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Gateshead Strategic Partnership





This leaflet explains what a Local Strategic Partnership is and how you can get involved here in Gateshead. If you need any more information or would like this in a different format or language – details are given at the end of the leaflet.

What is a Local Strategic Partnership?

Sounds complicated but it's not. A Local Strategic Partnership - or LSP for short - is simply a group of people who work together to improve the quality of life for everyone living and working in Gateshead.

- **It's local** – so it deals with the important issues that affect you and your community
- **It's strategic** – so it has a plan, a direction and set goals it wants to achieve
- **It's a partnership** – bringing together people from the council, the NHS, the police, local businesses, voluntary and community organisations and government working as a team to tackle issues such as crime, education, health, housing, unemployment and the environment.

In Gateshead our partnership is called (very originally!), the Gateshead Strategic Partnership (GSP) and it has been in place for seven years.

What does the Gateshead Strategic Partnership do?

- **Vision** - sets out the long term plan for Gateshead in its key strategy Vision 2030
- **Priorities** - it sets priorities and oversees their delivery – these are in the Local Area Agreement
- **Involvement** - it makes sure that people from the local community, voluntary and business sectors are involved in making decisions that affect their lives
- **Delivery** - It co-ordinates and ensures delivery of the work done by different partners especially in relation to regeneration, neighbourhood renewal and community planning

The partnership has a Steering Group which is supported by four themed partnerships that look at specific themes including:

- Children and Young People
- Health and Social Care
- Economy, Skills, Housing and Transport
- Safer, Stronger Communities and Culture

Sounds great – how can I get involved?

You can join the Gateshead Community Network. It represents over 500 organisations from small mother and toddler groups to community associations.

As well as developing and delivering training for its members, it works jointly with partners such as police and the Council to develop and implement the Gateshead Community Strategy.

Network members also sit on the Gateshead Strategic Partnership, so they are able to bring concerns and proposals for the partnership to look at and take forward.

"We can give a platform for ordinary people to voice their opinions about services and other issues that affect them. It's not just a talking shop - we can influence decisions and be part of the whole service planning process."

Gateshead Community
Network member

Want to know more?

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