

# Why do we need neighbourhood renewal?

People who live in some areas of Brighton & Hove have a poorer quality of life than elsewhere in the city.

For example, they may feel less safe, have lower incomes and be more likely to be without work or in poorly paid jobs. Pupils may be under-performing at local schools.

In order to change this and improve services in these more deprived areas we have drawn up a neighbourhood renewal strategy.

**The aim** of Brighton & Hove's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is:

**For local people and organisations to work together to narrow the gap between the most deprived neighbourhoods and the rest of Brighton & Hove.**

## What can we do to improve things in these neighbourhoods?

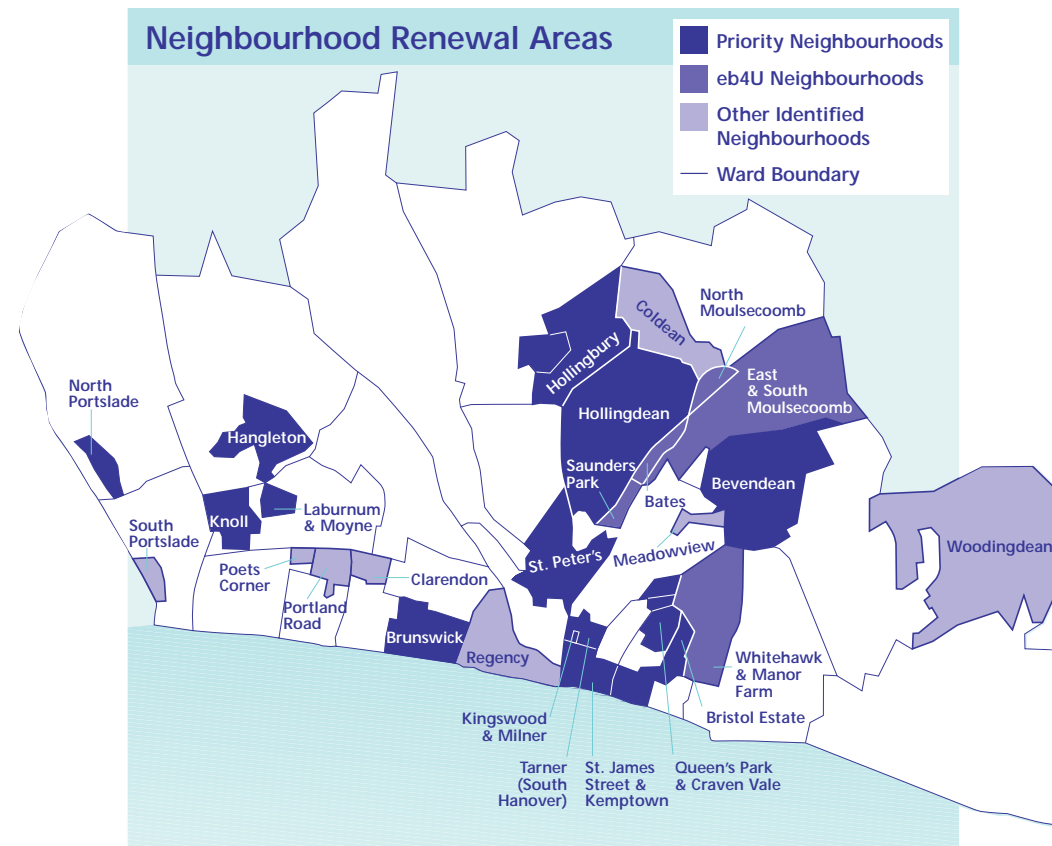
- Get people into work, make neighbourhoods safer, improve educational achievement and health, improve homes and the physical environment
- Together with local residents improve local services, including access and service delivery
- Strengthen community participation in all its diversity, develop community facilities and community empowerment across neighbourhoods
- Build connections between different neighbourhoods and between residents, business, statutory and voluntary organisations
- Identify and provide opportunities for residents and organisations to acquire the skills and knowledge to work effectively on neighbourhood renewal
- Sustain improvements made over time
- Monitor and review progress against these objectives and assess impact of changes on outcomes for deprived neighbourhoods



## Where do we need to take action?

Brighton & Hove has two wards in East Brighton, Moulsecoomb and Marine within the 10% most deprived wards in England, according to a calculation of deprivation called the Index of Deprivation 2000. The most deprived neighbourhoods are the Whitehawk and Manor Farm Estate, the Moulsecoomb Estate, Bates Estate and Saunders Park.

Outside East Brighton there are other smaller deprived neighbourhoods. These are shown on the map below. Of the 27 neighbourhoods identified on the map this strategy prioritises East Brighton and 13 of the smaller neighbourhoods, including Hollingdean and Turner.



## How can we really make a difference in our deprived neighbourhoods?

- By local people and organisations, public services and businesses working together to decide what are the most serious local problems and how to tackle them – then carrying out what has been agreed and reporting back to the local community on the outcomes. This is called action planning.
- By public services such as the city council, the police and the NHS reshaping and improving the services they provide in the neighbourhoods facing the greatest problems.
- By supporting community organisations in those neighbourhoods so that more local people can get involved and participate in the renewal of their neighbourhoods.



## What will change and when?

The strategy runs from 2002 to 2010.

Here are some examples of the actions, which public services have already committed to under the strategy. The full list is given in the strategy's implementation plan.

<b>Community activity</b>	By March 2005, all 27 neighbourhoods will have access to community facilities – a place where local groups can meet. This could be a church hall, community centre, school, library or other building.
<b>Community Safety</b>	We will tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods with the most serious problems. (Identify neighbourhoods by December 2002).
<b>Employment and training</b>	We will increase the number of neighbourhoods where there is a local place that provides training in basic and/or computer skills by 2005.
<b>Education</b>	Each deprived neighbourhood will be served by at least one primary school in the locality which has developed as a community school by 2010. A community school is one that extends its provision beyond the school day, provides support for families, opens its buildings for community use and may also provide a base for other local services.
<b>Housing</b>	We will modernise and improve the city's council housing starting with Hollingdean where all the council housing will be brought up to the Government's decent homes standard by 2008
<b>Health</b>	We aim to improve primary care services so that no-one has to wait longer than 2 days for a G.P appointment and one day for an appointment with another health professional.

## Action in specific neighbourhoods

In East Brighton improvements will be made through eb4U.

**eb4U** is the organisation set up to provide a focus for regeneration in East Brighton and is responsible for the delivery of the New Deal for Communities programme. In 2000 the East Brighton Community Partnership produced a delivery plan and were awarded £47.2 million of government funding to enable the area to be brought up to the average for the city, taking into account a number of issues including health, education, community safety and employment over a 10 year period. The grant awarded reflects the extent of deprivation in the area relative to other parts of the city and the South East. The Partnership also has a Public Service Agreement (PSA) negotiated with local statutory agencies for the improvement of specific services.

**Hollingdean and Tarn** have their own neighbourhood programmes and will produce their action plans in September 2002; three further neighbourhoods will produce action plans by June 2003. Others will follow over the next two years.



## How is the strategy being funded?

This strategy is mainly about using existing resources more effectively. In addition, Brighton & Hove has been allocated £3.2 million of Government funding, from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) from 2001-4 and is likely to get further funding from 2004-6. This funding will be used to help implement the strategy. In particular it will be used to fund action plans in Hollingdean and Tarn, to employ teachers in East Brighton, to strengthen community participation across neighbourhoods, to help create community schools in Hangleton and Knoll and to tackle anti-social behaviour in those neighbourhoods where it is a serious problem.

Alongside NRF, Brighton & Hove has also been allocated funds from the Government's Community Empowerment Fund and Community Chest to support community participation. (See contacts in the further information box).

## Who will make sure this happens?

Brighton & Hove's 2020 Community Partnership (Local Strategic Partnership) has prepared this strategy. (This is a partnership of the public, business, voluntary and community organisations in Brighton & Hove.) The Partnership has created a Review Group to make sure the strategy is implemented. The Review Group will work with public services to set targets for improvement and will report back annually on progress to the Partnership.



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## Further information:

Copies of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and this leaflet are available from Steve Barton at Brighton & Hove City Council (01273) 295074. They can also be downloaded from [www.regenerating.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.regenerating.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

- The 2020 Community Partnership (LSP), contact Teresa Goulding at the city council (01273) 296806
- eb4U check their website [www.eb4u.co.uk](http://www.eb4u.co.uk) or contact the Wellsbourne Centre on (01273) 291018
- The Hollingdean programme, contact David Nicholls (01273) 295225
- The Tarn programme, contact Colin Miller at the city council (01273) 295053
- Community schools in Hangleton and Knoll, contact Ellen Jones at the city council (01273) 293441
- The Community Empowerment Fund and the Neighbourhoods Network, contact the Community and Voluntary Sector Forum (01273) 234044
- Small grant funding for community groups contact the Scarman Trust Can-Do Programme (01273) 234854 and the city council Voluntary Sector Unit (small grants and global grants) (01273) 296821

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