

Report to: Tameside Strategic Partnership Board

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Subject: **LAA (Local Area Agreement) – Quarter 2 2007/08 – Progress Report**

Report Summary: The report provides the Executive Team with a progress report on the achievement of the LAA and an update on the future development of LAAs.

Recommendations: The report to be noted and action taken where appropriate.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications as a result of the report.

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.




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.

1.0 Background - Tameside's LAA

- 1.1 The LAA was signed on 29th March 2007 by the Leader of the Council, as Chair of the TSP, the Chief Exec. of TMBC and Ruth Kelly the Minister for Communities & Local Government. The agreement became live on 1st April 2007 and runs for 3 years to 31st March 2010.
- 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 Quarter 2 – 2007/08 – progress report

- 2.1 The LAA Steering Group met on 29th October to review the Quarter 2 performance report (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 The LAA includes 91 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) or likely target achievement. This can be for a number of reasons. For example, data is only collected annually, the baseline is not available as it is for a later period, the performance measure is underdevelopment or the target is yet to be agreed.
- 2.3 The table below summarises performance at Quarter 2 – 2007/08.

	IMPROVEMENT		TARGET				
	No.	%	%	No.			
IMPROVING		39	78%	67%	36	G	ON TARGET
NO CHANGE		4	8%	20%	11	A	MONITOR
DECLINING		7	14%	13%	7	R	ACTION

- 2.4 Performance at Quarter 2 – 2007/08 is very strong. 78% of measures show an improvement on the previous period or baseline. 67% of measures are on course to achieve the 2007/08 target. 20% need to be closely monitored and the remaining 13% require further action.
- 2.5 Those measures which are highlighted as not on course to achieve target and needing further actions are listed below. For further details see the data tables at Appendix 1.

Safer & Stronger Communities

- SSC 2.1 – feel safe in local neighbourhood after dark
- SSC 2.5a – feel informed about what is being done to tackle anti-social behaviour
- SSC 2.7a – not treating other people with respect and consideration is a problem
- SSC 3.1 – feel can influence decisions affecting local area

Children & Young People

- CYP 3.5 – teenage pregnancy rate

Healthier Communities & Older People

- HCOP 1.4a – smoking quitters (4 weeks) in most deprived areas

Economic Development

- ED 1.1 – worklessness (borough-wide)

3.0 'New model' LAAs – 2008/09

- 3.1 The Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Bill puts LAAs (Local Area Agreements) on a statutory footing. The Bill requires the responsible local authority (Tameside MBC) to prepare a LAA and submit it to the Secretary of State for approval. The LAA must have regard to the Community Strategy in its aims and priorities, and include 'local improvement targets' to enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area. To ensure accountability each target must have a responsible organisation.
- 3.2 The responsible local authority is required to consult partners and co-operate with them in the development of the targets. There is also a new duty for partners to co-operate with the responsible authority.
- 3.3 As reported to the Board in September 2007 the 'new model' LAA will be structured around 18 statutory education/ early years targets and 35 targets drawn from the National Indicator Set (NIS). Consultation on the NIS is currently taking place and indicators will be finalised in early 2008.
- 3.4 LAA Operational Guidance has been published and will inform the transition to the new model.
- 3.5 **Transition to 'new model' LAAs.** The 'new model' LAA should be signed by June 2008 to go live from the start of July. The Tameside LAA should not need to be fully re-negotiated. The priorities/outcomes agreed and signed off in March 2007 will continue. Work will be needed though to draw down measures from the NIS, develop local spatial and demographic measures where appropriate and align the agreement more closely with the Community Strategy.