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Developing thriving sustainable communities:		
Ensuring easy and equitable access to services and opportunities, including jobs and learning, regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, background or location	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Equality and Diversity Partnership is working with the Department of Communities and Local Government to assist in the development of a regional presence of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights in 2007.</p> <p>The Commission's role will be to support both employers and employees (and individuals) to ensure access for all to such services and opportunities.</p>
Enabling communities to participate in the decisions that affect their neighbourhoods and quality of life	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The Partnership has held several consultation events with stakeholders from across the region to get their input into matters such as the Commission's regional presence, as mentioned above, and also the interpretation on aspects of the Equality Act 2006.</p> <p>It also plans to hold events in relation to the Discrimination Law Review when it is opened for consultation – expected later in 2006.</p> <p>The Partnership is trying to work through regional organisations and networks to gather the views of equality and social inclusion issues, and raise awareness of the support that is available.</p>
Addressing poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantage	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Aspects of this objective will be addressed/supported through the work of the Commission mentioned above.

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Improving health and reducing health inequalities by encouraging and enabling healthy lifestyles as well as protecting health and providing health services	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The Partnership intends to contribute to the consultation on the Regional Health Strategy – a workshop is planned for its next meeting in July 2006. Further work arising from this is yet to be determined.
Providing decent and affordable housing for all, of the right quantity, type, tenure and affordability for local needs, in clean, safe and pleasant local environments	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The Partnership is putting together a working-group focusing on equality and diversity and social inclusion which will contribute to the Regional Spatial Strategy and will work in this way to contribute to addressing some of the aims of this objective.
Reducing crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Improving opportunities to participate in the diverse cultural and recreational activities the West Midlands can offer	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The Partnership will also include a member of Culture West Midlands. Future work in this area will be determined with the aid of this member's support.
Encouraging physical development with a better balance of jobs, housing and services within each part of the Region in order to meet local needs locally and encourage stable and sustainable integrated communities	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The Partnership will continue to promote and work with others to contribute to the RSDF. It already works closely with its SWM Champion Jeremy Bruce.

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Enhancing and protecting the environment:		
Valuing, enhancing and protecting the Region's environmental assets, including the natural and built environment and the historic environment	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Valuing, enhancing and protecting regional biodiversity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Land use and development that optimises the use of previously developed land and buildings and creates high quality built environments that incorporate green space, encourage biodiversity, promote local distinctiveness and sense of place, and are well-designed	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Local stewardship of local environments	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Minimising air, water and soil pollution levels	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Minimising the Region's contribution to the causes of climate change whilst implementing a managed response to its unavoidable impacts	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Using natural resources prudently and efficiently:		
Reducing overall energy use through increasing energy efficiency, and increasing the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Using natural resources such as water and minerals efficiently	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Promoting and ensuring high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design, construction and maintenance of buildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensuring the location of development makes efficient use of existing physical infrastructure and helps reduce need to travel, especially by private car	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking and reducing road traffic congestion and pollution	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Encouraging and enabling waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery to divert resources away from the waste stream	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Encouraging local sourcing of goods and materials	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rewarding efficient resource use and encouraging development of alternative and renewable resources where resources are likely to become depleted	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Developing a flourishing, diverse and stable regional economy:		
Achieving sustainable economic growth and prosperity for the benefit of all the Region's inhabitants	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Creating high quality employment opportunities suited to the changing needs of the local workforce, whilst recognising the value and contribution of unpaid work	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Promoting investment in future prosperity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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Encouraging ongoing investment and engagement in learning and skills development	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Encouraging a culture of enterprise and innovation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Promoting and supporting the development of new technologies, especially those with high value and low impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Encouraging corporate social and environmental responsibility, with regional organisations and agencies leading by example	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	