

Report to : **TSP Board**

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Subject : **TAMESIDE TOGETHER: THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-11**
Part A: Year End Performance 2007/08
Part B: New model LAA 2008-11 and developing area based performance management arrangements

Report Summary : Part A of this report provides the Board with a progress report on the achievement of the LAA.
Part B of this report provides an update on the development of the LAA 2008-11, and considers the developments necessary to embed the LAA and National Indicator Set in the Partnerships robust performance management framework.

Recommendations : The report and recommendations in Part B section 5 be noted.

Policy Implications : The priorities within the LAA are drawn from existing work of the TSP Board and Thematic Partnerships. The effectiveness of the LAA and the achievement of outcomes against these priorities impacts directly on all the themes of the Community Strategy.

Financial Implications: Funding for the LAA is monitored within individual blocks and partnerships. Early discussions need to take place about the allocation of the LAA funding for 2008/09.

Links to Community Strategy : The LAA is an important element in the achievement of the Community Strategy and improving the quality of life in Tameside.




Part A: Year End Performance 2007/08

1.0 Background - Tameside's LAA

- 1.1 The LAA was signed on 29th March 2007 by the Leader of TMBC as Chair of the TSP, the Chief Executive of TMBC and Ruth Kelly the Minister for Communities & Local Government. The agreement became live on 1st April 2007.
- 1.2 Further details and a copy of the agreement can be obtained from the LAA area of the TSP website, <http://www.tameside-strategic-partnership.org.uk/strategy/LAA-home.htm> .

2.0 Year End – 2007/08 – progress report

- 2.1 The LAA Steering Group met on 13 May 2008 to review the Year End performance report. Attached at Section 4 is the Year End – 2007/08 – LAA Performance Monitor.
- 2.3 The LAA includes 93 performance measures which track progress against the aims and outcomes of the agreement. Not all of these can be judged for direction of travel (improvement/decline). This can be for a number of reasons. For example, the performance measure is underdevelopment or the target is yet to be agreed.
- 2.4 The tables below summarise performance at Year End – 2007/08.

IMPROVEMENT			
		No.	%
IMPROVING		50	78%
NO CHANGE		6	9%
DECLINING		8	13%

TARGET			
		No.	%
ON TARGET	G	43	70%
ACTION	R	18	30%

- 2.5 Performance at Year End – 2007/08 is strong. 78% of measures show an improvement on the previous period or baseline. 70% of measures achieved the 2007/08 target. The remaining 30 % require further action.

3.0 Risk Areas

- 3.1 Those measures which have not achieved target in 2007/8 are listed below. For further details see the data tables at Section 4. (Indicators marked with an asterix * both failed target and declined in 2007-8.)

Safer & Stronger Communities

- SSC 1.2C: Young Offenders - reduce the proportion of young offenders who re-offend (within 12 months)
- SSC 1.5b: Reduce Violent Crime - Robbery per 1,000 population (through targeted action in concentrations and hotspot areas)
- * SSC 2.1: Increase the % of people who feel safe in their local neighbourhood after dark
- * SSC 2.3a: Increase in the levels of retention in drug treatment for 12 or more weeks
- * SSC 2.5a: Increase the % of people who feel informed about what is being done to tackle anti-social behaviour in their local area (Citizen's Panel)
- * SSC 2.7a: Reduce the % of people who think people not treating other people with respect and consideration is a problem in their local area (Citizen's Panel)
- * SSC 3.1: Increase the % of people who feel they can influence decisions affecting their local area
- SSC 5.3: Increase the % of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours (from the point at which the local authority is legally entitled to remove the vehicle)
- SSC 5.9: Increase the % of households with access to three different types of kerbside collection of recyclables

Children & Young People

- CYP 2.2: Increase the proportion of young people (19 and under) who achieve Level 2 (NVQ or equivalent)
- CYP 2.3: Increase the proportion of young people (19 and under) who achieve Level 3 (NVQ or equivalent)
- CYP 3.2: Increase the % of 5-16 year olds in school sports partnerships engaged in two hours a week minimum on high quality PE and school sport within and beyond the curriculum
- CYP 3.4: Increase the number of primary and secondary schools in Tameside that have achieved the Tameside Healthy Food and Drink in Schools Award.
- CYP 3.5: Reduction in the under 18 conception rate (per 1,000 population (female) aged 15-17)
- * CYP 4.1: Reduction in numbers of exclusions (permanent) in secondary schools

Healthier Communities & Older People

- HCOP 2.1: Increase the % of service users who are supported to establish and maintain independent living (long term service - i.e. older people and people with learning disabilities)

Economic Development

- * ED 2.1: To maintain the number of self employed in Tameside as a proportion of the GM average
- * ED 2.5: To maintain the number of supported business start ups

4.0 Year End – 2007/08 – Performance Data

Part B - New model LAA 2008-11 and developing area based performance management arrangements

1. Background

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill put LAAs on a statutory footing. LAAs will continue as three-year agreements but would be re-negotiated in 2008 to include measures drawn from the new National Indicators Set (NIS).

The 'new model' LAAs were submitted to Government Offices on the 30th May for approval by Communities and Local Government (CLG) and will go live on the 1st July 2008.

2. 'New model' LAAs

2.1 Tameside's LAA was negotiated through the four block groups established in 2006, and overseen by the LAA Steering Group.

2.2 The agreement was structured around the six Community Strategy aims, and includes the following outcomes:

- Reducing crime and fear of crime
- Improving educational attainment and skills
- Reducing worklessness and supporting enterprise
- Reducing health inequalities and supporting healthy lifestyles
- Creating a cleaner, greener borough and protecting our environment
- Empowering vulnerable people and promoting supportive communities

2.3 A total of 70 performance measures were included in the submission to GONW of which 25 have been designated, meaning they will inform judgements made about the area, as outlined in section 4.

2.4 Stretching targets have been agreed with GONW for these designated indicators. Whilst we have agreed the target level in many cases we know achieving them will be a challenge, in particular those relating to education, health and worklessness.

Targets included in 'New Model' LAAs can be refreshed annually with agreement from GONW giving us flexibility to make adjustments where baseline data is currently unavailable or likely to change.

2.5 The measures and targets were endorsed by Cllr SR Oldham in his role as Chair of the TSP Board and Leader of the Council, and the LAA Executive at the meeting of 29th May, on behalf of the TSP Board.

2.6 The agreement has been branded Tameside Together: Great Lives, Excellent Services, to reflect the commitment of partners to the agreement and the importance of partnership working to achieving the outcomes.

2.7 The agreement was launched to the wider partnership at the LAA Launch event on 12th June attended by 90 delegates representing 35 organisations from across the partnership.

2.8 The conference was our most successful to date with 98% of delegates telling us they were satisfied with the event. The programme focused on transformation and considered current examples of transformation in the borough and how we might use transformation to deliver our LAA. This was followed by a future basing group exercise in which delegates reflected on how we might make our Community Strategy aims and LAA outcomes a reality.

3. Governance Arrangements

3.1 LAA Executive

As agreed by the TSP Board at the meeting of 21st September, an LAA Executive has been established to oversee the LAA on behalf of the Board. The LAA Executive met for the first time on 6th May 2008 and again on the 29th May to agree and endorse the LAA submission to GONW. The LAA Executive will report progress and performance against the LAA to the Board on a six monthly basis, complementing the operational role of the Steering Group and providing assurance to Board Members.

The formation of the LAA Executive and the conclusion of the negotiations presents an opportunity to refine our partnership structure.

4. Performance Management Arrangements

4.1 The TSP has a strong performance management framework. The LAA measures will be embedded within this framework. This means that every LAA performance measure:

- o Has an identified lead agency which has primary responsibility for driving forward performance in conjunction with partners;
- o Has an identified lead Thematic Partnership (TP), and is included within the relevant Partnership Agreements between the TSP Board and TPs;
- o Has a lead officer responsible for performance working with the relevant partner organisations;
- o Will be reported to the relevant Thematic Partnerships Board meeting on a quarterly basis.

4.2 The establishment of a new national performance regime in 2009 (the Comprehensive Area Assessment) suggests it is appropriate for a review of the existing performance framework to ensure it is fully aligned with national and local requirements.

The Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) includes a number of elements including an Annual Joint Risk Assessment for the area. This will look at the prospects for the area and the quality of life of local people. It will take account of how well partners work together to address the priorities for their communities based on the indicators agreed in the LAA.

4.3 To ensure the Tameside Strategic Partnership is able to respond to the challenges of monitoring and delivering the LAA and the National Indicator Set, and moving towards CAA we will undertake a review of the performance management framework, and remit of our sub-groups in summer 2008.

This will focus in particular on the development of the LAA Steering Group into an operational performance delivery group, the role of the Thematic Partnerships and sub-groups in driving performance, and the LAA Block Groups.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That members of this Board welcome the new Tameside Together Agreement and disseminate it within their own organisations.

5.2 That this Board receive a further report on how we might strengthen our partnership structure to deliver and monitor the Tameside Together Agreement and the NIS and prepare for CAA.