

## **COUNCIL CABINET 20 FEBRUARY 2007**

Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy

# Local Area Agreement 2007-08 Refresh

# SUMMARY

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- Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations. 1.6

# RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the changes and additions to the outcomes, indicators and funding streams for inclusion in the 2007-08 LAA.
- 2.2 To approve the 2007-08 LAA Refresh document, which can be found on CMIS http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8332
- 2.3 To recommend that Council delegate authority to make amendments to reflect up to date information to the Directors of Resources and Housing and Regeneration and Communities.

# **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The Department for Communities and Local Government, DCLG, in conjunction with Government Office of the East Midlands, GOEM, requires local areas to refresh their LAA on an annual basis and include new mandatory outcomes, indicators and funding streams where necessary.

The delegated authority sought will enable the 2007-08 LAA to be a comprehensive and up to date document suitable for submission to Government in March 2007. 3.2



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Report of the Corporate Directors – Resources and Housing and **Regeneration and Community** 

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# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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| 2006-07 LAA Structure                  | 2007-08 LAA Structure               |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Children and Young People              | City for Children and Young People  |
| Economic Development and Enterprise    | City Growth                         |
| Healthier Communities and Older People | City for Stronger Safer Communities |
| Safer and Stronger Communities         | Cultural City                       |
|  | Healthy City                        |

1.6 The move from four sections of the LAA to five means that responsibility for some areas of the LAA will be shared across the cities. In such cases DCP Management Group agreed that one city would lead but be supported by the other cities with whom it shares the outcome and indicator. Where such instances arise, agreements as to the lead city have been reached between the various parties involved.

#### 2. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT KEY CHANGES FOR 2007-08

- 2.1 The proposed changes and additions to the LAA for 2007-08 were submitted on the Refresh Templates to GOEM on both 12 and 19 January 2007. The proposals were also taken to DCP Management Group on 11 January and on 8 February for approval of the changes and additions to the LAA for 2007-08.
- 2.2 The 2006-07 LAA Refresh document has been updated to reflect the changes and additions noted on the 2007-08 Refresh Templates. The introductory text within the document, now titled 2007-08 LAA Refresh, has also been updated to reflect the current situation and progress made during 2006-07, the document can be found on CMIS http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8332
- 2.3 Highlights of key changes to each area/city of the LAA are shown below.

#### 2.4 **City for Children and Young People**

- The three mandatory indicators not in education, employment or training, Key Stage 3 achievement and School Travel Plans - have been included in the LAA Refresh for the city.
- Two new local indicators have been added around mode of travel to school although baseline and target information still needs to be confirmed.
- Two new funding streams School Improvement Partnership and School Development Grant – are to be pooled in the 2007-08 LAA.

#### 2.5 **City Growth**

- There are two mandatory outcomes and relating to decent homes and sustainable • housing supply that have been included in the LAA Refresh. GOEM however have advised that the supporting indicators do not need to be included as the targets have already been achieved. Furthermore the New Growth Points funding will not be pooled within the LAA in 2007-08.
- A new mandatory outcome and mandatory and local indicators relating to increasing employment have been included in the LAA Refresh for the city.

#### 2.6 **City for Stronger Safer Communities**

- Several new mandatory outcomes and indicators have been included within the city's section of the LAA relating to perception of crime and cleanliness satisfaction.
- A new funding stream Waste Efficiency Grant is to be pooled in the 2007-08 LAA.

#### 2.7 **Cultural City**

- Cultural City has the responsibility in 2007-08 to monitor performance against a • mandatory outcome and its two supporting indicators that relate to the quality of parks and open spaces.
- Outcomes and indicators on physical activity will be led by Cultural city and shared by Healthy City and City for Children and Young People.
- Two new culture outcomes have been developed for the city as part of the 2007-08 LAA and new local indicators have been mapped against these.
- All funding is aligned with the exception of some Section 106 monies, which will be locally pooled, and some NRF projects, which are pooled.

#### 2.8 **Healthy City**

- A mandatory indicator relating to all age all cause mortality has been included within the city's section and baseline and target figures have been set.
- The wording of two existing outcomes has been revised HCOP 1 and 3 and two new local indicators have been added against outcome HCOP 1.
- CYP 2.3 proportion of mothers who continue to smoke during pregnancy has been allocated solely to Healthy city.

#### 3. **NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1 To make sure that baseline and target information included in the agreement is robust the cities have been reviewing the data included in the LAA agreement to reflect any changes to indicators, collection and source of data and performance levels and where required baselines and targets have been revised.
- 3.2 For some indicators work on the baseline and target information will not be possible at this point in time. Where this is the case a date by when the data should be confirmed has been noted in the LAA performance indicator tables.
- 3.3 Work to finalise the plan will be ongoing over the next few weeks to confirm the city introduction sections. During this time, work will also be taking place to also firm up the wording of some outcomes and indicators, as discussions with GOEM are still ongoing across some cities.
- 3.4 Following approval of the draft 2007-08 LAA Refresh by DCP Management Group and Council Cabinet, the finalised document will be submitted in March to GOEM and DCLG for approval and sign off.

| For more information contact:<br>Background papers: |   |             | <b>e</b> , <b>e</b> |
|---|---|-------------|---------------------|
| List of appendices:                                 | 2007-08 LAA Refresh Document on CMIS –<br>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=833 |             |                     |
|   | 2<br>Appendix 1 – Ir  | nplications |                     |

# **IMPLICATIONS**

# Financial

- Performance against the LPSA2 targets, now included in the Local Area Agreement, is 1. directly related to the achievement of additional income through performance reward grants. We have already received nearly £1 million in Pump Priming Grant and successful completion of our LPSA targets would result in £6.3 million in Performance Reward Grant.
- 2. Pooled and aligned funding included in the Local Area Agreement will be managed in accordance with the Financial Framework approved by Cabinet on 31 October 2006.

### Legal

3. None directly arising from this report.

### Personnel

4. None directly arising from this report.

### **Equalities impact**

5. None directly arising from this report.

### **Corporate priorities**

6. The Council's corporate priorities and related actions support the Local Area Agreement outcomes and performance measures.