

Harrow Strategic Partnership Board

13th May 2008

New Local Area Agreement Update

The HSP Board is asked to:

1. Note and endorse the list of agreed LAA targets
2. Agree to delegate authority to representatives from the lead organisations of the outstanding indicators to agree the final targets

Background

1. The HSP Board on the 20th March endorsed the final list of 36 indicators to be taken onto the next step of negotiating targets with GOL.
2. At the end of February Government released the final definitions for 138 of the 198 national indicators. The remaining definitions were released on the 1st April, which has delayed our ability to assess baselines and targets for 12 of the 36 LAA indicators.
3. The final handbook definitions identified 13 indicators from the 198, which will not be introduced until 2009/10 to allow further work on the indicators methodology. Two of these 13 are included in Harrow's LAA list of 36 indicators, NI 32 and NI 57. This means that targets for these two indicators will not be negotiated with GOL until the first annual refresh of the agreement.
4. Each indicator has been allocated a lead officer and organisation that are responsible for developing baselines and targets. If baselines are unknown at this stage due to the indicator being new, we are proposing to negotiate development of baselines in year 1 of the agreement against which we can then set targets for the following two years accordingly.
5. The first submission of our proposed targets and baselines were sent to GOL on the 7th April. Since this time we have undertaken discussion with GOL, the lead officers and supporting performance leads.
6. **Two** out of the 36 indicator targets have now been agreed by GOL and the indicator leads
7. **Thirty** still remain outstanding and will need to be agreed by 30th May 08.
8. Baselines will be established for 4 indicators in 2008/09 and targets agreed at the first annual refresh.

9. If targets have not been agreed for the outstanding indicators by the 30th May we will push for government to accept that these indicators will be signed on the basis that the targets will be resolved after sign off to avoid being pressured into agreeing unrealistic targets.

10. There is the possibility that agreement will not be reached on a small number of indicators throughout the negotiations. If this is the case we will carry these indicators over into our local section of the agreement. We may then be required to go back to our previous short list of indicators to bring our list of measures up to 35.

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