

'Home in the Meadows'

Community Cohesion Strategy 2010

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Introduction

Welcome to Peterborough our home in the meadows, the original name for the City which dates back from around about 75BC.

This is our Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP) community cohesion strategy, which aims to help us build a united society, bringing together people of all ages and from a variety of backgrounds to create a sense of belonging.

A bigger Peterborough can be created with new homes, roads and infrastructure, however to become a better Peterborough we need to encourage our communities to get along and understand each other. This is why community cohesion is important in creating a Peterborough we are proud of.

↪ Peterborough's vision is:

- To grow a bigger and better Peterborough through improving everybody's quality of life, ensuring that all communities benefit from growth and the opportunities it brings
- Creating a thriving, healthy, safe and exciting place to live, work and visit
- Position Peterborough as the environmental capital of the UK



**A bigger and better
Peterborough
that grows the right way
and through truly
sustainable development
and growth**

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Marco Creste - Leader of the Council

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What is cohesion?

Community cohesion brings different groups of people together; both new and existing members of the community can better understand each other.

Our vision of a cohesive community includes:

- Giving everybody similar life opportunities
- Better understanding our individual rights and responsibilities
- Trusting one another and local institutions to act fairly
- Sharing a vision and a sense of belonging
- Recognising and valuing diversity
- Creating strong and positive relationships within the whole community



Our values

We believe Peterborough's cultural diversity is one of its greatest strengths. We would like to encourage:

- People from different backgrounds to get on well with each other in the community, at work and at school
- Respectfulness towards age, gender, race, religion or beliefs, disability, sexual orientations and cultural differences
- People to be proud of their City and the surrounding areas and given the opportunity to have a say in its future
- Recognition for the contribution that young people make to Peterborough life
- An image of Peterborough that demonstrates vibrancy, cohesion and community

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Paul Phillipson Chair of
Cohesion Board**

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Our strategy

We aim to:

- Engage with the community by developing strong links
- Working with public, private, voluntary and community sectors to promote Peterborough now and for future generations
- Identify issues which may effect community relations and proactively select and develop responses to address issues
- Provide equal opportunities for all
- Recognise the contribution that communities play in achieving a sense of belonging
- Through arts, culture and faith promote a better understanding and acceptance between different community members
- Monitor and manage community tensions, including all kinds of extremism
- Develop strong links with partners including faith and resident groups, colleges, schools, festival organisers and the business community



Our priorities

The following areas have been identified as priorities:

Over-arching priorities/strategy:

- Tackling socio-economic related challenges
- Promoting inter-faith, inter-cultural and inter-communities
- Working closely with young to promote cross-community
- Empowering community and neighbourhoods

Specific Priorities 2010-2011

- Gypsy and Travellers
- Poverty issues – vulnerable localities and families
- Young People and NEET
- Hate Crime

Cross-cutting methodology

- Improving clarity as to level of services and gaps
- Building and communicating enhanced community pride and shared values



Our action plan

The action plans to support our community strategy are available on our website by visiting www.gpp-peterborough.co.uk

Effectiveness is measured against the following National indicators:

- **National indicator 1** – measures the percentage of people who believe that individuals from different backgrounds get on well together within their local area
- **National indicator 13** – help to improve the language skills and knowledge of migrants
- **National indicator 35** – building resilience to violent extremism

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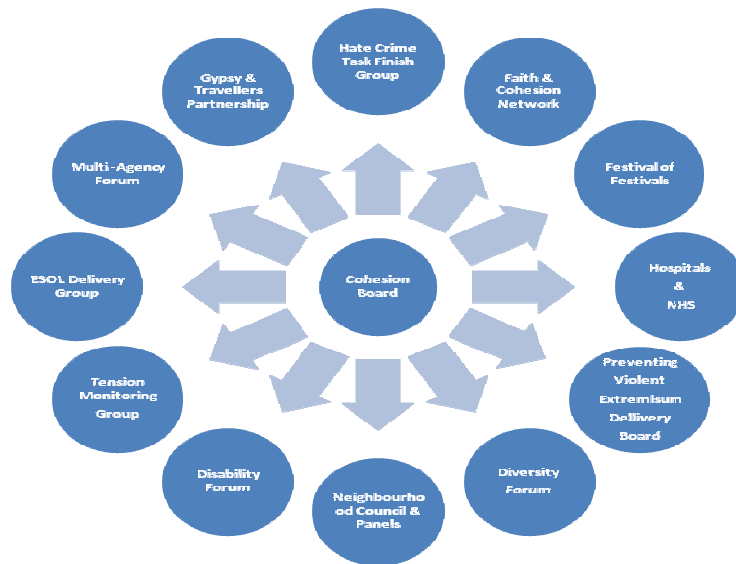
National indicators are measured through surveys, citizen panels and partner assessments. The latest results of the national indicators are available on our website by visiting www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk



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Cohesion partnership structure



Other key partnerships include: Safer Peterborough Partnership, Children's Trust Partnerships, Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategic Partnership; Health & Wellbeing Partnership, Environment Capital Partnership an adult learning and skills. The cohesion board includes members and advisors from the statutory and community sector. All meeting dates and minutes, for the cohesion board meetings are available on our website by visiting www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk



Preventing Extremism

Through our prevention strategy we aim to:

- Adopt a community-led approach to bringing together the entire community
- Target all kinds of extremism including Al-Qaida inspired ideology and far-right wing extremism

Our priorities are:

- Focus and help young people who are not in education, employment or training
- Welcome new arrivals to the community
- Engage with the whole community including rural areas, to promote a better understanding of prevention

20 The Preventing Violent Extremism action plan supports our strategy and is available on our website by visiting www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk



Our future

Peterborough is recognised as a major growth hotspot, major projects have included; the redevelopment of Cathedral Square, a Financial School as part of the University campus, and the City West project to transform the station gateway potentially creating 8,000 jobs and 1,000 new homes. Other projects include the £35million redevelopment of Edith Cavell Hospital, the regeneration of the South Bank and the ongoing work to position Peterborough as the UK's Environmental capital.

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