

One Council, the New Local Area Agreement, and the Way Ahead

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The New Performance Framework

- From 2008/09, for local government and the work it does with its partners
- National Indicator Set (NIS)
 - 198 indicators important to government, results published annually
- New Local Area Agreement (LAA)
 - key agreement between government and local government with local partners
- Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)
 - from 2009

Local Area Agreement

- 16 statutory education & early years targets
- Up to 35 improvement targets
 - based on NIS indicators, agreed with government
 - ‘named’ partners held accountable by government departments
- Other local targets may also be added
- Performance Reward Grant on the ‘35’?
- CAA will inspect progress each year

Transition

- Current LAA ends on 31st March 2008
- New LAA agreed by June 2008
- Delivery on current LAA important
 - Targets were local priorities
 - Credibility of partnerships' ability to deliver
- CAA 2009, includes 2008/09 performance

Ambitions

(‘broad brush strokes’)

- Excellent, low cost public services
- Building ‘social capital’: inclusive, active, communities
- Local & transparent government: effective decision making, public trust

Excellent, low cost public services

- Affordable housing
- Health & social care for all
- Economy, skills and employment
- Safer communities
- Environment
- (plus children & young people)

Building 'social capital': Stronger, resilient communities

- NI 1 % people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
- NI 2 % people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood
- NI 3 Civic participation in the local area
- NI 5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area
- NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering
- NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector
- NI 22 Perceptions of parents taking responsibility for the behaviour of their children in the area
- NI 23 Perceptions that people in the area treat one another with respect and dignity

Working together: Local & transparent government, effective decision making, public trust

- NI 4 % people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- NI 140 Fair treatment by local services

Community areas & County ambitions

Outline timetable (1)

- For each ‘ambition’
- partners to identify the priorities for action 3-5 years (to WiSBEx January)
- show
 - bodies to be responsible under the LAA
 - which indicators from NIS would be appropriate (if any)
- take account of relevant factors, including:
 - our community strategy; public opinion; the plans and priorities of existing partnerships; areas of underperformance among public services; government priorities, and learning from our first LAA

Identifying priorities for action

Area of Ambition	Initial work (December)
Stronger, resilient communities	The Social Inclusion Partnership Stronger LAA block The Community Area Partnerships
Affordable housing	Andrew Pate to liaise with all DC Housing Officers on approach
Health & social care for all	Primary Care Trust County Council Health & Wellbeing Partnership
Economy, skills & employment	Economic Partnership
Safer communities	Safer Wiltshire Executive
Environment	Wiltshire and Swindon Renewable Energy Forum Wiltshire Biodiversity Partnership Wiltshire Waste Partnership

Outline timetable (2)

- Focussed groups representing bodies that will deliver the LAA
 - January to April – work up action plans, and negotiate targets with GOSW
 - Report to WiSB in March
 - May to June – WiSB and partners for final approval

Funding

General Grant

Non-ringfenced (Revenue support grant and national non domestic rates)
Distributed by formula.

Area Based Grant

Non-ringfenced total (combines individual grants)
Distributed by policy.

Specific Grants

Capital (single capital pot and ringfenced grants)

Local income

All funding contributes to delivery of 198 National Indicator Set indicators, plus local priorities



LAA

As 35 + 16 NIS indicators & some local priorities feed into LAA, a proportion of total funding feeds into the LAA (also aligned funding from others)

Sources of government information

- **LAA Operational guidance 2007 -**
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/laaoperationalguidance>
- **Introduction to Local Performance Framework**, delivering better outcomes for local people -
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/localperformanceframework>
- **Creating strong, safe and prosperous communities**, statutory guidance: draft for consultation -
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/statutoryguidance>
- **National Indicator Set -**
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/nationalindicator>
- **National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships: Handbook of Definition Draft for consultation -**
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/indicatorsdefinitions>

Local Area Agreement: taking the opportunity

- streamlined performance regime
- greater flexibility in resources
- shared aims and actions
- link County with community

Questions

- Is the central role of the LAA clear?
- Is your role in the new performance regime clear?
- Is the process to develop the LAA clear?
- Is the relationship with 1C4W clear?