

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	3rd March 2010	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 13
TITLE:	Bath & North East Somerset Local Area Agreement Refresh 2010/11	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: E 2091
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report refreshes the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Bath & North East Somerset. The LAA is a three year agreement between the Government, the Council and its partners working through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 The refreshed draft of the Local Area Agreement for Bath & North East Somerset is approved.
- 2.2 The Chief Executive signs the Local Area Agreement for Bath & North East Somerset on behalf of the Council.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is performance reward grant associated with achievement of all targets. The performance reward grant will be awarded to the Council as the accountable body.
- 3.2 Performance reward grant claims will be paid in two instalments in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years, each with a 28 per cent capital element.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 The Local Area Agreement has been developed from the overarching Bath & North East Somerset story of place as set out in the Council Corporate Plan and is aligned with the all corporate improvement priorities.

- *Improving transport and the public realm*
- *Building communities where people feel safe and secure*
- *Addressing the causes and effects of climate change*
- *Improving the availability of affordable housing*
- *Promoting the independence of older people*
- *Improving the life chances of disadvantaged children and young people*
- *Improving school buildings*
- *Sustainable growth*

5 THE REPORT

Background:

- 5.1 The Council agreed this Local Area Agreement (2008-2011) in May 2008. It was refreshed in 2009, and 2010 is the final year of the agreement.
- 5.2 The Local Area Agreement for Bath and North East Somerset is comprised of:
- 28 “designated” targets for the period 2008-11;
 - 32 “stretch targets” from LAA 1 (2007-10);
 - 16 mandatory Children & Young People indicators; and
 - Local targets.

Final Year Refresh Issues:

- 5.3 This final refresh of the LAA is “light touch”. Discussions with the Government Office South West (GOSW) have been focused on: (i) renegotiating targets for two economic indicators as a result of the recession; and (ii) finalising missing baseline and/or target data for six indicators
- 5.4 Negotiations on the targets for two economic indicators have been successfully concluded with GOSW. The indicators are:
- NI 154 net new homes delivered
 - three year cumulative target renegotiated from 1687 to 1103

- NI 155 number of affordable homes delivered
 - three year cumulative target renegotiated from 511 to 398

The renegotiated targets are based on a sound business case, although they retain a degree of risk associated with market performance and economic factors during 2010/11

5.5 Six indicators have outstanding baselines and or/targets as the data was unavailable nationally in years 1 and 2 of the agreement. These are minor issues to resolve and are not contentious. The indicators are:

- **NI 30** Re-offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders (missing baseline data)
- **NI 54** Services for disabled children (missing baseline data)
- **NI 139** The extent to which older people receive the support they need to live independently at home (minor change in calculation)
- **NI 146** Adults with learning disabilities in employment (missing baseline data)
- **NI 149** Adults receiving secondary mental health services in settled accommodation (missing baseline data)
- **NI 187** Tackling fuel poverty – % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating (missing baseline & target data)

5.6 The deadline for the submission of the LAA to GOSW is 10th March 2010, with ministerial approval due to take place on 31st March. Negotiations will continue if required up to this point. The LAA is subject to various sign off and review procedures including Cabinet and the Primary Care Trust Board.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Lead Cabinet member will have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance prior to publication.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 Bath & North East Somerset Council have conducted an equalities impact assessment into the selection of priority indicators for the B&NES Local Area Agreement.

8 RATIONALE

8.1 The Local Area Agreement is a statutory agreement that sets out the priorities for the locality and identifies targets over three years. It is a key performance framework for the delivery of the Council Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy, as it acts as a three year delivery plan.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 *Cabinet members; Other B&NES Services; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer*

10.2 All discussions on targets are undertaken with Government Office South West.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Young People; Corporate.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Strategic Director - Support Services) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>Bath and North East Somerset Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 – Refresh 2009/2010</i>
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