

<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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## **Report of the Director of the Greater Peterborough Partnership**

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### **Refresh of the Local Area Agreement**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

The Local Area Agreement 2008/11 is a 3-year contract with central government that is reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis.

This report is to present to Scrutiny Committee the draft changes to the LAA.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

We recommend that Scrutiny Committee accepts the proposed changes to the Local Area Agreement 2008/11.

Please note that it is only possible to present a draft version of the refreshed targets in this report as there are some outstanding negotiations that have not been completed – this is primarily due to a delay in the receipt of weighted Place Survey data and ongoing negotiations with central government (most notably, the Home Office) on some of the indicators. A further update will be provided at the meeting on Monday 09 March.

#### **3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

This is the annual refresh of the Local Area Agreement 2008/11 which is the three year action plan for the achievement of the vision and outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy, which in turn forms the basis of the Council's Corporate Plan.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

Peterborough's current Local Area Agreement was negotiated in early 2008 and was signed off in April 2008. Owing to delays at national level in providing baseline data and in particular to the fact that several indicators are based on the results of the new national Place Survey which did not take place until autumn 2008, a number of National Indicators in all Local Area Agreements did not have targets at that stage.

This refresh has given us the opportunity to tidy up these loose ends and ensure that we have targets in place for all national indicators.

It also offered an opportunity to review a number of existing targets to determine whether these should be refreshed to reflect changed circumstances, particularly those targets relating to the economic downturn.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

We have decided not to take the opportunity to refresh the key housing and economic targets this year. Although we recognise that the existing targets are likely to be unachievable given

current economic circumstances, we also believe that it would be impossible to set realistic targets in these areas now for the next two years, given the considerable uncertainty about how the economy will perform in that period. We have therefore opted to keep the targets as they are for 2009/10 but to refresh them for the final year of this LAA (2010/11). This does mean that our performance dashboard will show 'red' against our housing and economy outcomes throughout the next year.

The national indicators that are being changed in the refresh are set out below. As noted above, some of the baselines are still being resolved with government agencies and some of the targets from the Place Survey are still under negotiation. Full details of the new targets will be presented to Scrutiny Committee on 9 March.

NI	Title	Comment	08/09	09/10	10/11
1	% of people from different backgrounds getting on well together	Place Survey Baseline = 65%	Targets to be developed		
4	% of people who feel that they can influence decisions in their own locality	Place Survey	34.1%	36%	39%
6	Participation in regular volunteering	Place Survey	Targets to be developed		
17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	Place Survey	Targets to be developed		
30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders		Targets to be developed		
32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Was deferred last year.	42%	28%	TBD
50	Emotional health of children	From recent TellUs survey	62.9%	Agree with GO-East that there is no intermediary target	69%
56	Obesity among Primary School children	Baseline = 16.09%	15.7%	15.3%	14.9%
111	First time entrants into the youth justice system	Baseline still under discussion	-5% of baseline	-5% of baseline	-5% of baseline
123	Stopping Smoking	Baseline = 586 quitters	946	939	931
130	Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support	Baseline = 132 per 100K	755	2395	2555
163	Proportion of population aged 19-64 qualified to Level 2 or higher	Baseline = 59.5%	60.5%	61.5%	63%
171	VAT registration rate	Baseline = 54.0 (Rate per 10K of population)	57.2	57.9	58.6

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

The implications of the targets in the Local Area Agreement are significant in that our progress in achieving them will form part of our performance assessment in the new Comprehensive Area Assessment.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

Significant consultation has taken place between GO-East Theme Leads, Priority Lead Directors, Outcome Lead Officers and key partners within the delivery teams for each outcome impacted by targets involved in the LAA Refresh 2009.

## **8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

Discussion around the current information contained within the LAA Refresh 2009 as an update to Scrutiny Committee members.

## **9. NEXT STEPS**

Delegated authority for sign-off of the final refresh of the Local Area Agreement will then be requested from the Leader of the Council (Cllr Peach) and the Deputy Chief Executive of Peterborough City Council (Ben Ticehurst).

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Further updates will be included in a short presentation to Scrutiny Committee on Monday 09 March 2009.

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