

# Three Rivers Local Strategic Partnership Community Strategy 2018-2023



## **Foreword**

Welcome to Three Rivers Community Strategy for 2018-23.

The Strategy is a result of a great deal of information-gathering and consultation.

The results have allowed us to concentrate on themes which the Local Strategic Partnership can best address through local partnership working.

## **The themes identified are:**

- **Housing**
- **Ambition**
- **Independence & Resilience**
- **Health & Wellbeing**
- **Safety**

Three Rivers is already a great place to live. We hope that the partnership work that continues over the next five years will improve this even further.

# Introduction

The purpose of this strategy is to focus the attention of representatives from key service providers – public, voluntary and private – on areas of local service provision that need most improvement, and that can be delivered through local partnership working.

The Local Strategic Partnership has a vision to improve the quality of life for the people of Three Rivers by working in partnership to create a better place for everyone, their neighbourhoods, health, employment and access to services.



## What is the Local Strategic Partnership?

The Local Strategic Partnership Board was set up in 2002 to ensure that its vision is achieved through its community strategy for Three Rivers. We link with other partnerships and groups in the district and across the county - all of which are working towards achieving our vision.

The Board is made up of representatives from public, private and voluntary and community sector organisations, which are based in and around the district, and aims to build on the successful partnership-working which already exists. Membership is set at senior politician, board or chief officer level to ensure that members have the necessary authority to speak for their organisations and to commit the resources needed to turn the vision into a reality.

## Who is on the Board?

The following organisations have representatives on the LSP Board:

Hertfordshire County Council, Three Rivers District Council, Citizens Advice Service in Three Rivers, Parish Councils, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Thrive Homes, Watford Community Housing Trust, Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group, West Herts College, Jobcentre Plus and the Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce.

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## Themes for the Community Strategy 2018-2023

Key priorities have been developed for each of the 5 strategy themes along with actions required to enable the Local Strategic Partnership to work towards achieving them.

### HOUSING

#### Key Priorities

**Residents have good quality, affordable housing and temporary accommodation.**

**Residents are supported to live independently and maintain their tenancies and homes.**

**To make our residents safe in their accommodation.**

#### As evidenced by:

- Three Rivers Local Plan;
- Three Rivers Housing and Homelessness Strategy;
- Three Rivers Strategic Housing Market Assessment;
- Three Rivers Homelessness data;
- Hertfordshire Joint Housing Protocol;
- Three Rivers Discretionary Housing Payment rates;
- Citizens Advice Service eviction case rates;
- Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### We will do this by working in partnership to:

- Build more affordable housing;
- Build or supply more temporary and supported accommodation;
- Implement the Joint Housing Protocol for children and families;
- Ensure the right support / services are promoted and available for residents, such as Safe & Well visits, Herts Independent Living Service, Floating Support and Citizens Advice Service;
- Promote access to the Disabled Facilities Grant.



### AMBITION

#### Key Priorities

**Residents attend, engage in and enjoy high quality education and learning experiences.**

**Residents are supported to secure work and get closer to the labour market including via apprenticeships and skills development.**

#### As evidenced by:

- Jobcentre Plus data;
- Census data;
- Indices of Multiple Deprivation data;
- Hertfordshire Skills Strategy.

#### We will do this by working in partnership to:

- Target educational and learning opportunities in areas of greatest deprivation;
- Champion apprenticeships in all sectors including providing opportunities across our organisations;
- Create opportunities using the Apprenticeship Levy, including considering how to support small and medium-sized organisations;
- Promote learning, work placement and employment opportunities including via employment open days;
- Respond to transport / access issues for education and employment;
- Maximise the local benefit and impact of Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.



## INDEPENDENCE & RESILIENCE

### Key Priorities

Residents are able to manage their finances and debt.

Residents are able to manage their own health, social care and support.

Residents have the life skills and access to the resources they need to live independently and cope with challenges to sustain their independence.

Residents live in supportive communities.

#### As evidenced by:

- Hertfordshire and West Essex Sustainable Transformation Prevention Plan;
- Citizens Advice Service debt data;
- Hertfordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Adults Mental Health Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Social Prescribing Project Plan.

#### We will do this by working in partnership to:

- Promote access to organisations that provide all types of advice and support, including the Citizens Advice Service;
- Promote access to preventative services e.g. Wellbeing Service, Social Prescribing, Community & Social Groups;
- Target services in areas of greatest need;
- Collectively use HertsHelp, Community Navigators & Families First to promote early intervention & self-help.



## HEALTH & WELLBEING

### Key Priorities

Residents have opportunities to be physically and mentally healthy.

Residents, especially the vulnerable, have access to health and social care.

#### As evidenced by:

- Three Rivers Health Profile;
- Towards an Active Nation – Sport England Strategy 2016-2021;
- Hertfordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Drugs & Alcohol Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Public Health Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Adult Mental Health Strategy;
- Hertfordshire Children & Young People Mental Health Strategy;
- The Hertfordshire Ageing Well Strategy.

#### We will do this by working in partnership to:

- Promote access to physical activity opportunities;
- Promote access to mental health services;
- Develop a joint pathway for dual diagnosis with regards to drugs, alcohol and mental health;
- Target services in areas of greatest need and groups of greatest need;
- Promote access to health & social care services through HertsHelp and Families First.



## SAFETY

Residents are safe from crime and antisocial behaviour.

Residents are safe from abuse, neglect, violence, bullying, discrimination and exploitation.

Neighbourhoods are safe for people to live, work and socialise in.

### As evidenced by:

- The National Crime Survey;
- Three Rivers Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment;
- Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board / Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board dashboards;
- Families First dashboard;
- Hertfordshire Hate Crime Strategy.

### We will do this by working in partnership to:

- Target joint action at the strategic priorities for crime & disorder as identified by the Three Rivers Community Safety Partnership;
- Jointly tackle the fear of crime by promoting consistent messages and personal responsibilities;
- Champion safeguarding and early help to children and adults at risk and other vulnerable groups;
- Promote Home Fire Safety Initiatives and the work of Hertfordshire Trading Standards;
- Promote access to Victim Support services.



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