

APPENDIX "A"



PRESENTATIONS TO THE STATE OF THE BOROUGH MEETING

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the minutes of the meeting are available on the
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State of the Borough 2004

Priority issues raised during the Consultation Exercise and by Specialist Panels
 = highest priority identified by consultation respondents

THEME	SUGGESTED PRIORITY ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN TO DATE	FUTURE ACTION
ECONOMY	Enterprise and innovation		
	Climate for investment		
	Sustainable communities		
	Encourage high value local employment		
HEALTH, HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE	Improve people's health		
	Promote social inclusion		
	Improve the quality of and access to housing		
	Help people to remain independent		
CULTURE	Improve access to culture, including leisure, sport and the arts		
	Develop a culturally diverse town centre		
	Enhance heritage quarter		
	Develop "local play" throughout the Borough		
	Use cultural activities to encourage more active lifestyles in all ages - particularly young children		
	Develop 50+ activities and a social network		
	Set standards of provision for parks and open spaces		

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ENVIRONMENT			
	Clean and healthy street scene where people take pride in where they live		
	Safe, clean, reliable and well maintained public transport, cycling and walking facilities		
	Good quality built and natural environments, that are protected and enhanced		
	Efficient protection, use and sustainable management of resources		
LEARNING FOR LIFE			
	Providing training and education opportunities for employment and sustainable economic development		
	Ensuring a network of quality provision for all age groups in the heart of the community		
	Creating an awareness of, and ensuring access to, the opportunities provided		
	Promoting equality of opportunity to achieve individual potential		
	Active collaboration between providers and agencies to meet the agreed objectives and targets		
COMMUNITY SAFETY			
	Reduce anti-social behaviour		
	Tackle drug, alcohol and substance misuse		
	Reduce domestic burglary		
	Reduce vehicle crime		
	Tackle violent crime		

Suggested additional priority issues raised during the State of the Borough Debate 2004

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ECONOMY CULTURE LEARNING FOR LIFE	Close the technology gap (eg e-mail, internet) to increase access to services		
ECONOMY HEALTH, HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE LEARNING FOR LIFE	Kettering losing economic activity to other areas and near neighbours Key workers must be able to afford to buy houses in the Borough to enable them to work in the Borough. Develop skills base locally to fill jobs created by growth area proposals.	SRB initiative to provide more small business units in Kettering Business Centre. Partnership with SATRA re. small businesses. North Northants Local Delivery Vehicle to manage future growth includes representatives from emda, and the voluntary and business sectors to ensure a wide a voice as possible. Borough/District Councils are already working together to attract outside investors to the area. Negotiations with private developers to bring infrastructure, eg schools, doctors, dentists and nurses to cope with future population growth. Development of Mawsley village as a new community with school, industrial units, shops and community centre.	To ensure that Local Delivery Vehicle has a wide a voice as possible, through its membership. To ensure that government money to pay for infrastructure in relation to anticipated growth is available prior to development taking place. To ensure full community involvement in the growth area proposals, including town and parish councils. To ensure expansion of the Borough is economically successful.

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ENVIRONMENT LEARNING FOR LIFE	Improve recycling attitudes and education regarding recycling, eg Litter.		
ENVIRONMENT	Ensure that planning conditions are adhered to in relation to Morrisons Store in relation to noise, waste storage and removal and hours of operation (resident of Trafalgar Road, Kettering)		A written reply to be sent to the resident concerned.
	Address issues of fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, the poor condition of roads and paths in rural areas.	NCC/KBC joint initiatives in removing abandoned vehicles and fly-tipped rubbish.	Kettering Borough Council to carry out a scrutiny through the Monitoring and Audit Committee into grass cutting practices and schedules. Parish Councillors will be invited to contribute to the scrutiny.
	Grass cutting in rural areas.		
	Damage to cars caused by road humps that are of an incorrect height, and potholes in roads.	More government money has been injected into highway maintenance and NCC is undertaking a planned maintenance programme to address the poor condition of roads and pathways. Incorrectly sized road humps are being corrected.	Councillor Lamb (KBC and NCC) to take back to NCC scrutiny committee.

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HEALTH, HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE	<p>In view of government proposals for schools to be open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm, all new schools being built should have facilities to supply hot meals, as well as breakfast and tea.</p> <p>Must improve capacity of health professionals. The quality of health professionals is not an issue. Build and enhance health and housing in partnership. Promote better health in the community.</p> <p>Locking systems on sheltered housing systems create problems for carers in gaining access.</p> <p>Poor access to services in rural areas (eg podiatry).</p>		
LEARNING FOR LIFE ENTERPRISE KETTERING	<p>Investigate possible links between crime and level of education, dissatisfaction and skill levels, access to housing and skill levels.</p> <p>Retrain and train people over the next 3-5 years to fill skills gaps.</p> <p>Poor literacy/numeracy statistics in the Borough.</p> <p>Under 25's consider training and education the third most important issue overall.</p> <p>Need to increase education infrastructure, eg numbers of tutors.</p> <p>Need to give good publicity and raise the profile of manual skills and encourage vocational skills.</p>	<p>Enterprise Kettering and the Lifelong Learning Panel have been jointly working on issues surrounding barriers to education, marketing and promotion, provision and innovation.</p> <p>Different methods of education, eg internet and email, have been investigated to help address the problems associated with poor literacy/numeracy skills.</p>	

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LEARNING FOR LIFE ENTERPRISE KETTERING (continued)		STAR review will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase provision of basic skills training • carry out a basic skills mapping exercise • look at ways of changing the ways of working to address the problem • recognises that the written word and posters are often not the best way of getting messages across • look at links with community development workers to help address problems Kettering Centre for the Unemployed, the Workers Education Association and UNISON are all actively working to increase skill levels and provide training for employment across the board.	
CULTURAL	It is important to improve the quality of life of Borough residents by encouraging the provision of entertainment venues. In 20 months time the Borough will be losing the McKinlay Theatre. It should be a high priority to provide a theatre for the Borough.		
ALL	Plain English for consultation documents Engage younger people in the process		Taken on board. Link with the Student Council and other young people's organisations in State of the Borough consultation in future.