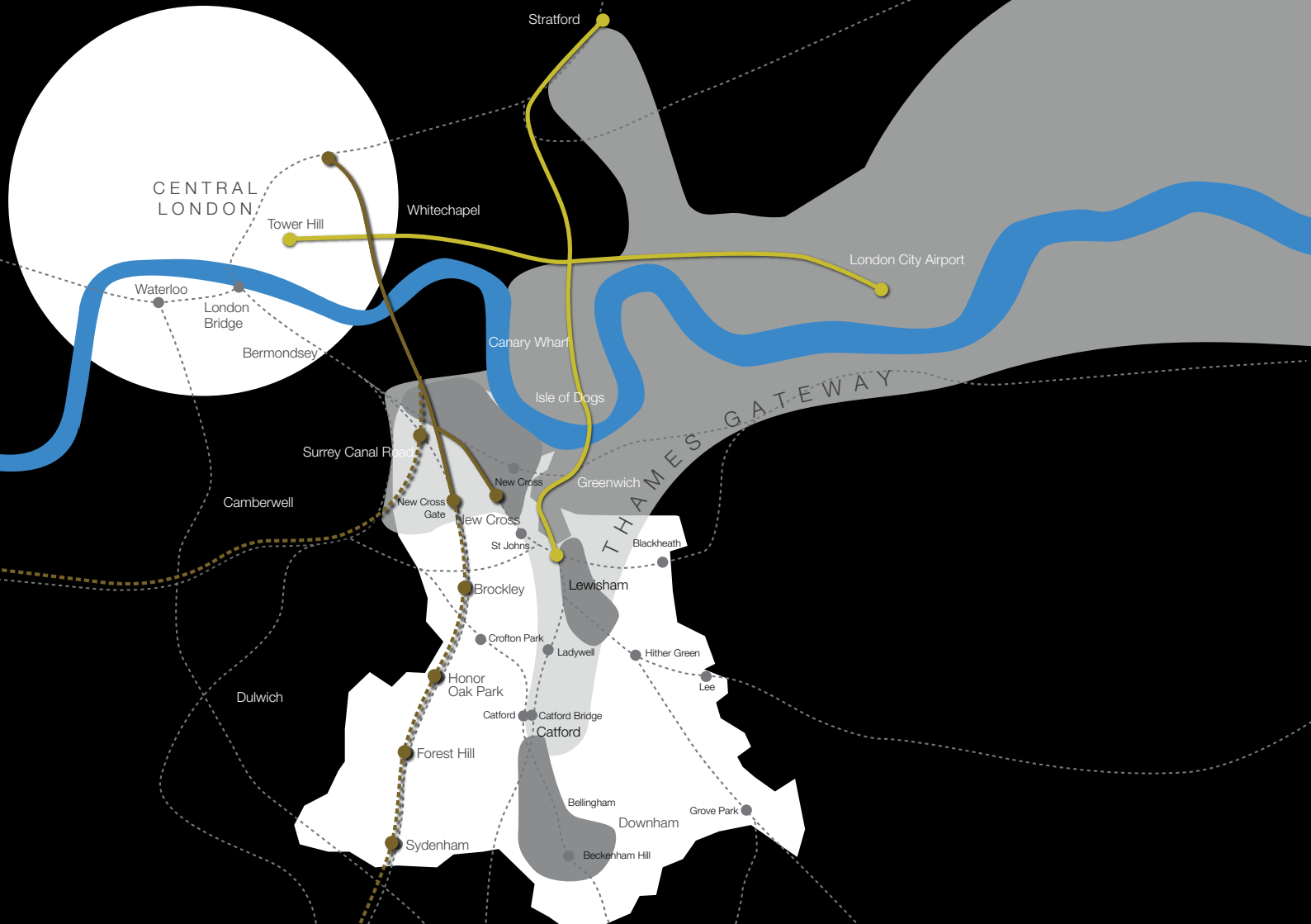


There are many ways to get involved in improving your local area. It can be the care or assistance you provide to a friend or relative, joining Neighbourhood Watch, writing to your councillor or attending a meeting of your local assembly. Lewisham's active voluntary and community sector relies upon the energy and expertise of local people. There are opportunities for volunteering such as becoming a school governor or helping to look after your local environment.

All of the public agencies provide ways for citizens to voice their opinions on local services and to be involved in how these services are designed and delivered in their communities.

For more information on how to get involved with the Lewisham Strategic Partnership visit its website at www.lewishamstrategicpartnership.org.uk or contact the LSP Support Team on 020 8314 7073 or email lsp@lewisham.gov.uk





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