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<b>Developing thriving sustainable communities:</b>		
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>Good Corporate Citizenship is core to the NHS. The Regional Health Partnership (RHP) Corporate Citizen Workplan has already started to work on evaluating the potential for the NHS to link with the skills, procurement and capital agendas, to support the development of employment opportunities for people with mental health problems and working with Centro on access to health. Planned work: Regional Health Strategy (RHS) will address issues of equality and diversity and scoping work is planned with the Equality and Diversity partnership. The WM Good Corporate Citizen network for NHS Trusts has been set up via the Regional Public Health Group (DH). Barriers and Challenges: The main challenge is the structural changes taking place within the NHS and to make sure that these agendas are embedded in the modernised NHS.</p>

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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>RHP has a workplan on Healthy Alliances to work with the Voluntary sector. An event was held in February 2006 'Health Inequalities, Regeneration and the Role of the Voluntary and Community sector' which explored ways to build, strengthen and support the development of this sector. A Health Network website has been set up (<a href="http://www.healthnetwork.org.uk">www.healthnetwork.org.uk</a>), which aims to support the development of understanding between the health and community sector. The RHP have a commitment to the use of Local Area Agreements (LAAs) as a way of working. Planned work: The RHP has been working with the Big Lottery Fund on priorities and allocations for the West Midlands Region. A multi-sectoral Physical Activity Network was set up this reporting year supported by the RHP.</p> <p>Barriers &amp; Challenges: The Voluntary and Community sector is a large and diverse sector to engage with directly from a regional perspective. Whilst RAWM and the Healthy Living Centre alliance are represented on the RHP, they are a network organisation and community participation relies on robust local structures being in place.</p>

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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 'Choosing Health for the West Midlands' report published in March 2006 focuses on health inequalities in the West Midlands and describes the burden of ill health and its social causes. This report came from a need identified by the RHP for regional baselines for health. The terms of reference for the RHP focus on reducing health inequalities in the broadest sense including economic development, environmental and social issues. Planned work: As part of the RHS the RHP will incorporate some of the principles of 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' which focuses on access to healthcare for the most disadvantaged. As part of the RHP Food and Nutrition workplan work has been done with the Sustainable Food and Farming Team on increasing access and availability of food for a healthy diet and further work is planned. The RHS will focus on areas of disadvantage as there is a strong link between deprivation and poor health. Barriers & Challenges: Recognising pockets of rural poverty and social isolation. Ensuring health is a policy driver in the Regional Economic Strategy (RES).
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 RHP workplans focus on food, physical activity and smoking as key areas to encourage healthy lifestyles. In particular there are regional co-ordinators in these three key areas for health who report back to the RHP. Work this year has included the development of a food and physical activity website in association with the Public Health Observatory, the development of a Physical Activity Network and supporting the development of the Regional 5-A-Day scheme..Planned work: On Health protection and health resilience - the RHP now has a HPA representative and work is planned on the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) and health. A Health Task group has been set up for the RSS review to ensure healthy lifestyle issues are incorporated into planning work. Barriers & Challenges: Getting across the message that regeneration is crucial to reducing health inequalities.

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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 RHP inputted into the Regional Housing Strategy consultation and we have since taken reports to the Regional Housing board on the engagement with health on the fuel poverty agenda and a Health Impact Assessment Tool on future housing policy, with respect to bringing health and housing closer together. A representative from the RHP is a member of the Regional Homelessness Implementation Group. Planned work: The RHP are commissioning research on a 'health proofing' tool for housing and are planning to work with HESTIA with respect to their proposed guide to affordable living. Barriers & Challenges: Resources and Funding for the many areas of joint work identified through the Regional Housing Strategy.
Reducing crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	As part of developing the RHS we will be looking at some of these broader issues.
Improving opportunities to participate in the diverse cultural and recreational activities the West Midlands can offer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This work is not yet incorporated into the work of the RHP, however scoping work has been done with the Regional Cultural Forum with respect to their key priorities for the RHS.
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 RHP held a RSS seminar with representatives from the health sector in November 2005, to raise awareness of the RSS to develop closer working relationships between planning and health. Since then as part of the RSS review a health task group has been set up to comment on the emerging options. Planned work: task group to continue to review RSS during consultation phase. Good Corporate Citizen Network to consider this work as part of an NHS organisations impact on its local community. Barriers & Challenges: For the regional and local planning system to consider health as a core principle.

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<b>Enhancing and protecting the environment:</b>		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This will be considered as part of the RSS and health process.
Valuing, enhancing and protecting regional biodiversity	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	A workshop was held in May 2006 on Health & Biodiversity which aimed to identify the links between the two agendas. The Regional Biodiversity Strategy includes a chapter on health. Planned work: The RHS will include reference to the importance of biodiversity to health. Barriers & Challenges: Understanding by the health sector of biodiversity rather than a focus on greenspace which may not always be beneficial to biodiversity.
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"/>	This is being encouraged as part of the Good Corporate Citizenship agenda. The 'Getting the Best from the NHS: Healthy Region, Healthy Economy' report (published in November 2005 with the conference of the same name) focused on the NHS as a responsible commissioner of buildings.
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 Health Sector's contribution will be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network. PCTs are a statutory consultee for the IPPC (Integrated Pollution Prevention Control) and take advice from the HPA (Health Protection Agency).

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The footprint of the NHS has been identified through the 'Getting the Best' report which also identifies work done by the NHS in the WM. This work may also be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network. Planned work: There have been discussion between the Regional Public Health Group , the HPA and the Environment Agency, and linking with SWM to consider how to take forward work in this area.
<b>Using natural resources prudently and efficiently:</b>		
Reducing overall energy use through increasing energy efficiency, and increasing the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This work may be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network.
Using natural resources such as water and minerals efficiently	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This work may be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network.
Promoting and ensuring high standards of sustainable resource-efficient design, construction and maintenance of buildings	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This work may be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network.

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Ensuring the location of development makes efficient use of existing physical infrastructure and helps reduce need to travel, especially by private car	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The RHP has addressed transport and accessibility issues through its work with Centro on accessibility planning. The RSS and Health workshop identified innovative ways for health services to be provided. The RHP Physical Activity workplan is aiming to encourage regional participation in Physical Activity and work around reducing the need to travel. Planned work: This is expected to be a priority for the Good Corporate Citizen Network as transport makes up a big part of the NHS ecological footprint. This is also a priority for the Physical Activity Network. Barriers & Challenges: For the regional and local transport planning system to consider health as a core principle.
Increasing use of public transport, cycling and walking and reducing road traffic congestion and pollution	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	As above.
Encouraging and enabling waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery to divert resources away from the waste stream	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The 'Getting the Best' report focuses on waste minimisation as a core consideration for the NHS in the WM. Planned work: This is expected to be a priority for the Good Corporate Citizen Network as waste makes up a significant part of the NHS ecological footprint. Barriers & Challenges: The size of the NHS in the WM and the amount of waste that is produced.

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Encouraging local sourcing of goods and materials	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	The RHP Food and Nutrition workplan has a commitment to exploring the potential of the public sector food procurement to contribute to the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the region. Local procurement was promoted for the Regional 5 A Day and School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme in the region. The NHS Purchasing and Supplies Agency presented to the RHP on the Purchasing and Supplies process. Planned work: Further work with the Sustainable Food and Farming Team on Local Food Procurement. Supporting development of Local Commissioning hubs. Barriers & Challenges: Challenge for local economies to sustain the volume of materials and food demanded by the NHS in the region ensuring quality, quantity and value for money.
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"/>	It is hoped that this will be considered as part of the Good Corporate Citizen Network as part of the NHS considering its impact on the environment.
<b>Developing a flourishing, diverse and stable regional economy:</b>		
Achieving sustainable economic growth and prosperity for the benefit of all the Region's inhabitants	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	As a core value of the RHP the 'West Midlands Region becomes a healthier region by 2020 by improving health, prosperity and opportunity' and in particular looks to ensure that NHS investment contributes to economic, social and physical regeneration. The 'Choosing Health in the West Midlands' report focuses on equality and the relationship between areas of deprivation and health. This year the RHP have concentrated on mental health and employment and workplace health including stress related ill health and the impact on the local economy and workforce. Planned work: The RHP will be commenting on the RES review. Barriers & Challenges: Health being a core value to the economy and understanding the links between deprivation and health.

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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"/>	The RHP had a presentation from the Learning and Skills Council (a member of the RHP) which focused on the skills escalator. An event was held 'Health Inequalities, Regeneration and the Role of the Voluntary and Community sector' which explored ways to build, strengthen and support the development of this sector. Further work would be planned as part of developing the RHS. Barriers & Challenges: There are currently over 4000 voluntary and community sector organisations working in the WM and it is important that their contribution is valued and not undermined by the new commissioning arrangements in the NHS.
Promoting investment in future prosperity	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The RHP Corporate Citizen workplan is fundamentally about how the NHS funding can contribute to regeneration and therefore prosperity.
Encouraging ongoing investment and engagement in learning and skills development	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The 'Getting the Best' report focused on employment and training schemes in the NHS. This is an area where work will be planned under the RHS. Barriers & Challenges: professional boundaries in the NHS which limits the jobs available.
Encouraging a culture of enterprise and innovation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	As part of the RHP Corporate Citizen workplan a telephone survey was carried out by AWM of all of the NHS Trusts in the region, to evaluate where they are with regeneration, skills and procurement agendas- a final study report was published in February 2005. A medical technologies cluster study has also been commissioned. Planned work: promoting the work of AWM in ensuring that health is recognised as part of the RES. Barriers & Challenges: the economic sector understanding the huge economic impact of the NHS in the region (purchasing power of at least £1 billion per annum).

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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 type="checkbox"/>	As above
Encouraging corporate social and environmental responsibility, with regional organisations and agencies leading by example	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Work done under the Corporate Citizen Workplan.