

Performance Support Group

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To note the role of the Performance Support Group in reviewing the performance of Derby City Partnership through the Local Area Agreement.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 In June 2008 Derby City Partnership Management Group approved the introduction of a new Performance Support Group (PSG) on a pilot basis.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Group was to review performance and help drive improvement across Derby City Partnership (DCP). The terms of reference are shown in Appendix 2.
- 2.3 The PSG has focused on reviewing the indicators of the Local Area Agreement. A list of areas considered is shown in Appendix 3.
- 2.4 To make sure that there was no overlap between areas reviewed by the PSG and the Scrutiny Commissions, there has been ongoing liaison with Scrutiny Commission Chairs, who are members of the Group.
- 2.5 In advance of the last PSG meeting on 21 July 2009, an evaluation was carried out to assess the role and impact of the Group over the pilot period.
- 2.6 As part of the evaluation process, a short questionnaire was issued to all members and attendees of the Group. 59% of survey respondents felt that the PSG process was useful though it could be improved if better monitoring of actions and outcomes took place.
- 2.7 Benefits of the Group were felt to be...
 - Better understanding of issues and influences on performance.
 - Greater knowledge of partnership priorities.
 - More joined up scrutiny arrangements.

- 2.8 In addition, the Partnership has received positive feedback from the Audit Commission on the role of the PSG.
- 2.9 The survey results were discussed at the meeting held in July 2009 and it was agreed that the Group should continue.
- 2.10 On 20 August 2009 DCP Management Group agreed to support the continuation of the PSG. Furthermore, DCP Management Group agreed to increase the number of PSG meetings in the year from four to five in order to fit with the DCP 'city' structure.

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Background papers:

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference for Performance Support Group

Appendix 3 – Indicators reviewed by the Performance Support Group

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly arising.

Legal

2. None directly arising.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. The Local Area Agreement includes targets related to how well we are delivering services to different groups and whether people feel they are being treated fairly.

Corporate priorities

5. The Local Area Agreement reflects the key targets agreed with Government in relation to our corporate priorities and 2020 Vision.

Performance Support Group – Terms of Reference

Chair:	Chair of Derby City Partnership / Leader of Derby City Council
Vice Chair:	Member of Derby City Partnership State of the City Forum
Membership:	State of the City Forum Representatives (5) Lead Cabinet Member for Performance (1) Representative from each Scrutiny Commission (6)
Support:	Council Performance Team
Frequency	Quarterly (on pilot basis for six months)

Purpose

In April 2008 a new national performance framework was introduced for local partnerships. The framework includes a set of 198 performance indicators based around the Government's shared priorities. Local partnerships were asked to agree 35 priority indicators from this set to form their new Local Area Agreement. The performance of Derby City Partnership will be assessed against the whole national set as part of the new Comprehensive Area Assessment, but with focus placed on outcomes delivered through the LAA. This Group will help to oversee the review of areas of underperformance identified through performance monitoring of the LAA and national indicator set. It will also highlight areas of improvement across the Partnership.












Activities

- To receive quarterly highlight reports against set 'underperformance criteria' and recommendations from Derby City Partnership Management Group and Derby City Council Chief Officer Group...
 - Underperformance against target.
 - Deteriorating direction of travel.
 - Poor comparative performance (e.g. against other similar unitaries).
 - Missed milestones in delivery or action plans.
 - Significant under/over variances of relevant funding streams.
 - Data quality issues (e.g. consistently late data submission, classified as high risk during self assessment process).
- To consider underperforming indicators and challenge progress against delivery plans referring action back to City Groups, Scrutiny Commissions or partner organisations as necessary.
- To receive updates on indicators selected for performance review e.g. action plans, minutes of surgery meetings.
- To recognise areas of improvement and good performance across the Partnership.

Indicators reviewed by the Performance Support Group

The indicators reviewed by the Performance Support Group their performance status at the time of the review and at the end of the PSG pilot are shown below.

Ref	Description	Reviewed at PSG	Target Status when reviewed	DoT when reviewed	Progress		City
					Target Status Q4	DoT Q4	
NI 047	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	11 March 2009	★	↑	Target for 2010/11 forecast to be missed ▲		City for Stronger, Safer, Cleaner Communities
NI 039	Rate of hospital admissions for alcohol related harm	17 December 2008	Reported annually no performance update/forecast available		No colour rating as target not set	↑	Healthy City
NI 72	Achievement across the Early years Foundation Stage	21 July 2009	▲	Quarter 4 data ↓	N/A	N/A	City for Children and Young People
NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	21 July 2009	▲	Quarter 4 data ↑	N/A	N/A	City for Children and Young People
NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty	17 December 2008	No performance update is available as the final definition is still awaited				City for Children and Young People
NI 135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific service or advice and information	9 October 2008	Quarter 1 data ●	Quarter 1 data ↑	★	↑	Healthy City

					Progress		City
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NI 141	Number of vulnerable people who have achieved independent living	21 July 2009	Quarter 4 data 		N/A	N/A	Healthy City
NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits	17 December 2008	Quarter 2 data 	Quarter 2 data 			City Growth
NI 154	Net additional homes provided	17 December 2008	Reported annually quarter 2 2008/09 forecast 	Reported annually quarter 2 2008/09 forecast 			City Growth
NI 186	Per capita CO2 emissions in local authority area	9 October 2008	No performance update is available as the indicator is reported on an annual basis by Defra. Data expected to be released at the end of September 2009.				City Growth
NI 195b	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of detritus)	21 July 2009	Target not set for 2008/09	Quarter 4 data 	N/A	N/A	City for Safer, Stronger, Cleaner Communities