

BRECKLAND LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

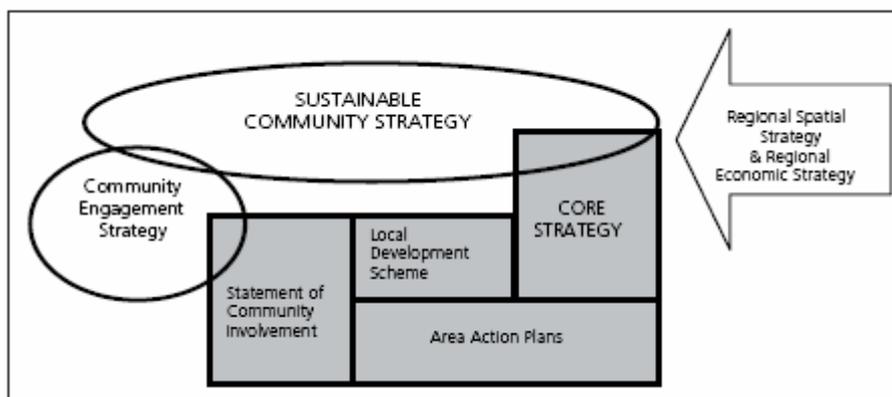
Background

The recent Local Government White Paper outlines the need for complete coherence between the LSP's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Local Planning Authorities' Local Development Framework (LDF). Furthermore planning law requires that the preparation of LDFs is done with "regard to" the SCS.

To improve collaboration between planning and LSPs, guidance was published in January 2007 by DCLG in the form of a practical guide called "Planning Together: Local Strategic Partnerships and Spatial Planning". This paper highlights the key issues and how we should be addressing them in the Breckland context.

Breckland's LDF

The issue of integration between Local Development Framework and Community Strategy was last considered by the MAST at its meeting on 21st May 2004. This pre-dated the enactment of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which gave the legal go ahead to prepare LDFs. Breckland is now well underway with the preparation of its Local Development Framework. Work has focussed on developing a strategy and policies. The latest consultation is called "Development Choices" and focuses on the scale of development for Breckland. The booklet that accompanies the consultation is available on-line at www.breckland.gov.uk and MAST members are encouraged to respond. The Strategy is due to be submitted at the end of this year and then work starts on site specifics in 2008.



Key issues

- (1) **Aligning content and evidence base:**
The key spatial planning objectives for Breckland need to be fully aligned with the priorities identified in the SCS. A two-way process: Planners to share their evidence with LSPs; LSPs to make planners aware of the social,

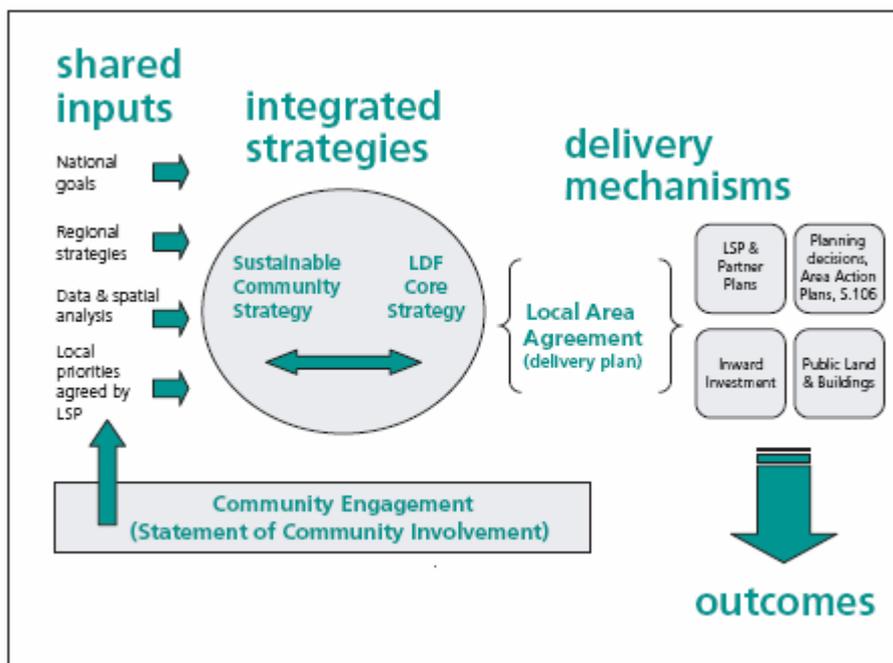
economic, environmental and community issues that need to be addressed in LDFs

(2) **Ensuring the successful delivery of the infrastructure**

Co-ordinating the delivery of appropriate social and community infrastructure as part of growth / regeneration. Raise awareness of implementation and delivery issues.

(3) **Delivering LAA outcomes**

Understanding planning contribution to achieving LAA outcomes: There a number of ways in which Planning can contribute to health & wellbeing; safer communities; social inclusion; economic prosperity and combating climate change.



Next steps – what we need to demonstrate

(1) Improved Collaboration

LDF needs to be integrated into the work of the LSP
Stronger corporate and political profile for SCS and LDF

(2) Sharing Evidence and Spatial Understanding

Collaborative approach to data collection and analysis
A shared understanding of the spatial implications of local issues.

(3) Joint Monitoring

A shared approach to monitoring
Collaboration on the LDF Annual Monitoring Report.
Monitoring developer contributions towards community infrastructure

(4) Interlinking Timescales & Co-ordinated Consultation

Both SCS and LDF need to actively engage stakeholders in their preparation

The LSP is an essential contributor to the consultation needs of LDF being a 'partnership of partnerships'. Combining consultation can save resources and enhance synergy between the various plans and programmes.

Consultation Timescales – 2007

	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
LDF					♥					
SCS					♥					

♥ = joint stakeholder event, late July.