

## Our aims for Northamptonshire are:

To be successful through sustainable growth and regeneration, by making sure that:

- residents live in housing that is sustainable, affordable and of good quality;
- we have public services to deal with new growth; and
- we can improve and preserve buildings and the countryside for future generations.

To develop through having a growing economy with more skilled jobs, where:

- we encourage and support employers to create the right number, quality and distribution of jobs;
- workers have the right skills to respond to the employment needs of a dynamic economy; and
- residents have the opportunity to learn throughout their lives.

To have safe and strong communities, where:

- residents have a shared identity and are involved in developing their communities;
- levels of crime and disorder are lower in all our neighbourhoods; and
- public services meet the needs of residents.

To have healthy people who enjoy a good quality of life. To do this we will:

- support vulnerable people to help them lead fulfilling lives
- help young people to have the best possible preparation to become adults; and
- help residents to make choices that improve their health and wellbeing.

If you would like more information on Northamptonshire's Local Area Agreement please visit the Northamptonshire Partnership website:

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# Northamptonshire The best place in England to **grow**

## A quick guide to:

### Northamptonshire's Local Area Agreement 2008 – 2011



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## What is the Northamptonshire Partnership?

The Northamptonshire Partnership is made up of different organisations and agencies that provide services to the public of Northamptonshire. These include, the County Council, Borough and District Councils, Health, Police, Probation, Fire and Rescue, Education, Voluntary organisations and many more. The Partnership aims to make sure these organisations are working together to make the best use of money to deliver the best possible services for the people of Northamptonshire.

## What is a Local Area Agreement?

A Local Area Agreement, usually referred to as LAA, is a way of working between central Government and all the bodies (like the County Council, District and Borough Councils, the Police and Primary Care Trusts) who provide services in an area, such as Northamptonshire. The Agreement is intended to improve partnership working and help deliver national priorities at a local level. For example better schools, lower crime rates and more affordable housing in Northamptonshire.

This way of working means that the Government and the key partners in the area decide together how to improve things for the people and communities of Northamptonshire and how money will be allocated to achieve this.

Our second Local Area Agreement (2008 – 2011) was agreed in June 2008 and includes 35 National Indicators, 16 statutory education indicators and 18 Local Indicators that will enable us to deliver well developed and evidenced priority outcomes for our local areas and communities.

In addition we have developed a number of key 'well-being' indicators to enhance our Local Area Agreement to reflect the growth agenda as we are one of the fastest growing areas in the country.



## Northamptonshire – 'The best place in England to grow' Our vision for the county

We want Northamptonshire to be recognised by everybody as a successful county where people and communities want to do well, where they take up new ideas and trends, but also celebrate history, heritage and local identity. It will be a county where people will want to invest, work and enjoy life.

- By 2020 through managing growth carefully, Northamptonshire will have become the leading economy of the East Midlands and a model of sustainable development.
- By building on the skills and ambition of our varied and growing population, and by making the most of our location, by 2030 we aim to become one of the top five counties in England in terms of health and environmental quality.

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