

6. Issues and Actions

- 6.1. The tables that follow in Section 7 include potential projects, which relate to each aspect of the “Vision” statement. (see previous section) They have also been chosen to correspond with all the issues given **high priority** through the healthcheck consultation process.
- 6.2. In addition also included are some of those issues identified as priorities by the Area Community Forum North. These have complemented and added to the findings from the East Grinstead Healthcheck consultation. It is worth noting that the issues of improving community mental health services, lack of NHS dentists, improvement in rural leisure provision and reducing rural isolation had not been identified as key issues in the East Grinstead Healthcheck studies and it was agreed by the Steering Committee that these would be kept under review with the Local Strategic Partnership and could be incorporated In the East Grinstead Action Plan at a later date if necessary.
- 6.3. In some cases, the projects are already quite well defined. Some, however, will need further development by the partnership, working with others, and a range of possible actions identified.
- 6.4. One of the most important project areas is **the development of the partnership** itself, and the definition of its specific role in relation to each project and in relation to its potential partners. It has been decided by the Steering Committee that what East Grinstead needs is a co-ordinating forum where individual member organisations take responsibility for the implementation of the different actions. This reflects the fact that in many cases its role is a co-ordinating one; others will take the direct actions. Under each of the projects a task group will need to be formed to take responsibility for setting out a timetable and for seeing it through. The line of responsibility for each of the actions is made clear in Section 7.
- 6.5. In some cases, the partnership’s first task is to get a project or an issue firmly on someone else’s agenda, then to make sure that it stays there and is followed through. So it has an important co-ordinating role, as guardian of the vision contained in this action plan, and as local champion.
- 6.6. There are still some “big issues” where the partnership may need to act as an independent forum for debate and providing for structured comments and analysis of the issues. In particular:
- Development west of the town,
 - A new Traffic & Transport Plan, and
 - A vision and a development plan for the town centre.

- 6.7. Many of these bigger issues are also important components for the work of the Local Strategic Partnership, the Area Forum North and the Transport Forum. They are also the responsibility, as partners, of the County and District Council as planning and highway authorities, and a number of potential projects are dependent on them.
- 6.8. For example, the action plan proposes setting out a new vision for the future development of the town centre, part of which would have to be to look at transport issues, and parking. This in turn would set the context for development briefs, and partnerships with property owners, in key areas such as Queens Walk, Station Approach and the station area itself, each best tackled by specific task teams.
- 6.9. There are other projects where the partnership may need to set up or support specific project groups, for example:
- Development of a new day centre
 - Development of heritage promotion and museum
 - Setting up Youth project
 - Promotion of volunteering.
 - A Town Marketing project
 - Training projects
- 6.10. All of these are projects that will take a little time to develop. In the short term, in order to build support and credibility, it should also be possible to identify some “early wins”. For example:
- Create Town Brand
 - Volunteer “taster” sessions
 - Some "days out in E Grinstead" projects
 - Litter and graffiti clear-up
 - Promoting cycling
- 6.11. As a result of all of this analysis the following projects have been identified as **High Priority** by the East Grinstead Committee:

- Establishment of The East Grinstead Partnership
- Revitalisation of the town centre
- Deal with concerns about the development west of the town
- Remedy local skills shortages; improve training opportunities
- Promote East Grinstead to visitors and tourists
- Meet the needs of an ageing population
- Increase day care facilities within the town
- Improve Facilities for the young
- Make best use of the Voluntary sector
- Access /opportunity /inclusion for those with a disability
- Improve run down parts of the town centre and environs
- Improve transport to and from hospitals outside East Grinstead