

SHADOW EXECUTIVE
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SUBJECT	LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – Refresh and sign-off This report provides the latest position on indicators and targets for Central Bedfordshire’s Local Area Agreement (LAA), and outlines the process and timetable for completing the negotiation of targets with Government.
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IMPLICATIONS

SUSTAINABILITY	Yes
FINANCIAL	Yes
LEGAL	
PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	
COMMUNITY DEV/SAFETY	Yes
TRADES UNION	
HUMAN RIGHTS	
KEY ISSUE	Yes/No
BUDGET/POLICY FRAMEWORK	Yes/No

OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the current indicators and targets for Central Bedfordshire Council’s Local Area Agreement (LAA), as set out in the tables in paragraph 2.4, be agreed.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Interim Chief Executive to conclude the negotiation of any outstanding targets.

<i>Reason for Recommendation:</i>	<i>To comply with the regulations relating to the preparation, submission and modification of a LAA under sections 106,110, 111 and 113 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007</i>
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1. Background

- 1.1 Central Bedfordshire Council, as the principal authority, has the statutory duty to work in partnership to negotiate a LAA for its area that:
 - 1.1.1 reflects the vision and ambitions in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS);
 - 1.1.2 responds to the needs of local communities; and
 - 1.1.3 is supported by a strong evidence base.
- 1.2 The existing LAA is a three-year agreement between central government and the local authority and its partners that operates for the period 2008-11. It includes 23 'designated' indicators (negotiated with central government) and nine local indicators (agreed by the Countywide Partnership).
- 1.3 Each year the LAA is subject to a 'review and refresh' process; to check on progress and consider if any additional indicators should be included (up to 35 designated indicators can be agreed, and there is no limit on the number of local indicators).
- 1.4 The refreshed LAA must be submitted to GO-East by 2nd March 2009.
- 1.5 At its meeting on 28th October 2008 the Shadow Executive agreed to discharge its responsibilities for the LAA to the Central Bedfordshire Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

2. Current Position

- 2.1 At its meeting on 6th January 2009 the LSP agreed to carry forward all of the existing indicators in the countywide LAA. In the first year, targets were set at a county-wide level for 23 of the indicators. All of these targets have been disaggregated for Central Bedfordshire, except one – NI 40 *'the number of drug users in effective treatment'*. Acting on the advice of the National Treatment Agency it is proposed that this target will be retained as a county-wide target, and partners are developing a detailed delivery plan accordingly.

- 2.2 Nearly all of the disaggregated targets have been formally agreed with GO-East by the LSP and the appropriate Theme Leads, in consultation with their Thematic Partnerships. Two targets are being reviewed in response to the economic downturn, these are: NI 154 *'the number of net additional new homes provided'*; and NI 152 *'a percentage reduction of people on out of work benefits'*. In addition, the target for NI 130 *'the percentage of social care clients receiving self directed support'* is being reviewed due to the significant change in the definition of this indicator. Targets for the remaining nine indicators can be agreed after the receipt of survey data and other centrally provided baseline information, which is expected to be available during February 2009.
- 2.3 A 'light touch' review of Central Bedfordshire's evidence base has been carried out to consider whether any additional indicators should be included as part of the refresh. The findings of this exercise have been discussed in detail by the relevant Thematic Partnerships and agreed with GO-East through a programme of Theme Lead bi-lateral meetings during October to January. This process has confirmed each of the existing indicators. In addition, the LSP has agreed to include NI 4 *'people influencing decisions in their local area'* as a designated target, and to develop a local target (not from the National Indicator Set) to support improvements in adult social care.

2.4 The tables below show the full list of indicators and targets that have been agreed under each key strategic theme.

Indicator	Baseline	Target setting information		
PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT – Liz Wade		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 175 (Local Indicator) Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.		75%	75%	75%
NI 186 Per capita CO ₂ emissions in the LA area.	6.3 tonnes per capita (2005)	6.17 tonnes per capita	5.93 tonnes per capita	5.62 tonnes per capita
NI 193 Municipal waste land filled.	59.09% (77,128 tonnes)	54.02% (70,234 tonnes)	50.62% (66,261 tonnes)	48.19% (63,385 tonnes)
NI 197 Local Indicator) Enhancing our green infrastructure and biodiversity.	38.3% = 100 out of 261 sites	46% (+20 sites)	50% (+30 sites)	54% (+40 sites)
NI 198 Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used .	27.4% (06/07) assumes outturn in 07/08 of 25.3%	24.5%	23.8%	23.0%

Indicator	Baseline 07/8	Target setting information		
GROWING OUR ECONOMY Liz Wade		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	6.52%	6.4%	6.25%	6.15% Cumulative 0.37% (560 people)
NI 154 Net additional homes provided	1,349	1,563	1,661	1,901
NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher.	65.9%	68.9% (+3%)	70.9% (+5%)	72.9% (+7%)
NI 165 Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher.	24.1%	26.1% (+2%)	27.1% (+3%)	28.1% (+4%)
NI 171 (Local Indicator) New business registration rate.	882 (Average 2001/06)	875	925	975
NI 172 VAT registered businesses in the area showing growth.	Awaiting baseline data			

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IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING – Muriel Scott		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 120 All-age all cause mortality rate	647 Males 480 Females (2006)	635 M 460 F	615 M 450 F	595 M 440 F
NI 123 16+ current smoking prevalence rate	1565 quitters (07/08)	822 (1672 quitters)	859 (1767 quitters)	880 (1829 quitters)
NI 130 Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	190 (371 clients)	452 (894 clients)	893 (1788 clients)	1469 (2346 clients)
Targets are being reviewed due to a change in the technical definition of this indicator				
NI 135 (Local Indicator) Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information.	17.87% (07/08)	20%	30%	40%
NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living.	73.44% (07/08)	73%	77%	80%
NI 142 (Local Indicator) Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living.	99.40% (07/08)	98%	98.25%	98.5%
A local indicator will be developed to support improvements in adult social care				

Indicator	Baseline	Target setting information		
BUILDING COMMUNITIES - Janet Ridge, Bedfordshire Communities Charity	STRONG Rural	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 3 Civic participation in the local area	Awaiting Place Survey data available Feb 09			
NI 4 People influencing decisions in their locality	Awaiting Place Survey data available Feb 09			
NI 6 (Local Indicator) Participation in regular volunteering.	Awaiting Place Survey data available Feb 09			
NI 7 (Local Indicator) Environment for a thriving third sector.	Baseline will be set Jan – Mar, based on local survey			
NI 8 Adult participation in sport	21.9%	23.9%	27%	25.9%
NI 11 (Local Indicator) Engagement in the arts.	Targets to be agreed using baseline data from the Active People Survey 2008			
NI 116 (Local Indicator) Proportion of children in poverty.	Awaiting baseline data			

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BUILDING SAFE COMMUNITIES Chief Superintendent Andy Street, Beds Police		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate	16.1 per 1,000 pop 4,002 crimes (07/08)	15.1per 1,000 pop 3,757 crimes (-6%)	14.2 per 1,000 pop 3,531 crimes (-6%)	13.3 per 1,000 pop 3,321 crimes (-6%) -17% cumulative target
NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	Awaiting baseline from central government	-17.5%	To be agreed	To be agreed
NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence	National baseline data 34%-28%	N/A	31%	28%
NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment	788 (07/08) (Bedfordshire figure from National Treatment Agency)	812 (+3%)	827 (+5%)	843 (+7%)
		National Treatment Agency recommends a county-wide target		

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE - Wendi Ogle-Welbourn,		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
NI 51 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services	11	13	15	16
NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	13.91%	13.8%	13.7%	13.6%
NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	Awaiting baseline data from TellUs survey			
NI 115 Substance misuse by young people	Awaiting baseline data from TellUs survey			
NI 117 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET)	6.1%	N/A	To be agreed	5.0%

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 We now enter into a short but intensive period of negotiation to specify the targets for improvement for each of the outstanding indicators for the remaining two years of the current Agreement.

- 3.2 Due to Local Government Reorganisation in Bedfordshire, Government has offered the flexibility for the new Accountable Bodies to delegate responsibility for final sign-off of the new LAA from Full Council to the Shadow Executive. Further dispensation has been agreed with GO-East for the Shadow Executive to give delegated authority to the Interim Chief to conclude the negotiation of targets.
- 3.3 The Shadow Executive is requested to consider the details of this paper and to support the recommendations.