

## Business Forum. Continued

### Linked Strategies

Marketing - Life at the heart of the City - well received.  
Skills - further development through Local Learning Plans.  
Environment - contribution of local community planning.  
Traffic / Transport - contribution through community planning and transport forum.  
CCTV / Lighting etc - projects being implemented through activities of dedicated working group.

### Retail Renaissance

Significant reduction in vacant units.  
High levels of grant take up and support.  
Significant investments in Alfretton Road and Radford Road.  
Major uncertainty still exists as a consequence of the LRT.  
Project still too property focused and requires emphasis towards business development.  
Other retail areas pressing for attention e.g. Berridge Road, Hartley Road.

### High Growth Businesses

Limited progress.  
Significant needs in food sector.

### Research

WM Enterprise and Chesterton Studies  
Further research planned for 2001.  
Significant data collected through micro business contact.

### Business Clusters

Limited development outside of New Deal Area.  
Management development events organised.  
Some activity during 1999 in New Basford area.

## Research

### Current Research

Grant Thornton Report based on 30,000 businesses found the following the main issues for business:

Access to finance.  
Red Tape - legislation, employment law,

Health and Safety.  
Tax Burden.  
Retaining and motivating staff.  
Economic Climate.  
E Business issues.

### Bank of England - Finance for Small Businesses in Deprived Communities

Highlights risks associated with lending to businesses in deprived communities because of:

- \*Lack of business experience.
- \*Lack of collateral and personal equity.
- \*Concentration of businesses in sectors subject to high failure rates.
- \*Dependence on local, small and remote markets.
- \*High crime rates.

### The Federation of Small Businesses indicated:

Dissatisfaction with Business Support.  
Dissatisfaction with bank charges and loan finance.  
Dissatisfaction with Venture Capital Finance.  
Lack of suitable labour and the skills of the labour force.  
Transport, Parking and Fuel Costs.  
Legislation (red tape).  
Management skills and the capability of owners.

## Developing the Future Strategy

### The strategy will be based around the following key areas:

Continuing to deliver against the existing strategy.

Priority to new areas.

\*ICT (business portal).

\*Management Development.

\*Strategy for business start up.

\*Engaging new partners - EMDA, SBS, LSC, IBA/Business Forum, New Deal for Communities.

\*Developing the skills base - (40,000 jobs in conurbation in next 10 years).

\*Business concerns regarding crime and vandalism.



Sat 24th February, 2001  
12 noon  
At the Ukrainian Centre,  
Bentinck Rd, Radford.

An event celebrating and recording the achievements of individuals and organisations that have benefited from Learning Legacy's involvement in the NG7 area will take place at the Ukrainian Centre on Saturday 24th February. The celebration will be an opportunity not just to recognise those organisations and individuals but reward their successes.

The event will include: \*A celebrity appearance \*Free international food \*An Awards Ceremony \*Information stalls for groups \*Entertainment \*Free Creche \*Prize raffle. For further information please contact Scotty Clark on 915 5240

## CORE SKILL EVENTS

### PUBLICITY & PROMOTION

Facilitators: NCVS Radio Team. Target Group: PC members, organisations. January 10th 2001. 10am - 1pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

### DIVERSITY TRAINING

Facilitator: BUILD. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. Thursday February 22nd 2001, 9.30am - 2.30pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Facilitator: RELATE. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. (4 sessions, attend all or individual) February 6th, February 13th, March 6th and March 13th 2001. All Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.  
For more info contact the Partnership Council and ask for details on the event you are interested in.

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### URBAN Project: Key fund

## Key fund

Final approval for the Key Fund has been granted and a launch took place on the 14th December at the Vine Centre. The event was very well attended, Councillor Phil Spear officially launched the Key Fund, and those involved in the development of the fund shared their vision and hopes for the future. Key Fund members of staff were there to introduce themselves and their roles, and to take questions from the floor.

Applications are now invited. The Key Fund welcomes the opportunity to support voluntary & community groups, and social companies within the URBAN area. The fund will be used to create jobs, to develop the capacity of local people and to develop community and voluntary participation.

The first closing date for Key Fund applications is the 12th January. The first grants panel will meet on the 8th February and the first grants approved will be notified on the 16th February. Those groups applying for £1,000 or less will receive a response by the end of January. Subsequent deadlines will then be at the beginning of each month until October 2001.

In order to support groups with their applications an outreach event is to take place on the 22nd January at the Vine Centre. The Key Fund's outreach worker will be there to advise and answer questions, and to assist with the completion of application forms. Potential applicants will be booked into individual time slots between 9.00am and noon. If you are interested in attending, would like to receive an application pack, or would like some more information about the Key Fund please contact Amanda Harris on 9156245.

## Inside

\*Community Safety grants.

\*Radford - the movie.

\*Big Science - Interest.

\*Business forum update.

# Celebrating Achievement

Thursday Feb 1st  
Council House

After considerable internal discussion the Partnership Council has decided to postpone the Celebrating Achievement Event due to take place on the 1st of February 2001. The event will now take place on the Wednesday 11th of April.

The purpose of this event is to:

Create an opportunity for those who have been involved in setting the Action Plan for the Urban Programme, or developing and delivering projects and services to celebrate their achievement.

The event also creates the opportunity for us to share what we have learnt with other communities across the UK and with those cities who have secured URBAN 2 funding.

It also creates an opportunity to step back and celebrate and feel a sense of pride for what we have achieved together. URBAN has been groundbreaking in many ways. In terms of levels of participation, innovative project and process design and the percentage of funding allocated through locally controlled grant panels. Nottingham's URBAN has achieved great things. This is not hype its fact.

However, to achieve the objectives of the event we need to ensure that...

All those who are responsible for this success - participants, project managers, service providers, grant panel and working group members -

have been enabled to ensure that the day reflects and celebrates their achievement.

We invested the time required to ensure that the event was not a 'publicity stunt' but a celebration and validation of the fact that local communities, acting together, *can achieve real change.*

Given that the programme did not choose to invest in buildings but people we need to invest more time to demonstrate the impact of this investment.

Given all the other pressures and responsibilities currently being undertaken by the Partnership Council we could press ahead and do a poor job of organising an event on the 1st of February or, instead we decided to come clean, and give ourselves more time to ensure that the event is one which befits the energy, effort, commitment and achievement of all of you.

So mark 11th April on your calendar.

**"A wise person will make more opportunities than they find".**

Francis Bacon 1561 - 1626

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Invitation for Expression of Interest: Deadline February 5th 2001

# Big Science

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## Invitation for expressions of interest.

Working Group 2 are looking for expressions of interest to develop or partner in a 'Big Science' project.

The aim of the 'Big Science' project will be to develop a scientific initiative with local children (from one, or possibly a number of schools) in the Partnership Council area (Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford & Forest Fields) which;

\*Celebrates and promotes the intellectual capacity of local children and involves children during all stages of the project.

\*Will be based in any field or area of science.

\*Results in a high profile finale which will attract a wide audience and preferably be of a monumental scale.

**Organisations or individuals are invited to formally tender an expression of interest which must include:**

\*A strong project proposal outline - with as much detail as possible of your proposed Big Science concept/s or how the concept might be developed.

\*The process through which you would engage children and how you would envisage their involvement during different stages of the project.

\*The potential finale to the project.

\*Previous and relevant experience of delivering scientific and or childrens' projects.

\*What expected resources or additional funding might be brought.

Status of organisation/s involved and relevant contact details.

Expressions of interest should be marked 'Big Science' and sent by 5.00pm on Monday February 5th to The Partnership Council, 47 Gregory Blvd, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5JA. Any questions please contact Joe Robinson on 970 8200.

## Scientists or Supporters ?

Working Group 2 would also be happy to receive personal expressions of interest from any professionals or scientists who may be interested in bringing their knowledge and skills to the 'Big Science' project. Similarly if there are any businesses or professionals who would like to support or contribute skills or resources to this project, please write to the address above.

## Working Group 2 Celebration, promotion, image and pride

It's no joke, hang  
on... yes it is!

### A new comedy project for NG7

Partnership Council's Working Group 2 have funded the Nottingham Playhouse to create an exciting new comedy project, giving interested people from the area a chance to become comedy performers.

They are currently on the lookout for groups and individuals of any age and who are based in the areas of Radford, New Basford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields; who would like to take part - no experience is necessary.

Your skills and ideas will be developed in a series of workshops in February with experienced comedy performers Lorraine Molins and Joanna Holden. In March there will be a series of

performances showcasing the results of these workshops, in a double-bill with Lorraine Molins's own comedy revue SHUT UP, I'M YOUR MOTHER which takes a humorous look at family relationships.

Performances will take place both in the NG7 area and in a special event at Nottingham Playhouse on Saturday 10th March, ahead of the award-winning Tamasha Theatre Company's show FOURTEEN SONGS, TWO WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL.

If you think you're funny, want to make people laugh or would just like to be involved in this exciting new project, contact Christine Hayward at Nottingham Playhouse. Write, phone or email with your name, address and phone number to:

Christine Hayward, Nottingham Playhouse, Wellington Circus, Nottingham, NG1 5AF, Phone: 947 4361 or email: christineh@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

## Working Group 2 Celebration, promotion, image and pride

### Romance !?

#### Falling in Love in NG7

Working Group 2 is delivering a very limited grant scheme for small creative projects. With this limited money the group is trying to support some new ideas. Amongst others it has recently funded local writer and performer - Andy Barrett - for a project called 'Falling in Love in NG7'.

For this Andy is currently collecting stories about how people met their husbands, wives, lovers and partners in the NG7 area. The result will be a series of broadcasts for BBC Radio Nottingham and a solo show which will tour, free of charge, to Community Centres across the area.

If you would like to take part then please contact Andy on 942 1928.

# Radford the movie

A film  
made by  
local people



# "Inspirational"

Deana Goode - Resident.

You are invited  
to the premiere of 'Radford - the movie' at:

5.00pm Friday 2nd February 2001, Broadway Cinema, Broad Street, Nottm.

'Radford - the movie' - A positive and realistic view of life of this proud community at the heart of Nottingham, was commissioned by the Radford Neighbourhood Forum (part of the Partnership Council) and made by local people with the help of a professional film-maker.



URBAN Youth  
Grant Fund



Also showing locally - call Martin Curtis at the Partnership Council box office for details . 970 8200



# A visit to Uhuru

By Arvinda

I am a volunteer with the Partnership Council. I work for approximately four hours a week. To further my work, I recently accompanied a colleague on two visits to a group called 'Uhuru' who meet locally. I found the visits extremely valuable. The following is some of what I discovered during them.

Uhuru is a group for black (African-Caribbean) men. It congregates once a week at Hyson Green Community Centre. Its users originate citywide. There are about 15 men 'on the books' seven or eight of whom attend on a regular basis. The benefits Uhuru provides are many. They include opportunities to socialise, with the enhanced quality of life that can bring; talk over problems with others, and the cathartic effect that can have; help avoid isolation (insularity is never a good thing); keep active; learn new skills; make and maintain friendships; do something creative; relax; and not least of all, have fun. Uhuru also provides recreational activities for its members, such as visiting the cinema, going bowling, visiting the pub, and attending the Boys' Club. It also organises day-trips, a trip to Blackpool was a recent example. Uhuru members select these activities, democratically.

Uhuru is not a group for black men with psychiatric problems: it is for all black men, regardless of their mental health. However many with mental health difficulties attend. The benefits and opportunities available to mentally ill men of coming to such a group are numerous. Those listed above for non-sufferers are all also positive steps towards improving poor mental health. Those men who attend Uhuru who have mental health problems feel comfortable and secure there. There are other groups in the City for these sufferers. However these are for the exclusive use of those with psychiatric disorders. The users who attend Uhuru feel that by going to Uhuru they avoid the stigma connected with attending a centre used solely by those with psychiatric problems: they do not wish to be labelled as mentally ill, with all the negative associations and prejudices that can come with that. The other support groups are mainstream. Some black men are mistrustful of these as they feel that mainstream mental health provision fails to understand their lifestyles. Some also fear that they may be treated differently because they are black. These are not a problem at Uhuru since mainly black workers run it.

Feeling part of a community is therapeutic for anyone with poor mental health, since the mentally ill often feel isolated and insecure. Another advantage of attending Uhuru is that being together with other blacks, togetherness with one's own people, as some see it, can provide valuable understanding and support for



## Partnership Council Forum Reps

**Business Sector Forum**  
PC Richard Hawthorne  
PC Andy Hill  
PC Peter Lowery  
PC Issan Ghazni (sub)  
NDC Juliette Abrams  
NDC Neville Hunter. NDC Robert Graham. NDC Keibert Henriques

**New Basford / Forest Fields Resident Forum**  
PC Ravi Subramaniam  
PC Vacancy  
PC Vacancy

**Going Forwards Committee**  
PC John Taylor  
PC Marcia Watson  
PC Iftikhar Ahmed  
PC Gary Long (sub)

**Hyson Green Resident Forum**  
PC Mike Rowe  
PC Vacancy  
PC Vacancy

**Radford Resident Forum**  
PC David Roberts  
PC Phil Mattias  
PC Wendy Brewer  
NDC David Jones

**Public Sctor Forum**  
PC Yvette Armstrong  
PC Mick Stringer  
PC Vacancy  
NDC Vacancy  
NDC Roger Williams

**Voluntary Sector Forum**  
PC Julian Adams  
PC Sophie Whitely  
PC Michael Henry  
NDC Delroy King  
NDC Shabaaz Moghal

All Reps on Partnership Council or New Deal for Communities Interim Partnership sit in order to represent their Forum not themselves or their own individual organisation.

black sufferers. Indeed, Uhuru is the Swahili word for unity. Uhuru is run by Nottingham Healthcare NHS Trust and Nottingham Social Services. Its staff include a Community Psychiatric Nurse, Social Workers, and trained Community Workers.

If anyone wants to get in touch with Uhuru, please contact Eric Adjaidoo, the Uhuru co-ordinator. He is based at 19 Regent Street, Nottingham, NG1 5BS; telephone 941 8370

## Community Planning - a date for your diary.

28th February, 2001 at 5.30 pm

The event will be at the Forest School, Gregory Boulevard to give everyone an update on the Community Planning project.

The aim will be to:-

\*Summarise all of the very imaginative ideas that have come forward.

\*Explain how the ideas will be taken forward into action - the Council and other agencies will give their response and also explain what's in the pipeline for the area.

\*Show how you can continue to get involved and contribute.

More details will be available in the next One Sheet or from Shirley-Anne, Paul or Jim at the Partnership Council 9708200.

We hope that you will be able to come to see how the project is taking shape and to get involved.

## Induction

Quarterly Induction sessions for new and interested Partnership Council reps have been set. Each session is between 7.00 - 9.00pm and covers everything you need to know about the Partnership Council and being a rep. The venue is the meeting room in the Partnership Office. Those interested should contact the office on 970 8200. Dates: Jan 16th & April 11th 2001.

## Complaints procedure

The Partnership Council has a complaints procedure which is available to anyone to use if they have a complaint to make about the Partnership Council. For information or a copy of the complaints leaflet please contact the Partnership Council office on 970 8200.

For the New Year

# Give up smoking & lose weight free !!

An almost guaranteed method.

We are pretty sure that if you roll up this Onesheet and smoke it, or just eat the Onesheet instead of regular food - that you will stop smoking and / or lose weight pretty quickly.

# Resident Involvement

## REVIEW OF RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Partnership Council is currently reviewing how we involve residents. We have undertaken a brief review with a sample of residents to get their views and we have discussed resident involvement with the Partnership board.

The main points were that people have varying expectations of the Forums - including times they should meet, what the content of meetings should be and whether they should discuss issues or co-ordinate participation.

The staff team have also reviewed current work and feel that the Forums currently do not engage enough people for the time we spend on them.

We are now consulting on a new proposal for resident involvement. Our aim is to provide opportunities for local residents to work with others to influence local services, strategies and initiatives.

Our vision is to:

\*Have an engaged community - everyone who wants to be involved in changing the community has the opportunity to do so.

\*Create a range of opportunities and a number of ways of being involved in them.

\*Create a structure and processes that recognise people's skills,

culture, interests and the way they live their lives.

\*Create a structure that enables the development of participants

To do this we are proposing to have four levels of resident involvement:

A: General membership - receive information and participate occasionally.

B: Involvement in issue based steering and working groups and attending joint area wide resident meetings - will develop local strategies and be involved in local consultations.

C: Involvement in an area wide resident planning group - will plan opportunities for resident participation and have a good understanding of local and strategic issues.

D: Attend Partnership Council Board - will co-ordinate opportunities for participation with other sectors and run the Partnership Council.

We would welcome all comments on these proposals. They will be discussed at the next round of Forum meetings and there is a meeting on 11th January at 4.00pm at the Partnership Council office at which all are welcome to attend. If you would like to comment in writing please do so or contact Paul on 970 8200.

## Advertisement

## Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum

## Tender for Training

This is an advert. For full details of the tender please contact Martin Curtis at the Partnership Council office on 9708200.

The Partnership Council's Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum is seeking to tender for a one-day "staff supervision and appraisal course" for its members to take place before the end of March 2001.

We will be looking for tenderers to:

Define their understanding of support, supervision and appraisal of staff for voluntary and community groups.

Give a full brief of their proposed training session and explain how they would cover the subjects necessary to assist those attending the training.

The deadline for tenders is 5pm on Friday 26th January 2001 and should be delivered to the Partnership Council office, 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5JA.

## Advertisement

## Door to Door Leaflet Distributors Needed

From time to time the Partnership Council needs to employ people to distribute leaflets and other publicity to houses in the area.

We are looking to create a pool of people who can be contacted as and when work arises.

If you are interested in carrying out leafleting work please contact Shirley Anne on 970 8200 for more details.

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Radford, Hyson Green,  
New Basford & Forest Fields

# life-at-the-heart.co.uk

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## Help Improve Services for Older People

At the last meeting it was agreed that a multi-sector steering group looking at the needs of older people should continue to meet. This group would take forward the issues raised by older people at the two consultation events held last year and work towards improving services for older people in the local area.

It was also proposed that the steering group could organise a quarterly elderly forum where older people can feed in issues, receive information and find out progress on actions taken by the steering group.

Currently members of the steering group are investigating possible sources of funding and support to enable both the steering group and the forum to continue on an ongoing basis, as well as support a number of quick action projects.

The next Steering Group meeting is on Friday January 26th at the Partnership Council. If you are interested in being a member of the steering group or would like to get involved in the elderly forum please contact Shirley Anne on 9708200. We would welcome people from organisations as well as carers, older people and other interested parties.

## Update:

### New Leisure Centre Proposal.

Since the summer and the completion of consultation work on the project, the City Council has been working on the initial conceptual design drawings for the Leisure Centre, and assessing the cost implications of the project. The present drawings incorporate leisure water (fun pool), deck level swimming pool, large fitness suite, health suite, sports hall and meeting rooms. The Project Team are currently furthering the development of these designs, and have plans to compile a detailed business plan, and investigate potential sources of funding. In addition preliminary work on assessing the design features needed to meet environmental considerations has also taken place.

At this stage the development of the project is still at a very early stage and the conceptual drawings are likely to change regularly. Once the project has reached a stage where a clear idea of what is achievable with the design and the budget for the project, then further development work on the project with local communities will take place.

If in the meantime you require further information please feel free to contact the Strategy and Development Team based in Leisure Nottingham on 915 2705.

## Funding for Community Safety Initiatives

Applications are being invited from agencies, resident and community groups, within the URBAN area, to bid for funding from the Community Safety Grants Scheme. Community Safety is defined as an over arching approach towards creating a safer community for all local people and it seeks to address not only the crime and disorder issues but also the underlying issues that may lead to crime and disorder.

The Partnership Councils Working Group 5, (Safety and Security), are seeking to support new, innovative projects that address reductions in crime and disorder and reduce the fear of crime in the area. A total of £60,000 is available with funding for individual projects of up to £5000.

There are 6 priorities for project funding that been identified for those wishing to develop and implement projects:

- \*Residential Burglary
- \*Assaults and Violence
- \*Motor Vehicle Crime
- \*Prostitution
- \*Racial Harassment
- \*Crime Drug and Alcohol Related Crime and Disorder

It is hoped that this funding will encourage local agencies and groups to develop and implement new, innovative projects that meet the needs of local people having

## Women's Information and Celebration Day, Sat March 10th

Invitation to women, groups and organisations to take part in this event

A group of women are continuing to meet to organise an event which aims to open up opportunities for women to make decisions about their lives and the community, find out the barriers which currently prevent women from getting involved in making decisions about their lives as well as celebrate local achievements.

For the day to be a success we need commitment from various individuals and organisations to contribute ideas, time, talents and resources for the day.

For example we need information stalls & exhibitions on organisations & groups; employment, learning & social opportunities etc.

Maybe you would be interested in helping us with the fun activities such as music, art, crafts, beauty, fashion etc.

You might have other ideas of activities that could be run which fit into the aims of the day.

If you or your group/organisation is interested in taking part or volunteering in the day please contact Shirley Anne at the Partnership Council on 9708200 for more details.

been developed by and with local people.

For those wishing to apply, grants up to £2000 do not require any form of additional funding, however, for over £2000, up to £5000, a level of additional / match funding must be identified.

For further information on the Community Safety Grants Scheme and to request an application form or to discuss if your project may meet the criteria please contact:

Dave Jayne, Community Safety Co-ordinator, 25 Vivian Avenue, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham NG5 1AF. Telephone 962 0035

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## Business Forum.

A report

## Trying to create an Economically Strong Community

### Future Business Strategy

#### Introduction

The Partnership Council Business Forum contributed its views to the URBAN Action Plan, written by local people who lived and worked in the Partnership Council Area. The Action Plan informed the spend of approximately £5 million up to the end of December 2001. A key element of the Action Plan was a business related agenda for change and the ideas culminated in a Business Strategy, developed by the Business Community and implemented over the last 2/3 years.

The purpose of this document is to review the strategy, identify the achievements, identify areas where there has been limited progress, identify new areas where the business community believes additional developments are required and to progress a new strategy to continue to the development of an 'economically strong community.'

This document will aim to develop one key theme within the framework being developed for a locally based Community Plan.

It will aim to engage the business community and other sectors in contributing to a strategy for the growth of the local economy to enhance and further develop the progress already achieved through the URBAN Programme.

### The Business Strategy / URBAN Action Plan

The URBAN Business Strategy contained a number of key areas for action:

- \*Business Support.
- \*Business Finance.
- \*Retail Renaissance.
- \*Business Property.
- \*Start Up Strategy.
- \*Marketing the Area.

# Business Forum

Radford, Hyson Green  
Forest Fields, New Basford

- \*Business Research.
- \*Cluster Development and Networking.
- \*Management Development.
- \*Skills needs.
- \*Social Economy Enterprise development.

The Strategy, developed in early 1999 identified the following issues:

- \*The availability of commercial property for expansion.
- \*Confusion and lack of take up of Business Support.
- \*Limited creation of new business start ups.
- \*Issues around the recruitment of local people to local jobs.
- \*Underdeveloped business skills.
- \*A declining retail sector.
- \*Issues associated with of crime, poor environmental perceptions.

The strategy contained 3 strategic objectives, which are worthy of re-emphasis:

- 1: To encourage further investment into the area.
- 2: To stimulate growth of the local economy and to minimize leakages from the economy.
- 3: To develop the skills and knowledge of local people to take advantage of the economic opportunities created in the area.

### Business Strategy - 1999 Priorities

The specific priorities identified in early 1999 were as follows:

- \*To develop networking amongst businesses.
- \*To develop a mini strategy for commercial property development and availability.
- \*To create business support for micro businesses.
- \*To enhance start up business provision.
- \*To develop the social economy.
- \*To review and enhance business finance.
- \*To support the retail sector through retail renaissance.
- \*To develop and enhance the research base.
- \*To develop other mini strategies around skills, transport, marketing etc.

## Review of Progress

The following achievements have been made:

### Networking

Further development of Business Forum. Establishment of Independent Business Forum.

Support for inter-trading through micro business support project. Database development. Regular communication through Business One Sheet. Management Development Events e.g. New Basford, Business Bridge, Capital One events etc. Business Forum Events / Property Launch etc.

### Mini Property Strategy

Launch October 2000. Financial Commitment of Partners - EMDA, NRL, City Council. £3 million potential commitment from EMDA in the Area. Potential SRB6 support - informed the SRB6 process. 4 feasibility studies underway. Conflict of competition from Residential Build. Profile of area lifted. Current units in development - Provident Works, Strella Building.

Action still required for start up provision.

### Micro Business Support

Pilot project established Autumn 1999 400 + business contacted. Review undertaken and positive responses from business community. Networking and inter trading encouraged. Key issues identified for business community. Provided improved signposting for Micro / SME's.

### Start Up Provision

Limited progress. Start Up Grant re-established through SRB2 support. Further activity required.

### Social Economy Development

6 community enterprises supported through URBAN Funding. Development worker recruited. Sector Growth stimulated and network established. Further support through Key Fund.

### Business Finance

Grant 2000 established and positively received. Issues around availability due to incomplete records. Limited progress on rationalization of business financial support.

Continued over