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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"/> | The new structural fund programmes - worth up to £500m over six years (2007-2013) to the region, are subject to an equalities assessment The funds will cover physical development, innovation, enterprise, skills and working with other EU regions to learn and offer best practice in delivering the funds |
| Enabling communities to participate in the decisions that affect their neighbourhoods and quality of life | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not directly - though the new Structural Funds will bring some physical infrastructure improvements to the most disadvantaged areas |
| Addressing poverty and disadvantage, taking into account the particular difficulties of those facing multiple disadvantage | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has been looking at the new Structural funds which will address need as well as opportunity The new ESF will concentrate on basic, lower level skills |
| Improving health and reducing health inequalities by encouraging and enabling healthy lifestyles as well as protecting health and providing health services | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has not looked at this over the past 4 meetings (year 2005/6) though the regional strategic advisor has prioritised supporting the Regional Assembly's Health Advisor in providing a European Input to the Regional Health Strategy as it develops |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has not covered housing over its past 4 meetings. In general housing is seen as a member state activity by the EU institutions. |

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| Reducing crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not directly |
| 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"/> | Culture WM is producing an international strategy -which may be reported to the partnership in due course |
| 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not directly |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Indirectly - this will form part of new and has been part of the old Structural Funds |
| Valuing, enhancing and protecting regional biodiversity | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Indirectly - this will form part of new and has been part of the old Structural Funds |

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The new Structural Funds will contribute to this |
| Local stewardship of local environments | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Minimising air, water and soil pollution levels | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |

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| Using natural resources such as water and minerals efficiently | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |
| Promoting and ensuring high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design, construction and maintenance of buildings | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |
| 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"/> | May be covered by the new Structural Funds |
| Increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking and reducing road traffic congestion and pollution | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | May be covered by the new Structural Funds |
| Encouraging and enabling waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery to divert resources away from the waste stream | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not discussed by the partnership |
| Encouraging local sourcing of goods and materials | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not discussed by the partnership |

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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Not discussed |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | The Partnership Considered the Assisted Area review, where the EU agrees in which areas private companies can receive public support |
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | New Structural funds will address |
| Promoting investment in future prosperity | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | New Structural funds will address |
| Encouraging ongoing investment and engagement in learning and skills development | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | New Structural funds will address |
| Encouraging a culture of enterprise and innovation | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | New Structural funds will address |

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| Promoting and supporting the development of new technologies, especially those with high value and low impact | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The partnership has looked at work taking place within the region to increase the take up of FP7 the European Unions Research and Development Programme This is the type of activity that may be covered |
| Encouraging corporate social and environmental responsibility, with regional organisations and agencies leading by example | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |