

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET - 16TH JUNE 2008

LSP - 18TH JUNE 2008

TELFORD & WREKIN LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-11

REPORT OF HEAD OF POLICY, PERFORMANCE & PARTNERSHIP

1. PURPOSE

To seek endorsement of the improvement targets for Telford & Wrekin's 'second generation' Local Area Agreement (LAA2).

2. RECOMMENDATION

Members endorse the improvement targets, as set out in Annex A, for inclusion in Telford & Wrekin's Local Area Agreement 2008-11.

3. SUMMARY

- 3.1 The new Local Area Agreement (LAA2) is a performance contract between the Telford & Wrekin Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Government to deliver improved outcomes against both national and local priorities.
- 3.2 Through this contract, the Council, as the accountable body, and its LSP partner organisations will use their resources, both mainstream and those provided through an LAA2 Area Based Grant, to achieve a total of 27 'stretched' improvement targets (and 16 Department for Children, Schools & Families mandatory 'stretched' targets), as set out in Annex A, over the 3 year period 2008-11. Not all targets are yet agreed, with some being deferred until 2009, and others subject to revision following the proposed 2008/09 (national) Place Survey or as part of the annual 'refresh' process in 2009.
- 3.3 The Area Based Grant comprises of some 30 existing external funding grants, totalling around £9m in 2008/09, and provides a 'single pot' of funding to support the delivery of LAA2 targets. However, these funding streams are already largely committed and built into the Council's 3 year spending plans.
- 3.4 Achieving these 'stretched' improvement targets will represent a real challenge to the Council, its key partners and Thematic Partnerships. It will require a co-ordinated and focussed approach if we are to succeed in addressing some of the most intractable problems and cross cutting issues in the Borough - teenage pregnancies, young people and adults not in work, educational attainment and low level of skills, alcohol abuse,

violent crime and anti-social behaviour, obesity, homelessness and climate change.

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cabinet 14th April 2008

CB-156 - Local Area Agreement 2: Our priorities for improvement and headline indicators.

5. INFORMATION

- 5.1 The LAA2 will be a key mechanism through which the Council, working either alone or with its partners, will deliver the key (service) improvement priorities/outcomes/targets as outlined in our Community Strategy (October 2006) and Priority Plans over the next 3 years. It will therefore serve as a clear focus for both Council and LSP partner agencies' mainstream budgets and external funding resources.
- 5.2 Government have yet to publish the guidance as to how the performance reward grant model (for achieving the stretched improvement targets) will be applied, nor clarify how any intervention (for underperformance against agreed targets) will be triggered. Maximum reward grant is likely to be around £1m, payable over the period 2011-13.
- 5.3 The LAA2 will be the means (the contract) through which the Government will ensure the delivery of its national priorities, as set out in the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR 2007) and new national Departmental Public Service Agreements (PSAs), in localities over the next 3 years 2008-11. This should deliver clarity, in terms of key priorities, and a simplified performance reporting framework between the LSP and Government, which will form a key component of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment from April 2009.
- 5.4 The specific LAA targets have been negotiated between the Government Departmental/policy lead officers within the Government Office and the relevant lead partner agencies and/or Thematic Partnerships within Telford & Wrekin.
- 5.5 The LSP Executive (Agenda Group) endorsed the LAA2 improvement targets at its meeting on 23rd May.

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

AREA	COMMENTS
Equal Opportunities	Equality and diversity issues are integral to the approach taken in developing and agreeing the key priorities and headline indicators set out in the LAA. Specifically the LAA2 seeks to 'narrow the gap' in life chances and quality of life between deprived and prosperous communities and groups.
Environmental Impact	There is a specific focus on reducing waste and the level of greenhouse gases, and so mitigate the impact on climate change.

Legal Implications	The Council has the statutory responsibility and is the accountable body for the LAA.
Risk Management	A Risk Assessment has been carried out on the LSP and the emerging LAA2 (February 2008) and the key risks will be identified within the Council's Corporate Strategic Risk Register. A specific LAA2 Risk Assessment is to be carried out following the signing off of the Agreement by Ministers.
Links with Corporate Priorities	The LAA is based on the Telford & Wrekin Strategic Partnership's Community Strategy (2006) and Community Priorities and the Council's corporate priorities (Council Plan 2007/8).
Financial Implications	<p>The LAA gives the Council and its partners the freedom to pool specific non-mainstream grants (within a new Area Based Grant) in order to better meet agreed Council Plan/Community Strategy targets. These targets are monitored and managed through a performance management framework both within the Council and LSP.</p> <p>Under the LAA2 model, external area-based funding streams will in future either be mainstreamed, as part of local authorities' Revenue Support Grant, 'pooled' within a 'single pot' Area Based Grant (ABG), or remain outside as ring-fenced special grants (e.g. Sure Start and Supporting People Grants). The ABG is worth around £9m in 2008/09, rising to £12m in the following two years (NB This is <u>not</u> new money).</p> <p>The Treasury, through the CSR 2007, has confirmed that financial incentives in the form of Performance Reward Grant (but not pump-priming grant) for achieving stretch targets, currently provided under Local Public Service Agreements (LPSAs) and current LAAs, will again be made available within the new LAA2 model. Government have yet to announce how this will be applied.</p>
Ward Implications	Borough-wide implications.

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Annex A

Designated Improvement Targets	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	Target 2010/11
PRIORITY - CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE				
NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	19% (2006/7)	18.5%	18.2%	17.7%
NI 79 Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	68%	74%	76%	77.9%
NI 80 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by age 19	41%	47.2%	48.7%	50.2%
NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17		<i>Target setting deferred nationally until 2009</i>		
NI 112 Under-18 conception rate (no. of conceptions per 1000 young women aged 15-17)	54.1%	41.5%	35.2%	28.9%
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%
MANDATORY DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & SCHOOLS INDICATORS (Academic Year 2008/09)				
<i>NI 72 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>	39%	44%		
<i>NI 73 Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold)</i>	N/A	80%		
<i>NI 74 Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 (Threshold)</i>	N/A	73%		

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<i>NI 75 Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)</i>	N/A	47%		
<i>NI 83 Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3</i>	69%	77%		
<i>NI 87 Secondary school persistent absence rate</i>	N/A	6.3%		
<i>NI 92 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest</i>	N/A	31.1%		
<i>NI 93 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	90%		
<i>NI 94 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>	N/A	86%		
<i>NI 95 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3</i>	N/A	39%		
<i>NI 96 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3</i>	N/A	65%		
<i>NI 97 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4</i>	N/A	63.5%		
<i>NI 98 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4</i>	N/A	35.9%		
<i>NI 99 Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2</i>	46.7%	57%		
<i>NI 100 Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2</i>	53.3%	57%		
<i>NI 101 Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)</i>	N/A	7.7%		
PRIORITY - SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES				
NI 1 Percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.	73% 2006/7 BVPI Survey	Commitment to 'meaningful improvement' but no specific target agreed		

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NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area (% satisfied)	71.4% 2006/7 BVPI Survey	72.4% (2008/09 Place Survey)	<i>Target setting deferred until results of 2008/09 Place Survey available</i>	
NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour (those reporting it as a problem)	26% BVPI 2006/7 Survey	25%	23%	21%
		<i>(Subject to review following 2008/09 Place Survey)</i>		
NI 20 No. of 'Assault with (less serious) injury' offences per 1000 population	9.4	9.3	9.2	9.1
NI 30 Re-offending rate (% reduction) of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs)	-16% (provisional)	-19%	<i>Target setting deferred until annual baseline cohort information available</i>	
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence		<i>Target setting deferred nationally until 2009</i>		
PRIORITY - HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES & OLDER PEOPLE				
NI 8 Adult participation in sport (30 minutes x3 times a week)	20.7% (2005/6)		24% (2009 Active People Survey)	N/A
NI 39 Alcohol-harm related hospital admissions	1550 (2006/07)	2014	2109	2123
NI 121 Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75	88.06 (2006/7)	81.5	73.6	69.2
NI 130 Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support per 100,000 population aged 18+	140.6 (2007/8)	150	160	170

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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%
NI 142 Proportion of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	98.69%	98.7%	98.8%	98.9%
PRIORITY - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES				
LOCAL ECONOMY & SKILLS				
NI 152 Proportion of working age people on out of work benefits	13.0% (2007)	12.7%	12.5%	12.2%
NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	65.4% (2006)	67.4%	70.4%	74.9%
NI 165 Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher	22.3% (2006)	24.7% (2009)	25.5% (2010)	26.3% (2011)
NI 172 Percentage of small businesses showing employment growth		<i>Target setting deferred nationally until 2009</i>		
PRIORITY - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES				
ENVIRONMENT				
NI 154 Net additional homes provided	491 (2006/07)	570	700	850
NI 156 Number of households living in Temporary Accommodation	101 (12/04)	90	70	50

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NI 159 Supply of ready to develop housing sites (% of total number of dwellings that can be built on deliverable housing sites)	100.7% (6,670 houses)	120%	120%	120% (4,578 houses)
NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the Local Authority area (cumulative % reduction, local and national measures)	7.9 tonnes per person (2005 DEFRA baseline)	-4.1%	-8.2%	-12.3%
NI 191 Residual household waste per head (kilograms per household)	1046 (2000/1)	837.55	829.17	820.89