

# **Sustainability Appraisal Report**

## **‘My Tameside’ Tameside’s Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-19**

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## 1. Introduction

**What is a Sustainability Appraisal (SA)?** SA is a method of assessing and improving the extent to which a draft plan or programme is likely to contribute to a sustainable future. The SA is a key part of the process for developing future plans. The SA process ensures that negative impacts of a plan can be identified and dealt with prior to the plan being implemented.

'My Tameside' Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-19 (SCS) is an updated version of the Tameside Community Strategy. The original Community Strategy for Tameside was a sustainable vision for improving quality of life and reducing inequality in the borough. The updated version of this document has been produced in conjunction with the refreshed Local Area Agreement 2008-11 and several other major strategic plans around our thematic topics including Housing and Health Inequalities.

This Sustainability Appraisal (SA) has been undertaken on the working drafts of the SCS. The SCS has also been through a full consultation process with the partnership and community groups. The SCS is based on existing consultation with residents and businesses over a twelve month period.

This SA has been performed and completed by the Tameside Strategic Partnership (TSP) using a Sustainability Framework (developed by Entec consultancy) which have been employed to appraise local planning documents within the Local Development Framework (LDF). The SA represents a key element of the TSPs review and appraisal process and the findings will be used to inform future policy.

## 2. Key findings – criteria, strengths and opportunities

### Criteria

The following sustainable development objectives were used to assess the SCS (the full narrative and judgements against each criteria can be found in section 5):

1. To improve access to good quality, affordable and resource efficient housing
2. To enable people to enjoy long life, free from disease and limiting illnesses
3. To develop strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds and communities
4. To Deliver Urban Renaissance
5. To Regenerate Rural Areas
6. To Improve access to and use of basic goods, services and amenities
7. To reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime
8. To enable groups and communities to contribute to decision-making
9. To provide education which is accessible to and valued by all and produces achievements above the norm
10. To protect places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value
11. To protect and improve local environmental quality
12. To protect and enhance biodiversity
13. To protect and improve the quality of controlled waters
14. To protect and improve air quality
15. To protect and improve land quality
16. To ensure the prudent use of natural resources and the sustainable management of existing resources.
17. To address the need to limit and adapt to climate change
18. To minimise the requirement for energy use, promote efficient energy use and increase the use of energy from renewable resources
19. To reduce the need to travel
20. To ensure the sustainable management of waste, minimise its production and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates
21. To establish a prosperous borough that offers attractive opportunities to individuals, businesses and communities

22. To develop and exploit the Borough's knowledge base
23. To exploit the growth potential of business sectors
24. To improve the competitiveness and productivity of businesses
25. To secure economic inclusion
26. To develop and maintain a healthy labour market
27. To develop strategic transport, communication and economic infrastructure

**What is sustainability and why is it relevant to Tameside?**

Ensuring plans are sustainable is good common sense, we don't want future generations in Tameside (and wider) to suffer from the actions we take now. The Statutory Guidance: Creating Strong Safe and Prosperous Communities states, 'The goal of sustainable development is to enable all people throughout the world to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life, without compromising the quality of life of future generations...for a local policy to be sustainable, it should respect five principles (as set out in 'Securing the Future: Delivering UK Sustainable Development Strategy'):

- 1) Living within environmental limits
- 2) A strong, healthy and just society
- 3) Achieving a sustainable economy
- 4) Promoting good governance
- 5) Using sound science responsibly

**Strengths**

The SCS is a much improved sustainable strategic vision compared to previous versions of the Strategy (2003-13) and (2007-17). The SCS sets out key areas of focus in the borough's efforts to tackle climate change with the inclusion of the new priority 'Promote Environmental Sustainability' under the 'Attractive Tameside' aim. The appraisal looked at all aims of the SCS and found these were sustainable and no areas of major concern or gaps were identified across these areas (Supportive, Prosperous, Learning, Attractive, Safe and Healthy). Section 5 sets out in more detail the development objectives and how the SCS will impact on them. It is clear from section 5 that 'My Tameside' contains the appropriate aims, priorities and areas of focus to ensure that we can work towards achieving our vision and Local Area Agreement targets while not having a negative impact on the borough's future. The SCS is an advance in terms of our sustainable strategic visioning and planning for the next ten years.

**Opportunities**

The SA enabled exploration of whether the above 27 criteria were covered in the SCS. The SCS is an overarching strategy which is supported by a series of sub-strategies (see section 4) which set out projects and planned work in further detail. The criteria listed in the table below have not been introduced into the final version of the SCS due to the coverage of these issues in sub strategies and business plans. This is the appropriate place for these areas so that the final SCS can remain focused on the highest priorities. For instance criteria 17c to minimise the potential for flooding is covered within the Water Action plan contained in the Environment Strategy 2008-13. We recognise that flooding is a real risk and priority for the Environment Strategy but feel that the issue does not justify inclusion within the SCS. The Manchester City Region and Regional context was also considered when developing the SCS for example work on flooding has been conducted at Greater Manchester Level through the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and will be contained within a policy context in the Core Strategy LDF document. Each of the criteria listed below are being progressed through sub-strategies as identified in the 'area covered' column.

Ref	Development Criteria	Area covered
11b	Will more trees and woodland be planted	Environment Strategy
11c	Will it reduce light and noise pollution	Environment Strategy
13a	Will it minimise the adverse effects of ground and surface water	Environment Strategy

	quality	
13b	Will it make use of sustainable drainage systems	Local Development Scheme
17c	Will it minimise the potential for flooding	Environment Strategy
18a	Will it maximise the production and/or use of renewable energy (on a large scale)	Environment Strategy
20c	Will it reduce waste arising from construction and demolition?	Environment Strategy
22a	Will it encourage research and development in emerging technologies	Economic Masterplan
23b	Will it develop business clusters identified in the RES and other sub-regional/local strategies	Economic Masterplan

### 3. Conclusion

The SCS is an inspirational document which sets out the vision, aims and key areas of focus for the TSP. The SCS aims to set the overarching plan for narrowing inequalities and improving quality of life in the borough.

The TSP is clear on its priorities and the challenges it faces to achieve success. This SA has provided a useful tool to assess our plans and ensure that we are not jeopardising the quality of life of future generations through actions over the next decade. The learning from the SA will be taken forward in developing future plans.

### 4. The list below shows the main documents considered when producing the SCS:

Tameside Together Local Area Agreement	Tameside Local Development Framework
Children and Young People Plan	The Health Inequalities Strategy
Teenage Pregnancy Strategy	Substance Misuse Strategy
Homelessness Strategy	Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
Tameside Domestic Violence Strategy	Obesity Strategy
Supporting People Strategy	Sports and Physical Activity Strategy
Culture Strategy	Joint Mental Health Commissioning Strategy
Community Cohesion Strategy	Play Strategy
Benefit Take-up Strategy	Sports Trust 5 year plan
The Tameside Economic Masterplan	POPPS Plan
The Adult Skills Strategy	Quality of Life Strategy
The Tameside Enterprise Strategy	Housing Strategy
The North West Regional Strategy	Cycling and Walking Strategy
The Manchester City Region Sub Regional Action Plan	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
Manchester Independent Economic Review	Anti-social Behaviour Strategy
Manchester Multi Area Agreement.	Crime and Disorder Partnership Plan
Children and Young People's Annual Review	Opportunities Strategy
Tameside Adult Learning and Skills Action Plan	TMBC Licensing Policy
Tameside Environment Strategy	Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 2
Tameside Waste Strategy	Greater Manchester Joint Recycling Plan
Tameside Affordable Warmth Strategy	

## Section 5: Sustainability Appraisal of 'My Tameside' Tameside's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2009-19

<b>KEY</b>	<<	Move away significantly	<	Move away marginally	>	Move towards marginally	>>	Move towards significantly	#	No Impact	?	Uncertain
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### A: Social Progress Which Recognises the Needs of Everyone

Sustainable Development Objectives and Criteria	Key baseline info and target (where available)	Geographic Scale		Timescale		Cumulative	Commentary, including prevention, reduction, offsetting of adverse effects
		Boroughwide	Trans-boundary	Within plan period	Beyond plan period		
<b>1. To improve access to good quality, affordable and resource efficient housing</b>							
<b>1a. Will it provide additional affordable housing?</b>	Provision of Affordable Housing driven by identification of demonstrable need. <sup>1</sup>	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS includes a key area of focus to improve the number of affordable homes across the borough (Prosperous Tameside). The aim is to ensure an agreed percentage of new homes built are affordable to ensure need meets demand. This will be delivered in more detail through the Housing Strategy and Local Development Framework and TMBC development control.
<b>1b. Will it provide an appropriate mix of housing to meet residents needs?</b>	Tameside has a higher proportion of terraced stock when compared to the national average. <sup>2</sup>	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS includes a key area of focus to improve the quality of housing and make sure that the right type of housing is available for residents (Supportive Tameside). The Local Development Framework will provide further detail on numbers of homes delivered.

<sup>1</sup> Tameside Housing Needs Survey

<sup>2</sup> Tameside UDP

<b>1c. Will it reduce the number of unfit and empty homes?</b>	5% of homes identified as being unfit. Level of empty homes identified as 5%. <sup>3</sup>	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS includes a key area of focus to increase decency in standards in housing especially for vulnerable people through equity release and energy efficiency schemes (Supportive Tameside). The Housing Strategy will provide further detail on the resource available to improve decency in homes and deal with empty properties.
<b>2. To enable people to enjoy long life, free from disease and limiting illnesses</b>							
<b>2a. Will it improve the health of people living in the borough</b>	Life Expectancy for females is 78.1 years, males 75.3 years 2005-2007 – source ONS	>>	#	>	>>	>>	The SCS has a main aim dedicated to a Healthy Tameside. This aim is supported by the priority to support people to live healthy lives. This addresses wider issues of health determinants such as improving affordable warmth while also tackling issues such as direct causes to poor health such as smoking quitters. Developing and implementing findings from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Tameside will also provide direction and improvement areas across the TSP. This will have an impact on reducing health inequalities.
<b>2b. Will it encourage the population to adopt healthier lifestyle e.g. through more cycling and walking?</b>	Levels of walking and cycling has stabilised at 2% of the total number of trips.	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS has a key area of focus to increase the number of journeys made on foot, by bicycle or on public transport (Attractive Tameside). This is linked to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) target to reduce carbon dioxide. The SCS encourages the take up of healthy life styles through healthy lifestyle campaigns and promotion of participation in sport and active recreation within the (Healthy Tameside theme).

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<sup>3</sup> Housing Investment Programme 2004 (ODPM).

<b>2c. Will it improve access to health facilities?</b>	All lower superoutput areas in Tameside are within 3km (road distance) of a GP surgery. Source Barriers to Housing and Service Domain – IMD 2007	>	#	>	>	>	Community infrastructure such as the development of the recently opened PCT Resource Centre is covered within the Healthy Tameside aim through the area of focus to 'Engage with local communities to enable them to improve their own health and access local health services more easily'. This area of work will also be further developed within the Local Development Framework.
<b>3. To develop strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds and communities</b>							
<b>3a. Will it support community development?</b>	People from different backgrounds get on well together (NIS 1) Rate in 2007/08 = 56%  Level in 2008/09 = 55% (Baseline rate)  Target for 2008/09 = 57%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS has a main aim dedicated to a Supportive Tameside. This aim includes several areas of focus to build stronger communities and support community development. These include 'Promote more inclusive communities through more cultural events and activities to bring residents together from different communities to share common interests' and 'maximise the opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in cultural events and positive activities'. The TSP is also committed to the principles of equality and diversity and creating cohesive communities, the Tameside Voice and District Assembly network have strong role in this area of work.
<b>3b. Will it create a sense of belonging and wellbeing for all members of the community?</b>	People from different backgrounds get on well together (NIS 1) Rate in 2007/08 = 56%  Level in 2008/09 = 55% (Baseline rate)  Target for 2008/09 = 57%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	See above.
<b>4. To Deliver Urban Renaissance</b>							

<p><b>4a. Will it improve economic, social and environmental conditions in the most deprived areas?</b></p>	<p>Tameside Ranked 56<sup>th</sup> most deprived out of 354 Local Authorities within the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 (1=worst).</p> <p>Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods (NIS 153) Baseline rate = 31.9% or 5,895 in 2007</p> <p>Target for 2009 = 30.4% or 5,618</p> <p>Level in 2008 = 30.6% or 5,625</p>	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	<p>The SCS includes the aim Prosperous Tameside. This aim includes areas of focus to improve the economy of Tameside borough wide. However many of the key areas where we will make interventions are in our most deprived areas. The aim has key areas of focus to support enterprise and competitiveness via the Business Family and to support people with ill health back into employment. A key area of focus is to remove barriers to employment in our most deprived areas and disadvantaged communities. District Assembly and Neighbourhood management frameworks will also be used to improve environmental conditions.</p>
<p><b>4b. Will it improve the quality of the built environment through high standards of sustainable design and construction of new and existing buildings?</b></p>	<p>Hattersley is characterised as a Radburn style development.</p>	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	<p>Under the aim Prosperous Tameside we have included the area of focus to Create a sustainable long term development plan for the borough through the core strategy of the Local Development Framework. This area of focus is an action to prepare the core strategy which will have our understanding of sustainability as an underplanning value. The SCS also promotes an area of focus to 'Build better sustainable environments to create a better quality of life'. This work will be taken forward across the partnership as part of efforts to reduce energy consumption and therefore CO2 emissions.</p>
<p><b>4c. Will it identify, assess and incorporate the physical, social, economic and environmental value of the historic environment in the regeneration of the borough?</b></p>	<p>Nine identified Conservation Areas and 312 Listed Buildings in the Borough.</p>	>	#	>	>	>	<p>Under the aim Attractive Tameside an area of focus includes 'Develop Tameside's heritage to ensure a sense of pride and place'. This wide area of focus incorporates work around improving the social environment of Tameside through heritage. Areas will be identified through the Environment Strategy. Heritage and conservation will also be key themes of the LDF.</p>

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<b>5. To Regenerate Rural Areas</b>							
<b>5a. Will it Support Rural Diversification?</b>	1.1% of the population of Tameside live in rural areas of which 72.4% are economically active. <sup>4</sup>	>	#	>	>	>	Under the Prosperous Tameside aim two areas of focus include 'Improve access to the countryside' and 'Improve links between urban green space and the countryside. These areas of focus will support rural diversification through integration between urban areas and the countryside.
<b>6. To Improve access to and use of basic goods, services and amenities</b>							
<b>6a. Will it reduce the number of people finding access to local food shops difficult?</b>	All lower superoutput areas are less than 4km (road distance) from a food store (source: Barriers to Housing Services Domain IMD 2007)	>	#	>	>	>	Under the Prosperous Tameside aim an area of focus includes the creation of the Local Development Framework for the borough and also investment in infrastructure programmes to develop the Tameside economy. These areas of focus will support the number of people finding access to local shops difficult through the development of transport links and sustainable spatial plans for the future development of shopping areas. Particularly in deprived areas.
<b>6b. Will it provide physical access for those with disabilities?</b>	88.14% of Local Authority Buildings are Suitable and Accessible for those with disabilities (Local 156 2008).	>	#	>	>	>	The SCS has been Equality Impact Assessed (EIA) to ensure that equality groups are not adversely affected by the implementation of the strategy. Disabled access is considered within the EIA process which is carried out for each strategy underneath the SCS.
<b>6c. Will it ensure the protection, creation and access to green spaces including access and recreation in the countryside in and around towns in the borough?</b>	Green Flags/ Pennants (Local 7) Baseline rate = 12 in 2007  Target for 2008 = 13  Level at year end 2008/09 = 15	>	#	>	>	>	Under the Prosperous Tameside aim three areas of focus include 'increase the number and improve the standard of green spaces to meet national standards', 'Improve access to the countryside' and 'Improve links between urban green space and the countryside'. These areas of focus will support rural diversification through integration between urban areas and the countryside.

<sup>4</sup> Tameside Census 2001 and Access to Services: Focus on Rural Areas.

6d. Will it improve access to cultural facilities?	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	Under the Supportive Tameside aim there are two areas of focus which will help improve access to cultural events and facilities across the borough, these include 'Maximise the opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in cultural events and positive activities', 'Promote more inclusive communities through more cultural events and activities to bring residents together from different communities to share common interests'. The Healthy Tameside also includes an area of focus to 'Improve sports and physical activity facilities across the borough'. Improving sports facilities should improve access to wider cultural facilities in Tameside.
<b>7. To reduce crime, disorder and the fear of crime</b>							
7a. Will it make streets and public places safer for the community?	Perceptions of increases/decreases in crime overall (Local 3) Baseline rate = 53% in 2007/08  Target for 2008/09 = 51.5%  Level at year end 2008/09 = 49%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS has a main aim (Safe Tameside) centered around improving feelings of safety and also physically improving the environment of Tameside to reduce crime. Key areas of focus that will facilitate this include 'Development of CCTV systems', 'Environmental improvements to vulnerable areas such as town centre car parks', 'Keep Tameside a safe place for everyone through effective licensing'.

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<b>7b. Will it promote design that discourages crime?</b>	Overall crime – British Crime Survey (Local 1) Baseline rate = 13,243 or 61.9 per 1000 in 2007/08  Target for 2008/09 = 5% reduction (12,581 or 58.8 per 1000)  Level at year end 2008/09 = 13,478 or 62.9 per 1000	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The SCS has a main aim Safe Tameside centered around physically improving the environment of Tameside to reduce crime. Key areas of focus that will facilitate this include 'Development of CCTV systems', 'Environmental improvements to vulnerable areas such as town centre car parks'. The Local Development Framework will also develop policy to reflect this theme by adoption of secure by design standard for new developments both economic and housing.
<b>8. To enable groups and communities to contribute to decision-making</b>							
<b>8a. Will it enable the community sector to contribute to and have influence in decision-making?</b>	Data gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The TSP Board includes representation from Tameside Voice – the voluntary, faith and community sector. Tameside Voice is also represented across the thematic partnerships which lead on delivering the SCS. This ensures that the community sector have influence in decision making. Voice have also been involved in the production of the SCS which sets the vision, aims and priority for the borough. The delivery of all six aims requires the effective involvement of the third sector to ensure successful deliver.
<b>8b. Will it identify and engage with hard to reach stakeholders?</b>	Data gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	Understanding our communities is a central theme of the SCS. The 'What our communities told us' section details the consultation response to the main issues facing the borough. This includes the engagement of hard to reach stakeholders. Specific events have been arranged to ensure hard to reach stakeholders have been given the opportunity to contribute to the strategy. Consultation events such as Listen Hear (Disability conference) and Really Important Questions (Older People conference) ensure the involvement of all sections of the community are included within all work projects and programmes.
<b>9. To provide education which is accessible to and valued by all and produces achievements above the norm</b>							

<b>9a. Will it increase community access to and involvement with schools and colleges?</b>	Data gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Learning Tameside aim includes four areas of focus which will improve community access to and involvement with schools and colleges including 'Build new schools and academies (through Building Schools for the Future) 'Build replacement schools and pupil referral units in the borough', 'Support people to access higher level skills training', 'Ensure people can access appropriate advice for employment and skills support'. These activities will support Tameside's communities to access new schools and colleges being built and provide support people to access current provision also.
<b>9b. Will it increase the levels of participation and attainment in education?</b>	22.9% of population have no qualifications.  5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (NIS 75) Baseline rate = 41.8% in 2007  Target for 2008/09 = 44%  Level at year end 2008/09 = 41.8%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Learning and Prosperous Tameside aims both include areas of focus to increase levels of participation in education and also raise attainment. Learning Tameside includes 'Use Greater Manchester Challenge Team to raise standards in key subjects', 'Continue to work with all schools to raise attainment at ages 14-16', 'Improve literacy and numeracy amongst our residents'. Prosperous Tameside includes areas of focus to 'Ensure people can easily access appropriate advice and skills and guidance on employment and skills'. These actions will help more people to participate and raise attainment.

## B. Effective Protection of the Environment

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<b>10. To protect places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value</b>							
<b>10a. Will it help conserve historic buildings through sensitive adaptation and re-use?</b>	312 Listed Buildings within Borough	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus 'Develop Tameside's heritage to ensure a sense of pride and place'. This area of focus incorporates the conservation of historic buildings as has been demonstrated in the past through the refurbishment of Ashton Market Hall and Town Halls across the borough. Heritage is an important theme within the SCS.
<b>10b. Will it use architectural design to enhance the local character and "sense of place" of development?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus 'Develop Tameside's heritage to ensure a sense of pride and place'. This area of focus incorporates the conservation of historic buildings as has been demonstrated in the past through the refurbishment of Ashton Market Hall and Town Halls across the borough. Heritage is an important theme within the SCS. Wider enhancement of 'sense of place' will be developed specifically through the Local Development Framework.
<b>10c. Will it improve access to buildings and landscapes of historic / cultural value?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus 'Develop Tameside's heritage to ensure a sense of pride and place'. This area of focus incorporates the conservation of historic buildings as has been demonstrated in the past through the refurbishment of Ashton Market Hall and Town Halls across the borough. Heritage is an important theme within the SCS. Through the development of heritage a key area will be improving access to ensure a sense of pride and place can be developed.
<b>10d. Will it protect and enhance places, landscapes and buildings of historic, cultural and archaeological value?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	See 10b and c.
<b>11. To protect and improve local environmental quality</b>							

<b>11a. Will it improve the environment of town centres and other urban areas?</b>	Improved Street Cleanliness (NI 195) Litter 6%, Graffiti 2%, Detritus 9%, Fly posting 0%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'maintain our streets to ensure they are clean and accessible' and 'Continue to raise awareness of the environment to develop a shared commitment to improving the attractiveness and environmental diversity of the borough'. These areas of focus are borough wide and include town centres.
<b>11b. Will more trees and woodland be planted?</b>	6% of borough covered in woodland and scrub.  Green Flags/Pennants (Local 7) Baseline rate = 12 in 2007  Target for 2008 = 13  Level at year end 2008/09 = 15	#	#	#	#	#	The plan does not include specific areas of focus to ensure more woodland and trees are planted. However the Attractive Tameside theme does include an area of focus to 'Increase the number and improve the standard of green spaces to meet national standards' which would have regard to this question. This issue of trees and woodland is covered in more depth within the Environment Strategy.
<b>11c. Will it reduce light and noise pollution?</b>	Data gap	#	#	#	#	#	The plan does not include specific areas of focus to reduce light and noise pollution. These issues are covered in more depth within the Environment Strategy.

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<b>12. To protect and enhance biodiversity</b>							
<b>12a. Will it protect and enhance existing designated wildlife / landscape areas?</b>	South Pennine and Peak District Moors identified as SAC / SPA, 3 SSSI, 2 Local Nature Reserves and 52 SBI's.	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Safeguard the diversity of natural habitats, land formations and ecosystems in Tameside'. Action around this will look to enhance biodiversity.
<b>12b. Will it contribute to the delivery of local and regional Biodiversity Action Plans?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Safeguard the diversity of natural habitats, land formations and ecosystems in Tameside'. Action around this will look to enhance biodiversity. This will help raise awareness of and contribute to the delivery of biodiversity action plans.
<b>12c. Will it protect and enhance endangered species, habitats and sites?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Safeguard the diversity of natural habitats, land formations and ecosystems in Tameside'. Action around this will look to enhance endangered species, habitats and sites.
<b>12d. Will it protect and enhance existing wildlife and provide opportunities for new habitat creation?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Safeguard the diversity of natural habitats, land formations and ecosystems in Tameside'. This does not specifically encourage new opportunities for habitat creation.
<b>13. To protect and improve the quality of controlled waters</b>							
<b>13a. Will it minimise the adverse effects on ground and surface water quality?</b>	73% of inland water identified as being fair quality (biological) with 69% being of good chemical quality	#	#	#	#	#	The SCS does not include specific areas of focus to minimise the adverse effects on ground and surface water quality. This area of work is covered in detail within the Environment Strategy Water Action Plan.
<b>13b. Will it make use of Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems?</b>	Data gap	#	#	#	#	#	The SCS does not include specific areas of focus to make use of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS). SUDS will be considered in future developments through the Local Development Framework and planning development framework process.
<b>14. To protect and improve air quality</b>							

14a. Will it comply with air quality process and regulation?	NI 194 Air quality % reduction emissions through local authority's estate and operations (Date unavailable)	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas focus to 'Improve air quality through targeted work where air quality is low'. This will be based on compliance with air quality process and regulation.
14b. Will it affect local air quality through traffic related emissions?	Six Air Quality Management Areas in Tameside	>	>	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas focus to 'Improve air quality through targeted work where air quality is low' and 'Increase the number of journeys made on foot by bicycle'. These actions will affect local air quality through use of sustainable modes of transport.
<b>15. To protect and improve land quality</b>							
15a. Will more derelict and brownfield land be restored?	262ha of brownfield land within Borough.	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Prosperous Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'create a sustainable long term development plan for the borough through the core strategy'. The core strategy will focus on the question of brownfield land and restoration as will the Housing Strategy and Local Development Framework.
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15b. Will it encourage the development of brownfield land in preference to greenfield?	Data Gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Prosperous Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'create a sustainable long term development plan for the borough through the core strategy'. The core strategy will focus on the question of brownfield land and restoration as will the Housing Strategy.

## C Prudent use of Natural Resources

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<b>16. To ensure the prudent use of natural resources and the sustainable management of existing resources.</b>							
<b>16a. Will it raise awareness of resource depletion?</b>	Data Gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Encourage reduction in unnecessary water consumption in homes, businesses and schools'. 'Raise awareness amongst local people of the need to reduce energy consumption and preserve natural resources' and 'Work across the partnership to reduce carbon emissions and improve the sustainable use of resources'. These actions will have a positive impact on resource depletion.
<b>16b. Will it encourage water conservation?</b>	Indicator SE16.1 Average household water consumption, United Utilities Supply area – 140 litres per person, per day. Annual Monitoring Report 2007/08	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Encourage reduction in unnecessary water consumption in homes, businesses and schools'.
<b>17. To address the need to limit and adapt to climate change</b>							
<b>17a. Will it reduce or minimise greenhouse gas emissions?</b>	Data Gap  Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area (NIS 186) Baseline rate = 6.1 tonnes in 2005  Level in 2006 = 5.9 tonnes  Target for 2008/09 = 2.19% reduction on baseline	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Raise awareness amongst local people of the need to reduce energy consumption and preserve natural resources', 'Work across the partnership to reduce carbon emissions and improve the sustainable use of resources', 'Increase the number of journeys made on foot, by bicycle or on public transport. These actions will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions.

<b>17b. Will it contribute to the ability to adapt to climate change?</b>	Data Gap  Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area (NIS 186) Baseline rate = 6.1 tonnes in 2005  Level in 2006 = 5.9 tonnes  Target for 2008/09 = 2.19% reduction on baseline	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Raise awareness amongst local people of the need to reduce energy consumption and preserve natural resources', 'Work across the partnership to reduce carbon emissions and improve the sustainable use of resources', 'Increase the number of journeys made on foot, by bicycle or on public transport. These actions will have a positive impact on minimising greenhouse gas emissions. A further key area of focus is to 'Build better sustainable environments to create a better quality of life'. This will help contribute Tameside's local ability to adapt to climate change as we consider the issues and opportunities surrounding this issue.
<b>17c. Will it minimise the potential for flooding?</b>	NW estimated that 5.5% of properties are at risk from flooding.	#	#	#	#	#	The SCS has no specific areas of focus to minimise the impact of flooding in the borough. This area of work is covered within the Water Action Plan of the Environment Strategy.
<b>18. To minimise the requirement for energy use, promote efficient energy use and increase the use of energy from renewable resources</b>							
<b>18a. Will it maximise the production and/or use of renewable energy?</b>	Renewable Energy Capacity installed by type – 2 solar, 1 wind in 2006/07 – Annual Monitoring Report 2007/08	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Build better sustainable environments to create a better quality of life'. Within this area of focus the production of renewable energy will be encouraged within facilities like schools but the strategy does not specifically target the use of renewable energy, this is covered in more depth within the Environment Strategy.
<b>18b. Will it increase energy efficiency?</b>	Data Gap	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'Raise awareness amongst local people of the need to reduce energy consumption and preserve natural resources', 'Work across the partnership to reduce carbon emissions and improve the sustainable use of resources'. These actions will have a positive impact on increasing energy efficiency in the borough.
<b>19 To reduce the need to travel</b>							
<b>19a. Will it encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport?</b>	15% of people in Tameside travel to work by public transport. Some 76% of people travel less than 10Km to work. <sup>5</sup>	>	#	>	>	>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus 'Increase the number of journeys made on foot by bicycle'. This action will encourage sustainable modes of transport.

<sup>5</sup> Census 2001

20. To ensure the sustainable management of waste, minimise its production and increase re-use, recycling and recovery rates							
20a. Will it improve domestic waste recycling?	28.78% of household waste is recycled or composted (NI 192).	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'reduce waste sent to landfill sites' and 'Maximise recycling'. These actions will have a direct impact on domestic waste recycling.

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20b. Will it reduce the amount of residual waste to landfill?	28.78% of household waste is recycled or composted (NI 192).	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim includes areas of focus to 'reduce waste sent to landfill sites' and 'Maximise recycling'. These actions will have a direct impact on the amount of residual waste sent to landfill. Residual waste is currently the focus of a joint AGMA Waste plan and will be an area of focus within future Environment Strategy projects and programmes of work.
20c. Will it reduce waste arising from construction and demolition?	Regional Average is 82.2%.	#	#	#	#	#	The SCS does not have a specific aim to reduce waste arising from construction and demolition. See comments 20b re Residual Waste.

## D. Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment

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<b>21. To establish a prosperous borough that offers attractive opportunities to individuals, businesses and communities</b>							
<b>21a. Will it enhance and develop the economic potential of town centres?</b>	Data gap  People resident in priority neighbourhoods filling jobs from inward investment (Local 15) Baseline rate = 23.7% in 2008  Target for 2008/09 = 25%  Level at year end 2008/09 = 23.7%	>>	#	>>	>>	>>	The Attractive Tameside aim has key areas of focus which will enhance and develop town centres in the borough including 'Drive forward developments across the borough in St Petersfield and Droylsden Canalside Quarter to strengthen the economy', 'Increase inward investment in key economic areas including Ashton Town Centre, Hyde Town Centre and the M60 corridor'. These areas of focus sit beneath the priority to 'Transform the economy and renew our towns'.
<b>21b. Will it provide, or contribute to, the availability of a balanced portfolio of employment sites?</b>	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The Prosperous Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Create a sustainable long term development plan for the borough through the core strategy'. The core strategy will provide more detail on the portfolio of employment sites.
<b>22. To develop and exploit the Borough's knowledge base</b>							

22a. Will it encourage investment in Research and Development in emerging technologies?	2.24% of occupations within Science and Technology professional category. <sup>6</sup>	>	#	>	>	>	The SCS aims to bring more jobs within the knowledge sector as part of increasing the number of better paid jobs within this borough. This is captured within the area of focus to drive forward developments especially in St Petersfield, where knowledge based businesses are encouraged. The Economic Masterplan for Tameside provides a greater level of focus on encouragement of investment of research and development technologies. The Manchester Independent Economic Review has informed the production of the Greater Manchester Strategy and was used in production of the SCS. This particular area of work has been covered in these AGMA wide documents and specifically within the Economic Masterplan locally.
<b>23. To exploit the growth potential of business sectors</b>							
23a. Will it increase the number of growth businesses?	Business start-ups (supported) – new (Local 14) Baseline rate = 95 in 2007/08  Level in 2008/08 = 143	>	#	>	>	>	The SCS aims to support and encourage new business through the Tameside Business Family through the area of focus to 'Encourage local enterprise and competitiveness within the Prosperous Tameside aim.
23b. Will it develop business clusters identified in the RES and other sub-regional/local strategies?	Data gap	>	#	>	>	>	The SCS does not have a specific focus on encouraging business clusters. The SCS does include areas of focus to encourage development of certain business areas to foster enterprise in St Petersfield. The Economic Masterplan aims to develop a knowledge valley and encourage knowledge based business to create higher paid jobs.
<b>24. To improve the competitiveness and productivity of businesses</b>							
24a. Will it improve the Borough's Business Property Stock?	Business Properties in Tameside 2008/09 – 6,887	>	#	>	>	>	The Prosperous Tameside Aim includes key areas of focus to 'Continue to invest in transport infrastructure programmes and build links with Greater Manchester to develop Tameside's economy' and 'Promote investment in key economic areas including Ashton Town Centre, Hyde Town Centre, Hyde Town Centre and the M60 corridor'. These areas of focus will greatly improve the conditions for increasing business property stock in Tameside by improving connectivity and infrastructure.
<b>25. To secure economic inclusion</b>							

<sup>6</sup> ONS 'Occupation Groups' (UV30).

<b>25a. Will it meet the employment needs of local people?</b>	<p>35% of jobs in SOC 2000 Major Group 1-3 (Managers, senior officials)</p> <p>Annual Population Survey data - Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least:</p> <p>Level 2 (GCSE) or higher (NIS 163) - 64.6%</p> <p>Level 3 (A Levels) or higher (NIS164) - 42.4%</p> <p>Level 4 (Degree) or higher (NIS 165) - 21.9%</p>	>	#	>	>	>	<p>The Prosperous Tameside aim includes a priority to increase skills and employment. Within this priority are areas of focus such as 'Ensure older people are supported to access jobs', 'Ensure people can easily access appropriate advice and guidance on employment and skills'. These areas of focus help to meet the employment needs of local people including those who are vulnerable or who require additional skills. The Learning Tameside aim also meets this development objective through the priority to improve the life chances of children, young people and adults. This priority includes areas of focus to 'Improve literacy and numeracy amongst our residents', 'Support people to access higher level skills training'. This complements further the Prosperous Tameside aim to ensure we meet the employment needs of local people.</p>
<b>25b. Will it reduce unemployment levels?</b>	<p>Working age people on out of work benefits (NIS 152)</p> <p>Baseline rate = 15.8% or 21,100 in 2007</p> <p>Level in 2008 = 15.7% or 21,035</p> <p>Target for 2009 = 15% or 20,032</p>	>	#	>	>	>	<p>The Prosperous Tameside aim includes priorities aimed at increasing employment through bringing more jobs into Tameside, up-skilling people to take advantage of future jobs and encouraging enterprise. Specific areas of focus also encourage vulnerable sections of the community into employment 'Ensure older people are supported to access jobs', 'Support people with disabilities into employment' and 'Remove barriers to employment in our most deprived areas and disadvantaged communities'. Reducing unemployment is recognised as a challenging area in the recession.</p>
<b>Sustainable Development Objectives and Criteria</b>	<b>Key baseline info and target (where available)</b>	<b>Geographic Scale</b>		<b>Timescale</b>		<b>Cumulative</b>	<b>Commentary, including prevention, reduction, offsetting of adverse effects</b>
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25c. Will it improve the physical accessibility of jobs through the location of sites and transport links close to areas of high unemployment?	Data gap	>>	>>	>>	>>	>>	Under the aim Prosperous Tameside a key area of focus includes 'Continue to invest in transport infrastructure programmes and build links with Greater Manchester to develop Tameside's economy'. Developing transport links is a priority for Tameside and this action encapsulates the development of a location of sites to improved transport links such as the new metrolink extension to Droylsden and Ashton.
<b>26. To develop and maintain a healthy labour market</b>							
26a. Will it provide better paid and higher quality jobs?	Gross Hourly Pay (Resident Based from ASHE survey 2008) - £9.79	>	#	>	>	>	The Prosperous Tameside aim includes a priority to increase skills and employment along with transform the economy and renew our towns. Within these priorities the strategy aims to provide higher paid jobs by attracting investment and 'knowledge' sector business into the borough. Areas of focus such as 'Drive forward developments across the borough including St Petersfield and Droylsden Canalside Quarter to strengthen the economy' will spearhead efforts to attract better paid jobs.
<b>27. To develop strategic transport, communication and economic infrastructure</b>							
27a. Will it reduce traffic congestion and improve safety for road users?	659 casualties in Tameside (2008 data used to calculate NIS 47)  NI167 Congestion (average journey time, minutes/seconds per mile during the morning peak on major routes in larger urban areas) Greater Manchester wide figure: 4 minutes 56 seconds 2008/09.	>	>	>	>	>	The Safe Tameside aim includes an area of focus to 'Work with schools to improve understanding and help promote safety messages', This will encompass road safety work. The Strategy acknowledges the successful work in recent years to lower road traffic accidents and although it is an area of good performance it remains an important part of our safety agenda. Congestion will be addressed in part through the extension of the metrolink system.
27b. Will it increase the level of investment in and use of rail and water freight transport?	Data gap	>>	>>	>>	>>	>>	Under the aim Prosperous Tameside a key area of focus includes 'Continue to invest in transport infrastructure programmes and build links with Greater Manchester to develop Tameside's economy'. Developing transport links is a priority for Tameside and this action encapsulates the development of sites to improved transport links such as the new metrolink extension to Droylsden and Ashton from other parts of Greater Manchester.

<p><b>27c. Will it improve transport links, ICT, homeworking and green travel plans?</b></p>	<p>Data gap</p>	<p>&gt;</p>	<p>#</p>	<p>&gt;</p>	<p>&gt;</p>	<p>&gt;</p>	<p>Under the aim Prosperous Tameside a key area of focus includes 'Continue to invest in transport infrastructure programmes and build links with Greater Manchester to develop Tameside's economy'. This work will improve transports links between the Borough and the key regional transport interchange hub in Manchester. ICT provision will be improved under the Learning Tameside aim and specifically the building schools for the future programme. This programme will deliver state of the art schools and facilities such as ICT.</p>
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