

Local Area Agreement Annual Refresh 2009/10

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Summary

This report updates progress of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) annual refresh 2009/10. It summarises the proposed LAA indicators to be refreshed (appendix A).

Recommendations

- A. That the Council approves the refreshed Local Area Agreement and agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree any further amendments

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1. The current LAA 2008-11 was agreed in June 2008.
2. The annual refresh of the LAA includes
 - a. some limited revisions to indicators where CLG have indicated targets can be re-negotiated based on local evidence of the impact of the economic downturn
 - b. 'unfinished business' from the initial negotiations, including delayed or revised indicators,
3. The aim is that all outstanding targets will be resolved ready for year 3 (1st April 10).
4. As part of the annual review and refresh process the block steering groups have been tasked to review LAA targets in the light of updated guidance from CLG and local discussions with Government Office West Midlands.
5. Shropshire Partnership proposes four indicators to be refreshed in the current LAA. CLG have indicated that these targets can be re-negotiated based on local evidence of the impact of the economic downturn (see Appendix A). GOWM have so far indicated their agreement to three out of the four proposed revised indicators.

6. Strong representation for renegotiation of a further 3 LAA measures was put forward to GOWM on the basis of the economic downturn or external issues. These are:
- NI 117 Young people not in employment, education or training
 - NI 144 Offenders under probation supervision in employment at the end of their order or licence
 - NI 163 Proportion aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2

However, despite the efforts of GOWM this request was not acceded to.

7. Targets for NI 145 – adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation - have been agreed by Government Office. There has been a delay agreeing this target caused by technical issues relating to data (Appendix A).
8. Targets for NI185 – CO2 reduction from local authority operations – have been agreed by Government Office. There was a delay in agreeing this target due to availability of consistent data. GOWM have acknowledged that is not unique for authorities making the transition to a unitary authority.
9. The Leadership Board, at its meeting on 26th February, will be requested to approve the LAA subject to Council agreeing to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the LAA prior to formal submission to Ministers.
10. Council is requested to approve the LAA and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to finalise the LAA prior to formal submission to Ministers on 17th March 2010.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

No significant environmental factors

Risk Management Appraisal

No significant risk factors

Community / Consultations Appraisal

The aims set out in the Local Area Agreement link to the Sustainable Community Strategy

Cabinet Member

Keith Barrow

Local Member

All

Appendices

Appendix A - proposed LAA refresh