

HSP Board
22nd October 2008

Review and Refresh of the Local Area Agreement

Summary

Each LAA is subject to an annual review. The purpose of the review is to identify and address any issues around delivery, including risks and good practice, to help assess and benchmark progress over the three year span of the agreements. In addition, the review is an opportunity to revise, by exception, particular targets to reflect changes in local circumstances or national priorities.

This year's review will be different to the following years. This difference is in part because the first Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) which will provide evidence and conclusions to inform LAA annual reviews, does not take place until next year.

Another factor that makes the first annual review different is the significant number of targets discussed at recent negotiations that still need to be set. Because of this, government is adopting a more flexible approach to revising LAAs than the 'exception' standard allows. **Therefore this year there will be a distinct 'refresh' element to the annual review.**

Because this year's review is taking place in the context of limited delivery data, the review will be looking more at the local capacity and delivery arrangements to ensure future delivery. This is one reason why it is important to have our delivery plans in place. Other issues that will be considered are whether the performance management systems are in place, the arrangements with partners and their commitment, joint commissioning; and citizen engagement. This will include looking at efforts to communicate with residents on local priorities. The consultation activity that will be undertaken to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy is one step towards helping us to engage with our residents about our priorities.

The refresh element of this years review may include some limited revisions where new evidence is available. The new evidence will need to be robust and inform a strong case for either removing or replacing an indicator. Most changes will be in terms of 'unfinished business' from the negotiations in June. This unfinished business comprises:

- delayed indicators
- revised indicators and targets that are inconsistent with their indicator definition

The aim is that all outstanding targets will be resolved ready for year two of the LAA (from 1 April 2009).

Timetable

October – January	Annual Review discussions
January 2009	GO Annual Review conclusions sent to Government
2 March 2009	Harrow to submit their refreshed LAA to Government Offices
Throughout March	Negotiations to be concluded on any outstanding issues. Local authorities to ensure the formal adoption process is completed, according

27 March – 1 April 09
Early April

GOs to submit adopted LAAs to the Secretary of State
Secretary of State Approval of revised LAAs

Review and Refresh Process

In the same way as the LAA development process, any revisions to the LAA will be worked through with the respective management groups and named partners.

Attached is the list of outstanding actions on targets which will need to be discussed and agreed during this years review/refresh.


Revisions to Harrow's LAA will need to be approved by an agreed process. The HSP Board will need to put in place appropriate local arrangements to ensure we meet the deadline for submitting the final and fully adopted refreshed LAA. The revised LAA will be submitted to the HSP Board for endorsement in March 2009. Due to time constraints, if any further revisions are required after this meeting it is recommended that delegated authority is passed to a nominated person(s).


The refreshed LAA will also need to be signed off by the Council as the accountable body before it can be submitted by GOL to the Secretary of State at the end of March.

Harrow Local Area Agreement 2008-11: Outstanding action on targets

Indicator / Theme		Baseline	LAA Target			Issue / Action
			08/09	09/10	10/11	
Stronger Communities						
1*	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	Baseline to be established from Place Survey 2008	The target should be a meaningful improvement in the level from the 2008 Places Survey baseline to the 2010 Places survey final measure, subject to response rate.			Targets agreed but may need to be revisited subject to response rate in Place Survey. Target negotiations will commence on 30th January 2009, when raw data from local authorities will be available, and be concluded after 16th February 2009 following release of "cleaned up" data by the Audit Commission.
6*	Participation in regular volunteering	To be established after place survey (Sept 2008)			A statistically significant improvement, subject to review in 2009	Baseline to be established following Place Survey 2008. Target negotiations will start on 30th January 2009, when raw data from local authorities will be available, and be concluded after 16th February 2009 following release of "cleaned up" data by the Audit Commission.
7*	Environment for a thriving Third Sector	Baseline to be established by the first wave of the National Survey of Third Sector Organisations	"A measurable improvement to take place between the National Survey of Third Sector Organisations conducted in 2008 and the National Survey of Third Sector Organisations conducted in 2010, calculated in accordance with the OTS briefing note."			Headlines from 3 rd Sector Survey published January 2009. Full results to follow in Spring 2009. Baseline to be established following full survey results.

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11*	Engagement in the Arts	To be established	0.5%	2.1%	3.1%	Active People Survey – establish baseline once data avail (from early Nov 2008).
13*	Migrants English Language skills and knowledge	Baseline to be established 2008/09		Targets to be established at annual refresh		LAs to source data through delivery orgs – annually at end of academic year. Baseline and targets to be agreed at refresh:
Safer Communities						
32*	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Baseline to be established 08/09		TBC at first annual refresh		Baseline and targets to be established in 2008/09. Home Office are producing guidance for local areas
40*	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment.	288 (LAA says baseline to be revised in May 2008)	4%	8%	12%	Baseline figures with Audit Commission to be updated when released.
Children & Young People						
51*	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health services	14 (Provisional)	14	Measure to be re-defined		Baseline to be confirmed 2008/09: Measure to be redefined and targets set for 2009/10 and 2010/11.
57*	Children and young people's participation in high-quality PE and sport	To be established 08/09		TBC at first annual refresh		Baseline and targets to be agreed:

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60*	Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement	77% (Forecast 07/08) Final figure available end of April.	80	81	82	Baseline confirmed by borough 09/09/08.
Adult health and wellbeing						
D 123	16+ current smoking rate prevalence	729 per 100,000 06/07  NI 123.xls	674 LDP to be confirmed	672	670	Currently a local indicator but may be brought in as a designated NI on agreement of the LDP figures between Harrow PCT and the SHA at refresh.
130*	Social care clients receiving self-directed support (Direct Payments & Individual Budgets)	148 per 100,000 (07/08)	245	750	1300	NI included in consultation. Review agreed baseline and targets.
134*	Number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population	78,690 (07/08)	77,116 (2% fall)	75,573 (2% fall)	74,061 (2% fall)	Baseline and targets are expressed as numbers of bed days. Revise to express as bed days per head of weighted population.
Tackling Exclusion and promoting equality						
140*	Fair treatment by local services	To be established after place survey (Sept 2008)				Baseline and targets to be established after Place Survey 2008:
146*	Adults with learning disabilities in employment	0% in paid employment	Targets to be established in 08/09			Baselines and targets to be established at in 2008/09:
149*	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in settled accommodation	Baseline to be established 08/09		Targets to be established 2009	Targets to be established 2009	Baseline and targets to be established 2008/09:

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Local Economy						
152*	Working age people on out of work benefits	9.6% Q1 06 to Q2 07  NI 152 Baseline Calculations	9.3%	9.0%	8.6% 1% reduction	Borough reserves the right to revisit targets if the national employment / claimant figures change substantially over 2008/09.
155*	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	127 (2007/08)	200	200	200	Targets may be revised in light of new London Mayor's housing strategy.
Environmental Sustainability						
186*	Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area	5.2 tonnes per capita (Defra 2005)	3.5% reduction against baseline (0.18 tonnes)	7.5% reduction against baseline (0.39 tonnes)	11.5% reduction against baseline (0.60 tonnes)	2005 data being re-evaluated. This may change the baseline, though not the targets.
197	Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites	61%	61% 0 sites	70% 2 sites moved into positive management	83% 3 sites moved into positive management (total 5 sites)	Initial baselines and target figures agreed on LA sites. Assessments of all sites in borough to be undertaken in 2008/09. Baseline and targets to be revisited at refresh.