



Refreshing Derby's Local Area Agreement

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report describes progress made in refreshing Derby's Local Area Agreement, LAA, for 2006 and presents the first draft of the Agreement for consideration by Members.
- 1.2 Derby's pilot LAA started on 1 April 2005 and covered three areas of activity or blocks:
 - Children and Young People
 - Healthier Communities and Older People
 - Safer and Stronger Communities
- 1.3 There are a number of changes which will impact upon the refreshed LAA for 2006:
 - In line with Government guidance, it has been agreed to introduce a fourth economic block – 'Economic Development and Enterprise'.
 - The opportunity to align the LAA with the work of the Area and Neighbourhood project board, supporting the Council's priority of reducing inequalities across the Derby City areas.
 - The introduction of a 'single pot' for funding streams.
- 1.4 Future governance arrangements for the LAA are being considered as part of the Derby City Partnership review taking place from January to March 2006.
- 1.5 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the progress made in refreshing Derby's Local Area Agreement.
- 2.2 To approve the draft Local Area Agreement as the basis for further negotiation.
- 2.3 To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Directors of Community & Regeneration and Resources, to negotiate the Local Area Agreement on behalf of the Council and its partners.
- 2.4 To receive further reports to confirm the Council's approval before the Agreement is entered into.



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
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Report of the Director of
Community & Regeneration

ITEM XX

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Background to Derby's Local Area Agreement

- 1.1 Derby was chosen as one of just 21 areas to pilot the Government's new concept of Local Area Agreements, LAAs. The Council has worked closely with other partners through Derby City Partnership, DCP, in establishing and developing the agreement. The Community Strategy and DCP's '2020 Vision' provides the context and priorities for the LAA.
- 1.2 Derby's pilot Local Area Agreement - LAA - took effect from 1 April 2005 and covers three main areas of activity...
 - **Children and young people** – tackling disadvantage and better integration of services to improve educational attainment, promote healthier lifestyles and give better support to families with young children. A key feature of this block is to underpin integrated service delivery and to tackle disadvantage in line with our work on the Children Act 2004 and developing our Children and Young People's Plan.
 - **Safer and stronger communities** – this block takes a broad view of community safety, going beyond the traditional focus on crime and disorder by looking to reduce incidence and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, making Derby an even better place to live by providing cleaner, greener and safer public places, encouraging active citizenship and reducing economic, social and environmental disparities between Derby's communities.
 - **Healthier communities and older people** – improved health outcomes and enabling vulnerable adults and older people to live more independent lives.
- 1.3 It was agreed that the performance indicators and targets included in Derby's Second Generation Local Public Service Agreement - LPSA2 - and the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy would form part of the LAA. Both the LPSA2 and Neighbourhood Renewal indicators have been finalised recently and will be reflected throughout the LAA blocks.
- 1.4 LAAs are three-year agreements but are subject to an annual review when it should be possible to amend outcomes and targets and extend the range of funding streams in the LAA if we wish to do so.

1.5 The latest timetable for review and re-negotiation of the LAA for 2006 – referred to as the ‘refresh’ – is attached at **Appendix 2**. This has been agreed with senior Government Office officials.

2. Key changes

- 2.1 The new guidance issued by ODPM formalises the establishment of a fourth block - Economic Development and Enterprise - focusing upon sustainable economic development, business growth and regeneration. Derby is already developing proposals around Local Enterprise Growth Initiative - LEGI - funding and it has been decided that the LEGI Steering Group should in effect become a shadow 4th block management group for the LAA.
- 2.2 The refresh provides an opportunity to align the LAA more closely to the Community Strategy and neighbourhood renewal agenda. We are placing special emphasis on five neighbourhoods, Osmaston, Normanton, Sinfin, Stockbrook and the Austin estate in our approach to reducing inequalities across the city area. All of these neighbourhoods, and the city centre, will benefit from a joined up approach to resident engagement, community safety and liveability. This work is being overseen by the partnership Area and Neighbourhood Project Board, which will also review the Council’s Area Panels, to enhance councillors’ community leadership roles, and examine opportunities for closer partnership working and strategic planning at locality level.
- 2.3 Government Office has recently confirmed that Derby will become a ‘single pot’ LAA. The ‘single pot’ in effect means that it will not be necessary to group either outcomes or funding streams under the four blocks, so areas will have the freedom to spend any funding on achieving any outcome agreed as part of the LAA – subject to any mandatory outcomes, indicators and targets associated with particular funding streams.
- 2.4 The ‘single pot’ or otherwise is unlikely to fundamentally change the content of our LAA for 2006-07, but may affect structural arrangements and presentation and offer some additional flexibility in the use of funding – and make it easier to integrate the LAA with the Community Strategy, particularly around the Area and Neighbourhood working initiative.

3. Progress in refreshing the LAA for 2006-07

- 3.1 The initial review process began with a series of workshops to consider the future direction of the LAA. The first workshop took place on 1 November, attended by members of the DCP’s Strategy Co-ordination Group and LAA Steering Group. The group evaluated what we have achieved with our LAA so far. Discussion focused on the following areas...
- Relationship with the Community Strategy - the LAA is seen as one of the key delivery vehicles for the Community Strategy. Improving the links to Community Strategy priorities, and also the Corporate Plan would assist in delivering key outcomes.

- Governance arrangements – there was concern that duplication was occurring between DCP cities and LAA block management groups. It was agreed that the proposed review of DCP in early 2006 provided an opportunity to align governance arrangements more closely.
- Block structures – greater flexibility between blocks would promote progress in tackling cross cutting issues – particularly in light of the single pot.
- Freedoms and flexibilities - the need to secure further freedoms and flexibilities to support the LAA, with a rationalisation of the number of targets and indicators.

- 3.2 Following the workshop on 1 November and discussions around implications of the single pot, it was decided to postpone the wider consultation with partners and stakeholders planned for 15 November. Instead, this second session was attended by members of the Steering Group and Strategy Co-ordination Group to focus upon the development of sub-outcomes, performance indicators and funding streams for each block.
- 3.3 Initial proposals arising from these workshops were approved by the Strategy Co-ordination Group on 24 November. The key outcomes were circulated to Members and partners during December to give them the opportunity to comment on the proposed outcomes, indicators and funding streams.
- 3.4 The Steering Group and project teams comprising officers from the Council and other partners through Derby City Partnership – DCP – has prepared a draft ‘refreshed’ LAA for Derby, which has been forwarded to the Government Office for the East Midlands – GOEM – to initiate negotiations. A summary of the main outcomes we want to achieve through our refreshed LAA is attached at **Appendix 3**.

4. Governance arrangements

- 4.1 It has been agreed with Government Office that governance arrangements for the LAA will be considered during the review of Derby City Partnership, which will take place in early 2006.
- 4.2 Two workshops will be arranged during January and February to consider LAA governance and commissioning arrangements in light of the review of DCP taking place from January to March 2006. The workshops will cover...
- Purpose and structure of the partnership
 - Management and commissioning arrangements for the LAA.
- 4.3 Implementation is likely to take effect during April and May 2006.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 Agreement negotiations will take place with Government Office and Government Departments throughout the first few months of 2006. The final agreement must be submitted by 24 February, with Government ministers due to sign at the end of March.

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Background papers:	Derby's Draft Local Area Agreement
List of appendices:	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=5696 Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Timetable for refreshing Derby's LAA Appendix 3 – Summary of outcomes from Derby's refreshed LAA

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The LAA does not bring additional funding into Derby, but has changed some of the mechanisms and processes concerned with payment and monitoring, particularly in light of the single pot for 2006. The Council is the accountable body for the LAA.

Legal

- 2.1 As noted above, suitable arrangements for accountability and decision making is being developed through Derby City Partnership, DCP as part of the review taking place in early 2006.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising from the report.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 None directly arising from the report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The LAA, incorporating the LPSA2, will take forward priorities in the refreshed Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Plan.

TIMETABLE FOR REFRESHING DERBY'S LAA

Target date	Activity
1 Nov	Evaluation workshop to consider changes to LAA in terms of high level outcomes and structural arrangements
15 Nov	Workshop to discuss block outcomes, performance measures and funding streams
24 Nov	DCP SCG approves proposed changes in principle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes • Performance indicators • Funding streams • Additional freedoms & flexibilities
30 Nov	Outline proposed headline changes to GOEM
December	Partners have opportunity to comment on the revised proposals prior to first draft submission to GOEM
13 Dec	Steering Group considers 1 st draft of revised LAA
15 Dec	DCP SCG considers 1 st draft
By 23 Dec	1st draft of revised LAA submitted to GOEM
Dec – Jan 06	Discuss proposed changes with GOEM / other Government departments – OGDs
12 Jan	Steering Group considers refinement of LAA in light of GOEM comments DCP SCG approves latest draft and delegated authority to amend and submit penultimate draft to GOEM
17 Jan	Cabinet Pt 1 approves 1 st draft and delegated authority to amend and submit to GOEM
26 Jan	DCP workshop on purpose and structure of partnership
3 Feb	Submit penultimate draft to GOEM
Feb	Clear issues with GOEM prior to final draft
9 Feb	DCP SCG considers penultimate draft
16 Feb	LAA workshop on management and commissioning arrangements
24 Feb	Final draft to GOEM
Feb / Mar	Revise final draft in response to Whitehall comments
9 Mar	DCP SCG approves final draft

Target date	Activity
14 Mar	Cabinet Pt 1 approves final draft
24 Mar	LAA signed with Ministers

Bold items are subject to non-negotiable external deadlines

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FROM DERBY'S REFRESHED LAA

Children and young people	Economic Development and Enterprise	Healthier communities and older people	Safer and stronger communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP1 - To provide safe environments for vulnerable children and young people • CYP2 - To improve the health of children and young people • CYP3 - Few teenage pregnancies and support to teenage parents • CYP4 - A good start to children's education and development • CYP5 - Improved attainment at KS1, 2 and 3 with particular focus on pupils in the bottom quartile • CYP6 - Better opportunities and outcomes for young people in the 14-19 phase of education • CYP7 - Greater involvement and inclusion of children and young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDE1 - To increase entrepreneurial activity in sustainable enterprise • EDE2 - To raise the skill levels of the local population with clear reference to local business need • EDE3 - To improve the attractiveness of Derby to investors • EDE4 - To support growth and productivity in each of the four city growth clusters • EDE5 - To maximise the benefits of investment for local labour and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCOP1 - To support older people and adults with chronic health problems to stay out of hospital and live independently • HCOP2 - To increase life expectancy and reduce mortality rates from stroke, heart disease and cancer • HCOP3 - To reduce health inequalities - both morbidity and mortality - between Derby population and neighbourhoods • HCOP4 - To improve condition management as part of a holistic approach to rehabilitation • HCOP5 - Reduce mortality rates from suicide and undetermined injury • HCOP6 - Increase in volunteering around older people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC1 - To reduce crime, the harm caused by illegal drugs and to reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour • SSC2 - To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and delivery of services • SSC3 - To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces • SSC4 - To improve the quality of life in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve delivery