

# DRAFT Social Regeneration Framework

*“Social regeneration is about ensuring that the places where people live, now and in the future, create new opportunities, promote wellbeing and reduce inequalities so that people have better lives, in stronger communities, and achieve their potential” (working definition)*

## Some key lessons on social regeneration from previous efforts

### It's about life opportunities, well-being and equality

- Good social regeneration aligns the built environment (i.e. where people live, shop, work and socialise) with the 'social' aspects such as health improvement, education and skills, community spaces, arts and culture & family and child wellbeing.
- Empowering and engaging individuals and communities to be equal and active partners in creating and protecting places and spaces are essential for improvement and enduring change
- Community based activities take place alongside physical and economic regeneration.
- Work with those who face particular disadvantages, are vulnerable or at risk to ensure that they are able to access the full range of opportunities offered.

### It's about whole community action

- Residents, partners, stakeholders and everyone with a stake in improving the well-being of the borough should be engaged from the earliest possible point.
- Communities provide valuable insights to inform local developments. They should be provided with opportunities to identify local needs, voice their aspirations and concerns and help develop solutions.
- Trust and good communication are essential throughout the regeneration process
- No community is left behind, recognising that support will be needed in areas that may not benefit from physical regeneration schemes or activity

### It's about future generations and their future too

- Developing and strengthening access to local resources for communities help create sustainability so that today and future generations can benefit from living in quality places.
- Resources means places where there are different things on offer for people to do, with community groups and social networks to get involved in, as well as infrastructure, such as leisure centres, good transport links and so on.
- To be sustainable and future proof, area based regeneration programmes need to draw on resources from outside the area as well as to extend the benefits of regeneration beyond the geographically defined area.
- The 'social' aspects of regeneration are important to sustainability and how we invest in good, inclusive growth (e.g. a borough that's inclusive with shops and local services that continue to support existing as well as new residents).

## In creating regeneration that works for everyone, Southwark has 3 primary objectives

<p>I. A borough wide approach to improving the wellbeing of current and future generations.</p>	<p>II. A one Council approach to ensure all our assets are used and aligned effectively to bring about improved well-being for people and places across Southwark.</p>	<p>III. Wellbeing as a primary outcome of all our work.</p>
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Against these objectives, key features of social regeneration in Southwark will include...

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<p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive engagement of a broad range of communities across the borough and not just in defined regeneration areas</li> <li>• Enhanced engagement through proactive community empowerment and development</li> <li>• Working with communities who may be vulnerable or at risk to ensure greater participation, engagement &amp; ownership</li> <li>• Collaborative working across all we do so that all partners and VCS are engaged and not just stakeholders in defined regeneration areas. This will help ensure that the lessons and benefits of regeneration extend across the borough and can benefit all</li> <li>• Improved baseline and outcomes monitoring, using a comprehensive range of measures of success, to guide improvement and shared learning</li> </ul>	<p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making social regeneration a high priority and ensure link up across all the other policies in the Southwark Plan through the social regeneration strategic policy in the new Southwark Plan</li> <li>• Ensuring that all key Council strategies are explicit on how they address and support social regeneration.</li> <li>• Ensuring appropriate governance is in place to support, celebrate, and hold accountable cross-Council working in support of social regeneration</li> <li>• Building on existing work and focus existing Council assets and partners around social regeneration, including access to well developed mechanisms for community engagement, community spaces to host local activities, and a range of supportive services for education, employment and health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring regeneration provides more opportunities for people to improve their well-being: to connect, be active, keep learning, have quality jobs and homes, be engaged and give back to their communities</li> <li>• Cherishing the things that make Southwark great; Create and protect spaces and places that bring communities together, promote social cohesion, increase participation in local voluntary, community and social networks, and build resilience.</li> <li>• Listening and working with our communities to better understand their needs and aspirations and to jointly develop places and solutions that encourage healthy living and support people to have a good quality of life</li> <li>• Developing new approaches to make this explicit such as specific planning guidance setting out our intentions on health and wellbeing for major regeneration areas</li> </ul>

**Outcomes**

- Social regeneration indicators are being developed, that build on existing Council Plan measures and align with strategic plans, frameworks and monitoring programmes. These will include measures that track the things that matter to people’s everyday lives in Southwark such as having the best start in life; being in good work and financially independent; enjoying safe and healthy places that are affordable to people on a range of incomes; living long, happy, active and healthy lives; having quality support networks through friends, family and in the community
- The indicators will allow us to measure our progress and success. They will also help in framing community dialogues and enable the Council, communities and partners to track and evidence change more systematically.
- Local communities will inform how we define, measure and evaluate what good outcomes look like e.g. full employment, health inequalities narrowed, better skilled labour market, safe and clean places to live.
- The indicator set will integrate both physical and social indicators of regeneration to ensure that our social regeneration approach is across all that we do, borough wide and benefits everyone.