

## Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Update

<b>What is your request of the LSP Board?</b>	<b>The LSP Board is asked:</b> 1) To note and comment on the updates from the Task Group and LSP Executive 2) To provide a steer on the proposed process mapped out in Appendix 2 3) To note the next steps of the process in Appendix 3 4) To recommend the process to the Council, who as the accountable body will be required to provide sign-off
<b>What do you want from the Theme Delivery Partnerships?</b>	To play an active part in the PRG Process by submitting applications.
<b>Background material</b>	Appendix 1- Key Criteria and Principles for the Fund Appendix 2- LAA PRG “Main Fund” Procedure Flowchart Appendix 3- LAA PRG Process Timetable

### Recapping the Local Area Agreement (LAA)

- LAA 1 was a 3-year agreement between the Council, partners and Government that set out key outcomes for our local area.
- Throughout the life of the LAA it was subject to management and monitoring through the LSP and its associated governance arrangements. LSP partners were responsible for delivering the targets.

### Current Position

- The majority of targets within LAA 1 concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- Since September 2010 an audit has been conducted by the Council to ascertain how much PRG can be claimed.
- Current estimates based on ongoing internal audit work required to verify the claim indicates that the anticipated maximum PRG we can claim will be **£1.2m (this includes a 50% reduction imposed by Government as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review)**.
- There is no PRG available for LAA 2.

### LSP PRG Task Group

- The LSP Board agreed on 21<sup>st</sup> September that an LSP Task Group be established to review the process for the PRG Fund. The Task Group met on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to discuss the process and had representation from Avon & Somerset Police, The Civil Society, Business and Community sectors as well as NHS B&NES.
- The Task Group reviewed the Key Criteria and Principles of the Fund (**Appendix 1**).
- The Task Group felt that there should be two funds as follows:

1) Main Fund (3 year programme)

**£1m** focusing on larger project bids that will enable the building of capacity in the community in order to create real change.

2) Community Chest (2 year programme 50/50 revenue/capital split)

**£200k** focusing on building capacity in the community through small projects between £2- £5k

### **Update from the LSP Executive**

- The LSP Executive met on 29<sup>th</sup> November and provided an additional steer on the process for the fund.
- The LSP Executive agreed with the Task Group that there should be two funds and also agreed that the Key Criteria and Principles (**Appendix 1**) should be followed.
- The LSP Executive also agreed in principle to the process for the fund that is articulated in **Appendix 2**.

### **Next Steps**

- The Task Group will meet again on 4<sup>th</sup> January and will discuss the detailed application criteria including what will not be funded and the communication activity for the fund

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