

## **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**CABINET - 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2009**

### **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT ROUND 2 (LAA2) - REFRESH**

#### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF POLICY, PERFORMANCE & PARTNERSHIP**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

To seek endorsement of the refreshed LAA2 for sign off by Government.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

**That the refreshed LAA2 (attached Annex A) is endorsed for submission to Government, subject to final agreement on outstanding Safer & Stronger Communities targets, and that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, (in their roles of chairs of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Executive and LSP respectively) to finalise negotiations and agree targets with the Government Office West Midlands (GOWM).**

#### **3. INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The LAA Round 2 was signed off with Government in June 2008. The Agreement comprises of 27 indicators with stretch targets, reflecting the Council and the LSP's key short term priorities, which are to be delivered over the period 2008-11. These key targets are reflected in the Community Priority Plans, which are currently being refreshed, and will be monitored by both the Government Office and by the Audit Commission as part of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) from April 2009.
- 3.2 There is a requirement by Government to annually review performance and to refresh and potentially renegotiate targets, based on both annual performance and any changes in local/national priorities and circumstances.
- 3.3 However, in this first year the focus is very much on completing 'unfinished business' (essentially around 7 targets) – setting outstanding targets where baseline data were not available or only one year targets were set, adjusting targets where new baseline information has been made available or indicator definitions have changed. In essence the refresh is therefore very much 'light touch' this year.
- 3.4 Whilst Government have recognised the likely impact on many of the targets as a result of the severe economic recession and downturn in the housing market, particularly on economic, employment and housing growth targets, it is not looking to refresh these targets this year,

preferring to take stock in the next review/refresh in 2009/10. In addition, in light of the negotiation of a Multi-Area Agreement (MAA) now to be signed off in June/July, and the impact this is likely to have on individual LAA economic/worklessness and skills targets, GOWM have confirmed that the renegotiation of these targets will be deferred until 2010.

- 3.5 We have taken a view that whilst new housing starts are obviously lower than forecast because of the downturn in the housing market, as a New Growth Area and our proposals to develop a new pilot partnership with the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) to deliver additional homes, we would not at this stage challenge the approach being taken by Government.
- 3.6 Whilst the LAA brings no pump-priming grant to help deliver our targets, the pooling of current external grant funding through the Area Based Grant (currently worth some £9m) does offer some limited flexibility in the use of this funding to support priorities, and ultimately a potential £1m in Performance Reward Grant should all targets be achieved, payable over the 2 years 2011-13.
- 3.7 Discussions have taken place with the (Chair of) Local Community Policing Board (Police Authority) around the Safer & Stronger Communities new targets, and they will be endorsing the proposed targets.

#### **4. CHANGES TO THE LAA**

- 4.1 The new or adjusted targets of note are (see Annex A):

##### ***Safer & Stronger Communities***

- Perception of community cohesion (NI 1) – 4.1% points increase
- Satisfaction with the local area (NI 5) – 3.3% point increase
- Perception of anti-social behaviour (NI 17) – looking to reduce by between 3-5%.

*These targets are based on the 'minimum statistically significant improvement' targets required by Government to be achieved by the next national Place Survey in 2010, and have yet to be finally agreed.*

- Assault with injury crime rate (NI 20) – revised targets due to change in methodology; 3% decrease on 2008/9 baseline proposed.
- Re-offending rate of Prolific & Priority Offenders (NI 30) – 19% target set by Home Office.
- Repeat incidents of domestic violence (NI 32) – targets based on maintaining level at regional average as local Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) data currently provides insufficient baseline (as based on 1 year rather than 2 year data).
- Alcohol-related hospital admission rates (NI 39) – more challenging targets, although still representing an annual increase, have been

agreed by the PCT following a decline in alcohol-related hospital admissions in 2007/8 (a rise had been forecast).

### ***Children & Young People***

- 6 indicators/targets (NIs 74, 83, 95-98) have been deleted from the DCSF mandatory list, following the abandonment of KS3 testing nationally.
- The remainder of the DCSF mandatory targets for 2009/10 have yet to be agreed (September 2009).
- First time entrants to the Youth Justice System (NI 111) – the targets (-2% p.a.) have been set by the Youth Justice Board nationally.

### ***Healthier Communities & Older People***

- The level of the stretch targets set for the mortality rate from circulatory diseases in people aged under-75 (NI 121) has been revised down following the acceptance of the PCT's case by the Health Authority.
- Percentage of eligible people receiving community support who are able to direct their own care through a personal budget or by means of a direct payment (NI 130) – following a definitional change, an end date (2010/11) target of 30% has been agreed.

### ***Sustainable Communities***

- Indicators/targets included within the proposed Multi Area Agreement (Working age people on out of work benefits (NI 152) and Level 2 skills (NI 163)) – these will be renegotiated in the next refresh in March 2010.
- % of small businesses showing employment growth (NI 172) – it is proposed, following discussions with Transforming Telford Ltd, that we should set a target which seeks to equate with the West Midlands regional average (i.e. a relative rather than absolute measure, in recognition of the unpredictable impact of the economic recession, particularly on manufacturing). This has now been agreed by GOWM.

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**Telford & Wrekin LAA Improvement Targets (Refresh March 2009)**

<b>NI No.</b> * Designated	<b>Indicators</b> <i>(Mandatory in italics)</i>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>2008/09</b> (# Academic Year)	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>	<b>Lead* Partners</b>
<b>PRIORITY - SAFER &amp; STRONGER COMMUNITIES</b>						
<b>NI 1*</b>	<b>Percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area</b>	73.5% (2008)			77.6% <i>TBC</i> (2010)	S&SCP*
<b>NI 5*</b>	<b>Overall/general satisfaction with local area</b>	78.3% (2008)			81.6% <i>TBC</i> (2010)	S&SCP*
NI 8*	Adult participation in sport	20.8% (2005/6)		24%		Physical Activity & Sport Board (T&WC*)
<b>NI 17*</b>	<b>People's perception of anti-social behaviour as a problem</b>	21% (2008)			16-18% <i>TBC</i> (2010)	S&SCP*
<b>NI 20*</b>	<b>No of 'Assaults with (less serious) injury' offences per 1000 population</b>	7.7 (4/08-1/09)		-1.5% on baseline	-3% on baseline	Police; S&SCP*
<b>NI 30*</b>	<b>Re-offending rate (% reduction) of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs)</b>	-16%	-19%	-18%	TBA (in 2010)	S&SCP*
<b>NI 32*</b>	<b>Repeat incidents of domestic violence</b>			19.45%	19.45%	S&SCP*
<b>NI 39*</b>	<b>Rates of hospital admission for alcohol-related harm per 100,000 population</b>	1568 (2006/07)	1784	1890	1972	PCT*; S&SCP/DAAT; Children's Trust; Adult Health & Well-being Partnership

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<b>PRIORITY - CHILDREN &amp; YOUNG PEOPLE</b>						
NI 56*	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	19% (2006/7)	18.5%	18.2%	17.7%	PCT*; T&WC; Schools
NI 72*	<i>Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in PSE Development and Communication, Language and Literacy</i>		44%#	N/A	TBC	T&WC*, Pre-school Learning Alliance, National Childminders Association, PCT
NI 73*	<i>Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold)</i>	N/A	80%#	N/A	TBC	T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 75*	<i>Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)</i>	N/A	47%#	N/A	TBC	T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 79*	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	68% (2006/07)	74%	76%	77.9%	T&WC*; Schools
NI 80*	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by age 19	41% (2006/07)	47.2%	48.7%	50.2%	T&WC*; Schools
NI 87*	<i>Secondary school persistent absence rate</i>	N/A	6.3%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 92*	<i>Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest</i>	N/A	31.1%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 93*	<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	90%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 94*	<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	86%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies

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NI 99*	<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	57%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 100*	<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	57%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools; National Strategies
NI 101*	<i>Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)</i>	N/A	7.7%#	N/A		T&WC*; Schools
<b>NI 111*</b>	<b>First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17</b>	TBA		-2% of baseline	-4% of baseline (cumulative)	YOS; Police; T&WC; S&SCP*
NI 112*	Under-18 conception rate	54.7% (2006)	42.4% (2008)	35.6% (2009)	28.9% (2010)	PCT*; T&WC; Schools
NI 117 *	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	5.8% (10/04)	7.5%	6.5%	5%	T&WC*; Schools; LSC; YOS; colleges; private sector; voluntary sector
<b>PRIORITY - HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES &amp; OLDER PEOPLE</b>						
<b>NI 121*</b>	<b>Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75</b>	88.1 (2007)	86.0 (2008)	85.0 (2009)	84.0 (2010)	PCT*; T&WC; GPs; Voluntary sector
<b>NI 130*</b>	<b>Percentage of eligible people receiving community support who are able to direct their own care through a personal budget or by means of a direct payment</b>	140.6 (per 100,000 popn. 18+) (2007/8)		20%	30%	T&WC*
NI 135*	Proportion of carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	14% (2006/7)	16%	19%	23%	T&WC*; PCT; Voluntary sector
NI 142*	Proportion of vulnerable people who are supported to establish and maintain independent living	98.69%	98.7%	98.7%	98.7%	T&WC*; PCT; Probation; RSLs; Voluntary Sector

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<b>PRIORITY - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES</b>						
NI 152*@	Working age people on out of work benefits	13% <i>(5/2007)</i>	12.7%	12.5%	12.2%	Worklessness Group (JC+*; LSC; T&WC; Voluntary Sector)
NI 154*	Net additional homes provided	491 (2006/07)	570	700	850	T&WC*; Transforming Telford; Homes & Communities Agency
NI 156*	Number of households living in Temporary Accommodation	101 <i>(12/04)</i>	90	70	50 <i>(12/10)</i>	T&WC*; RSLs; private sector landlords
NI 159*	Supply of ready to develop housing sites	114.6%	120%	120%	120% (4,578 houses)	T&WC*; local developers
NI 163*@	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	65.3% <i>(2006)</i>	67.3%	70.3%	74.8%	LSC*; JC+; T&WC; Employers
NI 165*	Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher	22.3% <i>(2006)</i>	24.7% <i>(2009)</i>	25.5% <i>(2010)</i>	26.3% <i>(2011)</i>	University of Wolverhampton*; LSC; T&WC; Employers
<b>NI 172*</b>	<b>Percentage of small businesses showing employment growth</b>	1.21% Regional Average 2002-07	At the regional average	At the regional average	1% above the regional average	Transforming Telford*; Business Link; AWM
NI 186*	Per capita CO2 emissions in the Local Authority area (cumulative percentage reduction, local & national measures)	7.9 tonnes per person <i>(2005 DEFRA baseline)</i>	-4.1% Local 1.7% National 2.4%	- 8.2% Local 3.3% National 4.9%	-12.3% Local 5% National 7.3%	T&WC*; LSP partners; private sector
NI 191*	Residual household waste per head (kg per household)	1046 2000/1	837.55	829.17	820.89	T&WC*

@ To be renegotiated in 2010 if the Multi Area Agreement (MAA) is approved.