

Our Visions and Objectives

It is the ambition of the Enfield Strategic Partnership (ESP) “to have a healthy, prosperous, cohesive community living in a borough that is safe, clean and green”.

The ESP has gathered a wealth of information about the needs of the people who live and work in Enfield and have asked local people what changes would make a difference to them and what they think the priorities should be.

To meet the needs and respond to the views of the community the ESP is focusing on four key areas:

- *Every Enfield resident – children and young people, adults and older people – has the best chance in life*
- *Enfield continues to be a safe place to live for all residents*
- *Enfield is a great place to live, work, study, visit and do business*
- *Enfield people live healthy lives*

Implicit in this is focusing services to meet the needs of all sections of the community and therefore improve outcomes for all. The ESP is working to ensure equality of access, opportunity and value for money in all its services.

The Community Strategy is divided into four main areas which reflect the four strands or ‘blocks’ of the Local Area Agreement to which we are now working together. These four are:

- Children and Young People
- Safer and Stronger Communities
- Economic Development and Enterprise
- Healthier Communities and Older People

The ESP has set out a key vision and objectives for each theme; these are set out in the following pages.

What is very clear to all members of the ESP is that these four ‘strands’ cannot actually be separated: they are naturally interwoven. Underpinning these four areas is the over-arching theme of improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Borough and help to bridge the gap between those who are disadvantaged and the wider community.

All agencies therefore have a responsibility for delivering against the priorities.

Children and Young People

Vision:

We want children to be healthy, at the centre of everything we do so that they can make a positive contribution, have fun and enjoy growing up. We want to build a community for them that keeps them safe, supports their creativity and enables them to meet their potential.

Objectives:

- To reduce the number of families with children living in poverty
- To improve outcomes for all children and narrow the gap in outcomes between those who do well and those who do not
- To improve young people's sexual health and reduction in teenage pregnancy rates
- To safeguard children and young people from abuse and exploitation
- To reduce the number of young people involved in crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- To improve educational achievement at all key stages and increase school attendance
- To improve the range, quality and provision of accessible and affordable recreational and leisure activities for young people
- To increase opportunities for children and young people to influence local decision making

What will change:

We will have significantly improved the lives of children and their families currently living in poverty

We will focus more on supporting families on state benefits back into employment, which will give young children the best start in life and will take them out of poverty

We will improve and better integrate services in early years, schools and health settings

There will be more targeted help to promote opportunity, prevent problems and intervene early and effectively when problems arise including sport and active recreation as part of wider early intervention programmes for vulnerable young people

We will reconfigure services in one place around the child and family

We will ensure that there is shared responsibility across agencies for safeguarding children and protecting them from harm

Children, young people and families will be listened to and involved in planning and monitoring services for them

We will ensure that there is provision of good quality accessible community and leisure facilities

We will ensure there is high quality physical education, physical activity and sport in all Enfield schools and the local community

There will be more young people going to Enfield's leisure centres

There will be more 'things to do and places to go' for young people in Enfield by ensuring enhanced opportunities for them to take part in leisure and cultural activities

There will be enhanced learning opportunities for children and young people through library-based activities and programmes

There will be enhanced social and community cohesion through activities provided at Enfield libraries and museums

Safer and Stronger Communities

Vision:

To make Enfield one of the safest boroughs in London

Objectives:

- To reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- To reduce fear of crime
- To reduce harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- To reduce the number of young people involved in crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- To promote social inclusion so that all sections of the community are able to access opportunities, services and improve their quality of life
- To increase partnership working within the community, including businesses in order to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour
- To improve the street environment
- To promote safer travel in Enfield
- To increase volunteering in the borough
- To promote good quality urban design

What will change:

We will ensure that residents feel safer through the implementation of appropriate anti-social behaviour measures in the community

We will make our streets and public spaces feel safe and be safe

We will tackle drug related crime through reducing the supply of illegal drugs and by facilitating young drug users into treatment

We will support children and young people so that they are empowered to make positive choices

We will promote equal access to opportunities through provision of good quality affordable homes, new jobs and better transport links

Community cohesion will be improved through:

- Increased volunteering from all sections of the community
- Community involvement in town planning to ensure that changes reflect the circumstances and aspirations of local people.

We will work towards promoting good urban design to ensure new development relates well to its surroundings and delivers high quality safe public spaces to support mixed, inclusive communities

Economic Development and Enterprise:

Vision:

Enfield is a great place to live, work, study, visit and do business.

Objectives:

- To adopt a place-shaping approach to underpin the creation of a more prosperous Enfield
- To enhance Enfield's town centres to meet the needs of the communities they serve
- To extend and consolidate the local economic base by maximising the economic potential of the Upper Lee Valley and Enfield town centres
- To increase the number of new businesses setting up and coming to the area, which will continue to be seen as a prime location for business and enterprise
- To support innovative and new industries including the creative and cultural sector
- To tackle worklessness and reduce levels of unemployment, particularly amongst young people and disadvantaged sections of the community
- To provide a range of opportunities and support to develop skills, and enable all residents to access the employment market
- To ensure that all Enfield's residents, including families, have the opportunity to live in a decent sustainably constructed and affordable home
- To protect and improve the quality of built and open environment
- To support residents and businesses to preserve natural resources, become energy efficient, conserve water, reduce pollution and address the causes of global warming
- To increase biodiversity in order to provide a local distinctive natural identity to attract inward investment
- To increase recycling and progressively reduce the amount of biodegradable waste landfilled
- To encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling

What will change:

Ponders End and other key locations will be the focus of place-shaping interventions for the benefit of the local community

Enfield Town will be reinvigorated as the Borough's main town centre with the completion of the Palace Xchange retail development and new cultural centre / museum

Edmonton Green will be transformed by the remodeling of the retail centre, new housing, a leisure centre and a new bus station

We will bring forward a vision to complete the transformation of the Upper Lee Valley corridor, rejuvenating the industrial estates and unlocking the development potential of the Central Leaside area

We will promote a culture of enterprise to realise our potential for improved business growth

We will continue to work closely with partner organisations to tackle high unemployment within the Borough in particular the most deprived wards

We will help to create new jobs

We will help to promote the development of skills and life-long learning to encourage full participation of all our communities particularly under-represented groups

We will help match local skills with local jobs

More people, particularly families, will be able to access an increased stock of good quality housing

We will work to ensure that new developments are designed and constructed in a sustainable way

We will work towards improving the environment and quality of life for local residents in the area around the North Circular

We will help to reduce pollution levels

Healthier Communities and Older People:

Vision:

Improved health and well-being for Enfield's residents; ensuring that for residents the 'healthy choice is the easy choice'

Healthier Communities Objectives:

- To improve life expectancy across the Borough
- To improve life chances in Enfield by reducing mortality rates from heart disease, stroke and related diseases
- To reduce the number of people who smoke or whose health is affected by smoke
- To reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol
- To improve access to sexual health screening services and reduce teenage pregnancy
- To increase residents' participation in regular physical activity
- To increase the number of people participating in healthy lifestyles across the Borough
- To encourage the use of public transport, walking and cycling
- To enable more people to access improved diet and nutrition
- To ensure that the wider determinants of health play a more active part in partner decision-making

Older People Objectives:

- To promote the health and active life of older people
- To promote greater choice, control, autonomy, safety, independence and well being for older people
- To promote positive attitudes to ageing across different generations

What will change:

Mortality rates from heart disease, stroke and diabetes will be reduced

There will be reduction in the number of people who smoke

Young people's access to screening for sexually transmitted diseases will be improved and teenage pregnancy rates reduced

Residents will have better access to physical activity and healthy diets, improving their health and psychological well-being

There will be more opportunities for residents to be involved in their communities and take part in health related activities including access to a broad range of leisure and cultural activities in the borough

There will be a new leisure centre in Edmonton by Spring 2007, which is critical to the development of modern community sports facilities in the Edmonton area

There will be a new Athletics Regional Performance Centre by January 2007, a likely venue for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics

There will be a new cultural centre and museum as part of the new development of Enfield

Town centre. The scheme, due for completion in 2007, will ensure that the town centre will become a livelier place for people to enjoy

We will ensure that all residents have access to good quality open space

There will be more recreation activities for people aged over 50

More older people will be supported to live at home through home improvement schemes and direct payments