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## PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT – YEAR 2008-09

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
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Cabinet is requested to note:	
(i) The 2008/9 performance against the Local Area Agreement priorities	

### 1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an overview of April 08 – March 09 performance against the targets and indicators in the Local Area Agreement.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference no. 3.2.1 ‘to take collective responsibility for the delivery of all strategic Executive functions within the Council’s Major Policy and Budget Framework and lead the Council’s overall improvement programmes to deliver excellent services’.

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) is the plan for the future of our City and the surrounding villages and rural areas. It aims to improve the quality of life of the people of Peterborough and to raise the profile and reputation of the City as a great place in which to live, visit and work. It has been developed with our partners around four areas of work.
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities
  - Creating strong and supportive communities
  - Creating the UK’s environment capital
  - Delivering substantial and truly sustainable growth

3.2 The Local area Agreement (LAA) is the delivery strategy for achieving the outcomes set out in the SCS. It is a three-year agreement negotiated on a rolling three-year basis between the partners in Peterborough under the auspices of the Greater Peterborough Partnership (GPP), and regional and national government. It sets out the agreed actions and targets to enable us to deliver our SCS. 2008/9 is year 1 of the agreement.

3.3 There are 75 indicators used to measure progress in Peterborough’s LAA and these are distributed across the priority areas. They are drawn from a nationally prescribed set of 188 collectively called the National Indicator Set (NIS).

**4. MANAGING PERFORMANCE**

4.1 During 2008/9 there has been significant improvement in the way the organisation and its partners measures, monitors and manages its performance. The performance management process now provides a framework to identify progress and delivery risks and supports improvement by providing extra help to solve problem areas.

4.2 The innovative solution centre is part of the support available and has received regional recognition for providing additional capability to problem solving, enabling faster and deeper progress on hard to achieve outcomes. Since November 2008, teenage pregnancy, childhood obesity and vehicle crime have now been through the process and an improvement in performance during 2009 -10 is expected as a result.

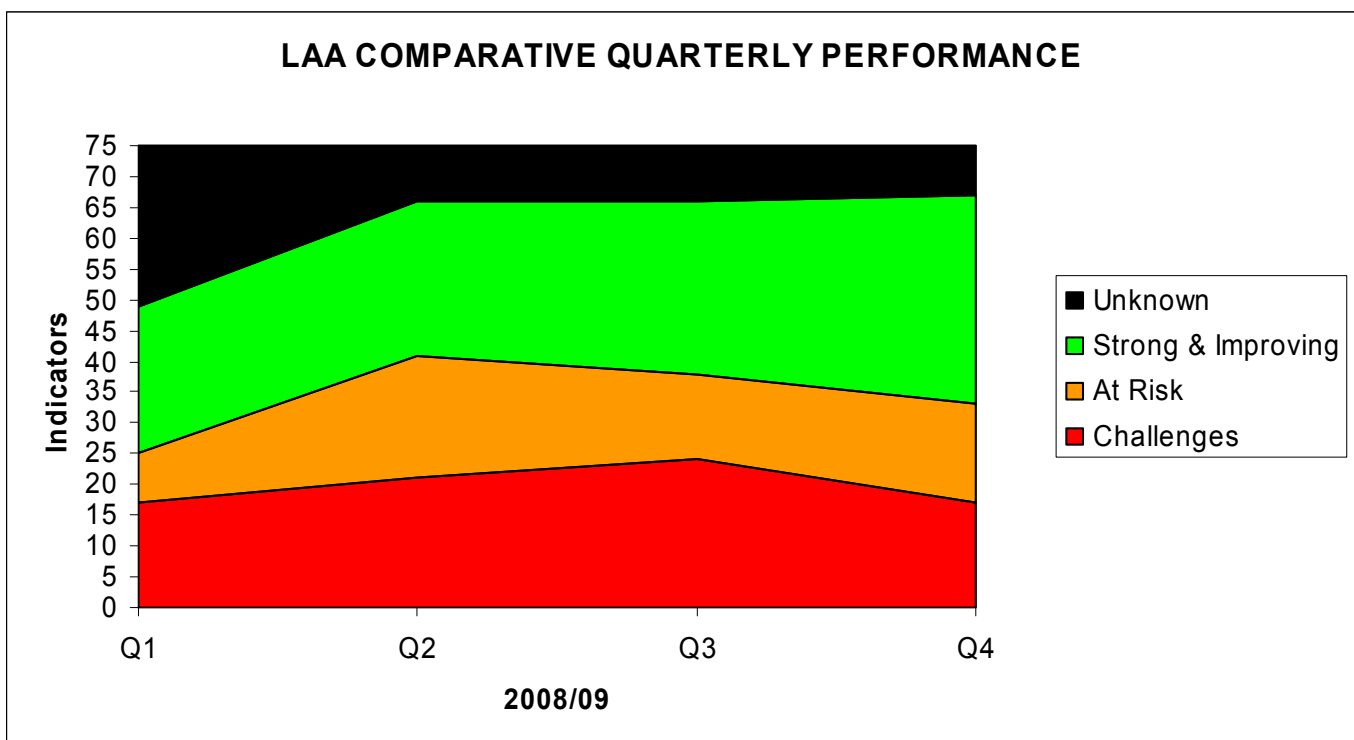
4.3 For 2009/10 an additional level of support to solve difficult problem areas is being introduced which will is less intensive than the solution clinic but utilises the methodologies developed in the solution centre.

4.4 Progress on the LAA is reported on a monthly basis to PCC corporate management team and to the GPP Executive.

4.5 The local PSA reward grant is based on including and achieving a number of stretching targets within the LAA. Peterborough secured in excess of £1.6m on this basis, which has been used to fund further activity to support delivery including some of the GPP infrastructure costs.

**5. LAA PERFORMANCE 2008/09**

5.1 The following graph illustrates the number of indicators performing at red, amber and green over the year



5.2 It shows that:

- For a small number of indicators there is still no way to measure progress. This is because some indicators in the NIS measure things which have never been measured before and therefore this is the first year of ‘capturing’ data, and some have not had a baseline of data available to measure progress against at the start of the year. Unknown data has improved across the year
- At the end of the year there were 8 eight indicators where we are not yet able to measure performance (10% of the LAA)
- Strong and improving performance (green) was better at the end of the year than at the beginning.
- There were more amber (at risk) indicators at the end of the year but this has improved from a peak at Q2.
- The number of indicators that are red has remained the same as at the start of the year.

5.3 The following table is an analysis of the indicators across the priority areas

<b>LAA INDICATORS</b>						
	<b>Consistently strong performance</b>	<b>Improving performance</b>	<b>Areas of risk</b>	<b>Persistently challenging</b>	<b>Unknown data</b>	<b>Total</b>
Environmental Capital	75% (9)	0	25% (3)	0	0	12
Opportunities and Inequalities	25% (9)	14% (5)	20% (7)	29% (10)	12% (4)	35
Strong and Supportive Communities	31% (4)	12% (2)	25% (4)	19% (3)	19% (3)	16
Substantial and Sustainable Growth	33% (4)	8.5% (1)	17% (2)	33% (4)	8.5% (1)	12
<b>Overall</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>75</b>

5.4 It shows that:

- During 2008/09 there 26 consistently strongly performing indicators across all four priority areas (35% of the LAA). Creating the UK’s Environment Capital is the strongest performing priority.
- There are 8 improving indicators (11% of the LAA) of which 5 are in the Opportunities and Inequalities priority.
- There are 16 indicators where performance has deteriorated (21% of the LAA) which are spread across the priorities. 7 of these are in the Opportunities and Inequalities priority.
- There are 17 persistently challenging indicators (22% of the LAA). 10 of these are in the Opportunities and Inequalities priority.

5.6 Consistently Strong Performance includes:

- Attaining the highest recycling rates amongst unitary authorities within the UK
  - Achieving a significant 15% modal shift *including* one of the highest growths in bus passenger journeys in the East of England over recent years Being awarded Beacon Status for accessibility in 2008
  - Peterborough hosting the country's largest Environmental Goods and Services sector (Enviro-Cluster)
  - Advancing the innovative University Centre Peterborough (UCP) to budget and ahead of schedule.
  - Surpassing the Affordable Housing Programme target by 20%
  - Secured an additional £3.9m to deliver and unlock substantial housing growth
  - Significant improvement in Level 2 and Level 3 educational qualifications by age 19, exceeding the LAA targets
  - Major improvements in carers support through assessments, advice and increased engagement
  - Looked After Children are experiencing more stable placements with targets being exceeded
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- The only authority rated double dark green in the recent National Strategies progress check following excellent performance in Early Years Foundation Stage
  - National recognition for progress on preventing violent extremism
  - Reducing teenage pregnancy target by 16%
  - Mortality rates from circulatory diseases is reducing, achieving significant progress against our biggest killers of people in Peterborough
  - Persistent absences from school has reduced
  - The Youth Offending Service (YOS) has sustained improvements throughout 2008/9 and first time entrants to the youth justice system have reduced significantly

#### 5.7 Improving performance includes

- Substantial improvement in contextual value added key Stage 2 with league table ratings of 42nd in 2008 compared to 105th in 2007, the largest improvement jump of any local authority in the year
- A 25% increase in community based volunteering
- Reduction the number of 16-18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)  
Reduction in smoking cessation has made a direct improvement in the health of the population, while contributing to the positive decline in coronary heart disease, stroke, cancer and overall mortality rates.

#### 5.8 At risk performance includes

- The number of working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods is not reducing but initiatives have been introduced into Westwood, Paston and Dogsthorpe to aid those claiming ill health benefits to return to work.
- Low adult skills levels will be addressed through a Solution Clinic during 2009 alongside initiatives to increase employer engagement, develop structured and flexible progression pathways, increase take-up of 'Train to Gain' and developing the City University. This will build on the work achieved this year with Perkins and Hotpoint staff where 250 out of 600 ex-employees are now undertaking the 'train to gain' course to assist them back to work.
- Support for those with mental health problems through independent living and employment but this is expected to be resolved by September 2009.
- We have very challenging recycling rates and household waste taken to landfill which will be addressed with the introduction of anaerobic digestion of kitchen waste at the new recycling facility in Fengate.

#### 5.9 Persistently challenging performance includes

- Community perception of street cleanliness remains a challenge despite improved services. 'Customer Engagement and Perception' in a locality is a cross cutting theme to be taken through the solution centre programme.
- Providing sufficient resources to progress the growth and regeneration of District Centres remains a challenge. New funding sources in 2009/10 and re-focussing of PCC's Neighbourhood Teams will resolve this in the forthcoming months.
- Tackling childhood obesity remains challenging. The solution centre programme has now been completed and solutions will be implemented for 2009/10. Outcomes will be realised over the next three years.
- Reducing hospital admissions due to alcohol related harm is a persistent poor performing indicator and will be addressed by implementing the alcohol harm reduction strategy.
- Serious acquisitive crime continues to be a challenge. Vehicle crime has been through the solution centre and the implementation of solutions, including the risk targeting model, the Joint Delivery Group, and integrated offender management are expected to change performance in 2009
- The need to narrow the gap between those lowest performing within the Early Years Foundation Stage and their peers. A number of targeted approaches have been put in place including embedding the virtual school for children in care, initiatives in schools and children's centres to improve learning and skills outcomes

## **6. Background Documents**

Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2021

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

These documents can be found at [www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk](http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk)

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