

# Leicestershire & Rutland Improvement Partnership



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## The story so far...

Following the results of the Comprehensive Performance Assessments in May 2004 for the Leicestershire Districts similar themes concerning needs and difficulties with Performance Management, Management Development and Member Development were seen.

Three of the Councils came together to tackle the problems and develop a vision of working together across all the Districts. In the autumn of that year all the Districts agreed a collective approach to improvement planning for these three strands of activity and to pooling expertise and capacity to move this forward.

The Councils partnered by Rutland, made a joint bid to the ODPM Capacity Building Fund to support this work and The Leicestershire and Rutland Improvement Partnership was formed.

The Phase One bid of £150,000 was awarded to complete the development phase. Leicester City is actively supporting the Partnership and the County Council is involved.

A launch with members of their strand was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005. A Member Steering Group has continued work to meet the needs of members across all councils. The other strands have worked through Phase One to set the scene for delivery of products and improvements. Details of these will be

included in 'Issue 2'.

To ensure there was awareness of the work and opportunities, a Communications Strand was added in October 2005. A bid for £700,000 was submitted in January 2006 to take the Partnership through to implementation and to add a fifth Learning strand to ensure the progress is quickly embedded.

### The LRIP Authorities:

**Blaby District Council**  
**Charnwood Borough Council**  
**Harborough District Council**  
**Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council**  
**Leicester City Council**  
**Melton Borough Council**  
**North West Leicestershire District Council**  
**Oadby and Wigston Borough Council**  
**Rutland County Council**  
**Leicestershire County Council**  
**(as supporter)**



# Who's Who

- Steve Atkinson Chief Executive H&BBC (accountable body) - Chair
- Sandra Whiles Chief Executive Blaby District Council— Lead Management Development
- Christine Fisher Chief Executive NW Leicester District Council—Lead Performance Management
- Bill Cullen Deputy Chief Executive H&BBC—Lead Member Development
- Lynn Aisbett Chief Executive Melton Borough Council—Lead Communications
- Sue Smith Chief Executive Harborough Borough Council—Lead Learning
- Keith Murdoch Assistant Chief Executive Leicester City Council

## The next steps

A £700,000 bid has already been submitted to the Capacity Building Fund to secure the funding necessary to enable the delivery of these projects over the next year or so.

Steve Atkinson, Chief Executive at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Chair of LRIP Board said:

'We want to improve services to communities in Leicestershire and Rutland in terms of quality, quantity and choice.'

The overall aim of the LRIP is to improve their performance on cross-cutting issues and individual participants will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to develop innovative and creative approaches to improving services.

This is the first edition of our newsletter designed to keep you up to date with the work of the Partnership and its achievements. Look out for Issue 2 in April 2006 and updates quarterly thereafter.

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