



## Workshop:

# Learning from what has gone before

### Workshop aims:

To identify what progress has already been made towards sustainable development within the authority and its partner organisations.

To identify what skills and resources already exist

To agree actions for drawing on these skills, resources and experience

### Resources to use from this pack:

- Briefing: “What is sustainable development”
- Briefing: “Learning from what has gone before”
- Powerpoint slides 1-4

Summary (indicative timings shown in brackets)

### **1 Introduction (10min)**

Introductions, agreeing aims for the workshop

### **2 Presentation and discussion on sustainable development (15 min)**

Give a brief presentation on sustainable development using PowerPoint slides 1-3. The purpose is to agree the 5 broad areas listed in presentation 3. Depending on the approach of your authority, it may be necessary to discuss how this can be adapted to fit local language / approach.

### **3. Mapping what has gone before (20 min)**

In small groups, take one area of activity (as defined in 2 above) per group. For each:

- Has the authority done anything?
- What has it done?
- How effective was it? How do you know?

- As a result, what skills, resources and knowledge is there within the authority, which should be linked into the LSP and community strategy process?

Note: do not confine your thinking to projects or initiatives which have been carried out through other routes, such as regeneration, health, community development, etc. Think about work carried out by or with partner organisations as well.

#### **4. Learning from the past (30 min)**

Facilitate a discussion about the learning from existing / previous experience managing sustainable development issues. Draw out the following:

- What is the authority / its partners good at doing (what skills and knowledge does it already have?)
- What has made projects / initiatives work, and what has held them back?
- Where are the sources of information / who are the people with experience?

#### **5. Wrap up and action planning (15 min)**

Facilitate a discussion about how these skills, knowledge and experience can be used to help strengthen the activities of the authority/its partners (eg in the community strategy and LSP process)

#### **Agree next steps**

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