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PROGRESS REPORT ON DELIVERY OF LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PRIORITY

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to share with Members the performance at the end of Quarter 3 related to the 35 indicators for which this scrutiny committee has responsibility.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Scrutiny Committee is recommended to consider the performance as shown in appendix 1 and to ask questions about the actions being undertaken to address those performance areas which are not currently performing to target.

3. LINKS TO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

Performance on these indicators is fundamental to the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.

4. BACKGROUND

The indicators shown in appendix 1 are a mixture of those which are required to be reported on and those which have been chosen to be within the Local Area agreement (LAA).

Performance on these and all other relevant indicators are considered quarterly by the GPP Executive and the GPP Board. On a quarterly basis, a performance update will be provided to Scrutiny Committees.

5. KEY ISSUES

The overall rating for the block is amber and this comprises three amber outcome ratings plus a red rating for the improving health outcome. Risk areas of the improving health outcome include under 18 conceptions, alcohol related hospital admissions, sport participation, obesity and mortality rates. Action plans are in place and regularly refreshed. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board is actively challenging and supporting the delivery of improvements in healthy lifestyles (eating, drinking and exercise) which will contribute to a number of indicators. Some of the risk areas (alcohol, obesity and mortality rates) have trajectories for improvement which extend beyond the current LAA. Targets in the Vulnerable People outcome area show some good performance with most targets projecting to be met by the year end or end of the LAA. Improving skills and education shows mixed performance, some strong and some risk areas with a small drop in performance overall. Regenerating neighbourhoods work is progressing well and has risks associated with the economic situation. Some indicators are under negotiation within the LAA refresh.

6. CONSULTATION

Consultation on performance occurs regularly in the partnership boards which underpin the GPP arrangements. These boards assess the extent to which further action is needed and plan action accordingly.

7. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Members of Scrutiny are asked to assure themselves that through the scrutiny process, officers are actively working to improve performance.

8. NEXT STEPS

Scrutiny Committee can expect a further update after the end of Quarter 4

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Local Area Agreement Indicators

11. APPENDICES

1. Performance narrative by blocks of indicators

PERFORMANCE NARRATIVES BY BLOCKS OF INDICATORS

Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)

Claire Higgins

December 2009

The overall status of this outcome remains amber. Achievement of the year end target for **NI153** remains unlikely if the current target is retained. However there are on-going discussions with Go East and the development of a business case concerning renegotiating of this target.

There is some positive progress to report during the quarter in terms of projects underway to address long term unemployment, for example the Working 4 U project, which aims at decreasing the number of residents with no qualifications. The launch event in Westwood was a great success with 35 people assessing the event and a further 28 signed up for information and advice.

Other initiatives include:

NLDC – funding was secured to run three courses across the three neighbourhoods to improve the employability of local residents. The course in Westwood around employability skills has been very successful with 70% retention rate. The course is due to run in Bretton in January 2010 and in Paston from April 2010.

Mears Academy – Set up via a partnership between Cross Keys Homes and Mears, is achieving strong outcomes with broader delivery programmes planned.

A sports development course is being run in partnership with PCC – seven people attending. Those attending are highly motivated to get into this as a career and a further course is planned to enable them to gain sufficient qualification to move in this direction.

Projects and funding applications to tackle fuel poverty (**NI187**) are also proceeding with some very positive outcomes being demonstrated.

Probable public sector expenditure cuts could affect this income stream going forward.

The renegotiation of the economic indicator targets plus the increased momentum created by the NRSP (Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Strategic Partnership) is evidence of the commitment to address this outcome together with some positive benefits coming forward.

Improving Health (OI02)

Christine Bellairs

December 2009

The overall RAG status is RED.

The risks are with NI39 alcohol harm related hospital admissions; NI 112 u18 conceptions and NI123 16+ stop smoking.

It is generally accepted that the targets for **NI 112** are unachievable nevertheless there is a strategy and action plan in place. The new SARC at Rivergate has been opened and expect this to have positive impact.

There is a recovery plan for **NI123** refreshed to increase the number of referrals into the NHS stop smoking service, particularly through GP practices. Community based health trainers also trained and have personal targets. Comms strategy implemented wef Jan 2010 with additional funding from SHA. NI123 rag AMBER.

NI39 visioning day for alcohol harm reduction outcomes taken forward.

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)**Neil Greenfield***December 2009*

The overall RAG rating is amber but overall most targets are performing well.

Action plans are being reviewed and key responsibilities looked at following changes in staff and accountabilities.

Work is continuing on **NI50** around partnership working and the development of the commissioning strategy.

NI130 is currently red with an end of year forecast for amber. A full dataset for monitoring self directed support is being developed for use by the steering group.

NI150 is still red and we will not know if this is going to change until we receive the appropriate stats. The mental health trust has an action plan around data collection which is being monitored through the contract performance group.

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)**Mel Collins***December 2009*

The overall status of this outcome is amber.

We are expecting to achieve our 2010 targets in the following areas:

NI72 - Early Years Achievement

NI79 - L2 by age 19

NI73 - Level 4 in English and maths

NI87 - Persistent Absence Rates

NI93 - Progression data in English and maths between KS1 and KS2

NI163 - Working Age Population qualified to a L2 and L3.

We are also optimistic that challenging 2010 targets will be reached for all Children in Care indicators and KS2 attainment for Black Minority Ethnic children.

Four targets remain very challenging for 2010:

NI92 - Narrowing of the gap target for early years

NI75 - 5+A*-C in English and maths

NI165 - Working age population qualified to L4

NI117 - Reducing NEETs.

A key area of success recently has been the release of validated KS2 data which was slightly better than expected for English, placing us 106/153 LAs for 'English and maths' combined and 78/153 LAs for maths; boys' maths being 45/153.

The main area of risk is **NI75**: although we had a 4% uplift in 2009 results we were still 9% below target and well below National Average data. However 2009 data put us 3rd in relation to 10 statistical neighbours for improvement. To achieve 2011 targets results will need to increase by 11%.

Plans for addressing this risk include working with the whole team of secondary head teachers to support poorly performing schools, challenging and intervening in our 4 most needy secondary schools, appointing additional secondary advisers to target the most vulnerable schools and cohorts of young people, rigorous quality assurance procedures ensuring the team are 'doing the right things, in the right schools at the right time'. A Children's Trust workshop in January 2010 will also ensure that improving learning outcomes is owned by all Children's Trust partners.