

Local Area Agreement 2006-09

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1. Overall Assessment of Progress

Delivery of Leicestershire's Local Area Agreement has begun well. The approach to achieving better outcomes within Leicestershire's LAA had two key elements:

- Focusing effort on people, families and areas that require greater support and intervention to bring them up to the County average, and
- Focusing on the priorities for improvements to those universal services that are used by everybody to improve outcomes for all.

Driven by these principles much of the content in the LAA is new and the first six months have seen a lot of activity to set up new approaches and initiatives. The lead officers and delivery organisations in each block have been working hard to strengthen partnership and delivery arrangements including in many cases the recruitment of new staff. However there are clear indications of outcome performance in the case of many parts of the LAA and the picture is a very positive one. In order to properly reflect progress, each outcome of the LAA has been assessed in terms of delivery and outcome performance. The table below summarises progress across the seven blocks.

Table 1LAA Block Traffic Lights November 2006

	Outcomes				Delivery		
	Green	Amber	Red	N/A	Green	Amber	Red
Children and Young People	25	2	1	5	32	1	0
Cleaner and Greener	7	3	0	3	8	5	0
Economic Development	4	1	0	7	12	0	0
Health	3	2	0	7	7	5	0
Older People	6	1	0	5	9	3	0
Safer	8	3	0	7	15	1	2
Stronger	2	0	0	15	15	2	0
Totals	55	12	1	49	98	17	2
Reward Targets Overall	10	3	0	9	14	7	0

Detail on the current position for each outcome area can be found in block indicator tables which are appended to this report.

2. Outcome Performance and Risks

Here the focus is on LAA mandatories and local reward targets as the key priorities within the LAA.

2.1 Mandatory Outcomes 2005-06

For 2005-06 there were three national mandatory outcomes:

- To reduce crime, the harm caused by illegal drugs, and to reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime – this target is currently amber.
- To build respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour – an outcome measure is not available but delivery performance is green.
- To empower people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services. It is too early to make an outcome assessment. In delivery terms the completion of a social capital survey is a major achievement which will significantly improve the ability to measure this outcome and target delivery where it will have most impact.

2.2 Reward Target Outcomes

Of the 22 targets and sub targets 10 are Green, 3 Amber and 0 Red in terms of the outcome measure and 9 indicators still have their baselines being developed.

2.3 Outcome Risks

In relation to the three mandatory and 12 reward targets none are red-flagged. There are four amber targets assessed against year one performance.

Safer Mandatory Outcome 1 – Reduction in overall crime. Performance is slightly over on the aggregate target, mainly due to below par performance in 3 of the Districts. In terms of offences Criminal Damage: + 550 above, Wounding: + 358 crimes above, Theft from vehicle: + 163 crimes above; Burglary Dwelling: + 351 crimes above; Theft Cycle: + 112 crimes above; Vehicle Interference: + 59 crimes above Theft from Person: + 189 crimes above target; Robbery: + 2 crimes over target.

Improvement plans are in place or being developed by CDRPs. The Community Safety Programme Board Core Performance Team and LCC Crime and Disorder Research Team are providing regular performance updates for use by CDRPs in developing their improvement plans. This performance inevitably impacts on Outcome 2b, despite comprehensive PPO arrangements and the Multi-Agency Prolific and Priority Offender Management Team (MAPPOM) is considering how to respond.

Reward Target 3 – Healthier Communities - Although too early to definitively give a six-monthly measure there is some concern around the smoking outcome as the results of the actual baseline work have since shown the original projected baselines to be significantly overestimated. The need to review this reward target once baselining was finalised was anticipated at LAA sign-off and Leicestershire Together lead by the Health Block will wish to discuss this with Government Office during the refresh.

Reward target 10 – Cleaner and Greener – Improving waste management in Leicestershire. Increased levels of diversion from landfill, including recycling and composting. This target is currently Amber. In the last year LCC has sought to drive up performance in its managed sites by renegotiating the site management contracts and beginning an ambitious process of site redevelopment with the Oadby site having been closed. The move to new contractors has caused more disruption than anticipated and has had an adverse affect on CA site recycling and composting performance. The new contractors have now settled in and have managed most transitional issues and the Oadby site was successfully reopened on November 7th. The next update on delivery of the relevant plan for this target is in December and it will review progress of these changes including the LAA outcome.

Reward target 12 – Economic Development – Increase the number of people in receipt of incapacity benefit who are helped into work in Leicestershire. The target has been given an amber rating because the project has just started to deliver outputs. It was anticipated that the project planning and preparation would be undertaken over the first six months therefore performance, in terms of delivering outputs, was inevitably going to be low. It was fundamental that the foundations for this project were established over the first six months in order to offset any risks. The Learn to Earn project has now been launched and is delivering outputs therefore performance will improve and the achievement of year one targets is expected to come back on track.

3. The Added Value of the LAA

The development of the LAA with its emphasis on shared outcomes, joint working and a focus on change in outcomes has meant that there are a number of examples of positive change that give the prospect of future more positive outcomes for many people in Leicestershire. The reported benefits from key partners are categorised here:

3.1 Greater Partnership Working

Stakeholders report many examples of improved partnership working. Examples include the Adult Learning Service, Breaking the Barriers Team and Job Centre Plus around the Incapacity Benefit outcome. Also the joint working between the Pensions Service and the County Council in the Older People's block.

3.2 Increased Community Participation

A number of examples exist here in relation to what is a key cross-cutting issue. The Social Capital survey invested in local and community groups in carrying this out by using local volunteers. In the Older People's theme the first consultative network has been held and this will become an increasing focus for greater involvement of older people.

3.2 Improved Policy Focus

Developing the LAA has given extra impetus to some policy areas and lead to significant breakthroughs. Examples include the designating of priority neighbourhoods, a clearer focus on market towns and villages in the Economic block and the development of the Telecare Strategy which will deliver assistive technology to older people.

3.4 Strengthened and Innovative Delivery

The LAA has galvanised activity across the themes and already has produced tangible benefits. Examples include the production of an older person's handbook; the reorganisation of the delivery of business advice; the increased support to the Healthy Schools Programme as a key delivery mechanism; the innovative 'Cultural Core Offer' for leisure services; the Earn to Learn Project supporting people on Incapacity Benefit; the Tobacco control project which joins up the PCT, Trading Standards and Schools, and the Physical Activity Programme within the Health block.

3.5 Improve Performance Data

The LAA has improved the way in which key outcomes are measured. The best known example is the Social Capital Survey, but there are other examples including the uniform collection of fly tipping data by district Councils lead by Charnwood and the work by Safer Communities partners in developing measures of anti-social behaviour, hate crime and alcohol harm.

3.6 Data Development Issues

At the time of writing there are 49 out of 117 indicators for which data cannot be reported at this review. Of these there can be reasonable confidence that in 23 cases the data will be available by April 2007. The remaining cases are a combination of national issues e.g. difficulties in accessing national data; and natural data lag in the analysis and frequency of data provision.

There is a particular challenge in providing data across all of the outcomes at district level. There are many gaps in this area which initially will impact on the ability of district partners to engage with some aspects of the LAA. That said it is not anticipated that in all areas district partners will wish to have a delivery role.

Proposals are being developed to support the blocks and other data providers in addressing outstanding issues which will begin with a facilitated workshop in December. This will seek to focus on the key barriers to filling gaps in data and seek to identify options to overcome those barriers. Support will be offered by research and information management colleagues within LCC and will be sought from lead officers in Government Office. It will also pick up work in ensuring that from an equalities perspective data gathering enables proper evidencing of the impact of the LAA on priority communities of interest.

4. Governance

The LAA is governed through a family of partnerships and agencies coordinated through Leicestershire Together with Leicestershire County Council acting as the Accountable Body. Decision making at the strategic level rests with the LSP board supported by the Strategic Senior Officers Group (SSOG). SSOG has enabled speedier decision making and has ensured the effective involvement of executive officers in delivery of the LAA. Regular reports have been taken to district LSPs on progress in delivering the LAA and regular reporting has also been co-ordinated to stakeholders in each of the blocks through the oversight partnerships as well as other partners such as the Association of Parish Councils and the Leicestershire Rural Partnership. LAA innovations such as the appointment of Champions for each block and outcome 'enablers' has helped ensure better communication between the Leicestershire Together board and blocks and between block leads and wider stakeholders with an interest in the LAA.

The peer review of Leicestershire Together and Harborough LSP is complete and it is expected that final plans will be developed for the new Partnership structure for decision in early 2007. The review has simplified the LSP structure and clarified the roles of each part. The finalisation of the peer review will take account of the Local Government White Paper and anticipated guidance on the future of LSPS and Sustainable Community Strategies but significant change on current plans is not anticipated as the new structure reflects the suggested structure outlined in the White Paper.

5. Delivery

Delivery plans have now being produced for each block, the only remaining gaps being some elements of the Cleaner and Greener plan which will be finalised by the end of December. Delivery plans will be used as the starting point for any proposed improvement planning activity. The initial scoping report for LAA improvement planning is being driven by this six month review and will be presented to the Strategic Senior Officer Group meeting at the end of November.

The successful delivery of many LAA outcomes and targets will depend on joined up action at neighbourhood level. For example, LAA projects to reduce vulnerability, increase the numbers of people on incapacity benefit finding work, and increase physical activity will all require close working between partner agencies at neighbourhood level. To facilitate the

neighbourhood management process across the County a Leicestershire Neighbourhood Management Group has been established bringing together representatives of each district Local Strategic Partnership, each LAA theme block, the PCT and Police.

Earliest progress in Neighbourhood Management has been made in: North West Leicestershire (where Neighbourhood Action teams have been established, action plans are being developed and Managers are about to be recruited); Charnwood (where Managers have been recruited and detailed arrangements are being considered at a workshop in November 2006); Melton (where a Manager has been appointed and action plans are being developed across the priority neighbourhood in Melton Mowbray) and Hinckley and Bosworth (where a manger is being recruited and an initial workshop being set up).

The Leicestershire Together Conference on 30th October has given new impetus to LAA delivery both in terms of communicating progress to a wider group of stakeholders but also in terms of the focus in workshops on each of the blocks. This has complemented the work being done by block oversight partnerships to drive delivery such as the Health outcome leads workshop in October. The work in the conference will be followed up initially with a focus on how thematic blocks can be supported to communicate their delivery activities to other blocks of the LAA and particularly with a view to determine what co-ordination is required of the significant numbers of new staff members being employed through the LAA to work in the County. This will also be linked to the emerging neighbourhood management arrangements.

6. Performance Management

6.1 Risk Management

The first draft of a risk management approach is currently being considered by LAA leads with a view to its incorporation within the quarter 3 performance cycle. The intention is to keep the system as simple as possible while ensuring that risk is anticipated, avoided and mitigated across the LAA.

6.2 TEN Performance System

With the appointment of a lead officer for performance management of the LAA there is new impetus in implementing the chosen IT solution for LAA performance management: TEN Performance Manager. The project plan has been revised with the need for increased input from TEN to set up the project and meet the quarter 3 deadline for implementation. This will enable wider communication of performance through the web and more agile risk analysis of performance which will move partners more quickly to focusing on improvement planning and potentially engage more partners in doing so.

6.3 Research and Information

The focus on a shared list of priority outcomes through the LAA has focused attention on the research and information needs at the strategic and delivery level. This has been supported in a variety of ways: through the Research and Information Team in LCC as well as through increased activity in each block. There is also currently an Invest to Save bid being developed led by Melton Borough Council and Information Management at LCC which seeks to improve the availability and impact of business information. The continued development of the LSORA web portal has made it a valuable tool for LAA partners at the strategy and delivery level.

7. Financial Statement

7.1 Budget Monitoring

There are four separate funding streams for the LAA;

Pooled funding of £9.4m. This relates to former specific grants that are now pooled within the LAA. The DCLG is operating a 5% limit on the carry forward of underspends on this element of the LAA.

Funding for the achievement of reward targets of £2.7m over the three years of the LAA. This is partly funded from LAA pump priming grant of £1.3m and the balance of £1.4m will be met from anticipated reward funding. In 2006/7 the budgeted expenditure is £1m.

Funding for the achievement of non-reward targets of £593,000. This is funded from a County Council cash contribution of £250,000, partner cash contribution of £100,000 and in kind partner contributions of £243,000. Allocations of funding were only agreed in the summer. As a result information on profiled budgets is not available and will be produced for the third quarter monitoring exercise.

In addition funding has also been aligned to the LAA. This is not monitored as part of the LAA.

7.2 Pooled Funding

An overall underspend of around £270,000 (2.9%) is anticipated.

Children and Young People block. (£8.4m budget)

Small underspend of £220,000 forecast as a result of reconfiguration of the early year's service and slower than anticipated progress with the Childrens Centre programme.

Safer and stronger communities block. (£0.86m revenue and £0.22m capital budget)

Revenue expenditure is forecast to be in line with the budget.

On the capital element £55,000 has been earmarked for CCTV schemes. It is likely that this expenditure will slip into 2007/8 as further work needs to be completed on detailed schemes to be taken forward.

7.3 Reward Funding

At this relatively early stage an underspend of £50,000 (5%) is forecast as a result of slower than anticipated recruitment in some areas.

8. Refresh Preparation and Support from Government

The block thematic sections below give brief details on current issues which may be raised at refresh in relation to existing outcomes. In terms of other drivers to introduce changes at refresh block leads have discussed and agreed the process for incorporating the new mandatory outcomes and are committed to doing so. There is currently work being developed around possible new outcomes for the LAA in the areas of Food and Health, Climate change and Fuel Poverty with a clear commitment for the Food and Health outcome to be ready for the January deadline. There is also a piece of work on 'rural proofing' the LAA being developed for consideration by the Rural Partnership.

The deadline for refresh items is tight and this makes it difficult to introduce any significant changes as a result of learning from the first six months. However block lead officers have been asked to begin discussions with their opposite numbers at Government Office as early as possible to ensure the refresh process can meet the deadline of January 2007.

The working relationship between Government Office and those delivering Leicestershire's LAA has been overwhelmingly positive throughout development and delivery of the LAA. It is the hope within Leicestershire's delivery structure that this continues and the LAA continues to develop as a positive example of partnership between central and local government.

The need for specific support from GOEM will probably emerge through the review discussion. However there are areas where assistance from GOEM would be useful now. These include help in accessing data; learning from proven practice elsewhere and chasing enabling requests with DCLG e.g. the outstanding direct payments request. In general terms GOEM is asked to continue to assist local partners in maintaining the focus on the LAA as being the basis for demonstrating earned autonomy on behalf of local partners where central government continues to reduce detailed control of performance management and delivery and allow local organisations to achieve better outcomes for Leicestershire residents.

CLEANER AND GREENER

Outcomes	Green 7	Amber 3	Red 0	Not available 3
Delivery	Green 8	Amber 5	Red 0	

Progress has been slow in terms of waste, while the strategy and action plan was agreed. Progress was also slow in collating data on fly tipping and graffiti, however this is now on track. A meeting is being convened with the poorest performing districts to ascertain the problems and solutions

With delay of completion of the waste strategy, the bid has just been completed, and submitted, and can be used against the action plan for the strategy (namely kitchen waste trials

Advancing of waste strategy and action plan

Uniform collation of data on fly tipping and graffiti

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Outcome 1.1 Below par performance from

Outcome 2.1 (Improve the quality of town and village centre environment. Improved cleanliness and attractiveness of village & town centres) – remedial action will be taken through a meeting of the group to reconfirm the target areas for fly tipping data. The councils are good at clearing up graffiti and fly tipping from council property but longer time is needed to do the same for non-council property because of the need to contact the owners/landlords/tenants before removing the offending items.

Outcome 4.1 (To increase walking, cycling and the level of outdoor physical activity). Increase the amount of cycling, particularly in Loughborough and Central Leicestershire where most investment will be concentrated.) - LTP2 baseline (Index 100) set based on four year average of 2000-2003 figures (14,153). Overall LTP2 target to increase cycling by 8% from 2003 to 2010. LAA baseline = Index 100 from 2004/05 (2004) level. This data will therefore not be known until the year end.

Outcome 6.2 (Improve bio-diversity and nature habitats. Achievement of targets in the Leicestershire bio- diversity action plan (5 year plan – 3 years covered in period of LAA)) - Annual survey on progress only available in May each year following the previous year. Discussions on definitions underway with the Wildlife Trust and other Trust partners

The workshop on Monday 30 October at the Leicestershire Together Conference raised the following points for inclusion in the refresh process:

- Closer neighbourhood management – taking the work nearer to the citizen
- Actions on climate change
 - i. Carbon resources powering buildings
 - ii. Energy conservation policies
 - iii. Carbon reduction policy across districts
 - iv. Use of public art projects to reinvigorate local communities
 - v. Allotment projects – young and old working together for a greener community

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- vi. Green gyms
- vii. East Midlands in Bloom competition (e.g. in Blaby)
- Freedoms and flexibilities
 - i. Create non-carbon energy sources
 - ii. Improvement schemes often require consultation with landowners so it would be useful to allow councils to act in cases where the landowner cannot be contacted
 - iii. More control over pockets of fly tipping on n-n-public land
 - iv. Clearer definition of a garden so councils can take action against people who use their front gardens for dumping / parking their cars
 - v. A green and environment infrastructure plan is needed
- Reconvening of cleaner greener working group
- Include PCT and Police on the group, together with more voluntary sector (e.g. Natural England)

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

Still awaiting information from one district on fly tipping and graffiti removal. Difficulty in getting the stats at priority neighbourhood level so we are collating at a district level

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Breakdown of Traffic Light Assessment

Outcome Traffic Light	Green 25	Amber 2	Red 1	In development - 5
Delivery Traffic Light	Green 32	Amber 1	Red 0	

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

The overall progress for the Children and Young People's LAA has been particularly good. Targets and milestones have been achieved under each of the ECM outcomes as follows:

BE HEALTHY:

i. Improved physical health of children and young people (outcomes 1.1, 1.2, 1.3)

- **Childhood obesity** is being tackled through the healthy eating and physical activity themes of the **Leicestershire Healthy Schools Programme** (a partnership between the local authority and the PCT): and schools achieving healthy school status: Leicestershire Healthy Schools target of number of schools participating in the programme by December 2006 is 80%. This has been achieved. Currently 229 (80%) of schools are participating in the programme with 96 (34%) schools having achieved healthy school status with a further 21 schools predicted to achieve status by the end of December 2006. .
- 47% of County Children have been measured. 12.7% (provisional figure 05/06) children in the County are obese. South Leicestershire, Melton, Rutland and Harborough have done the measurements. Charnwood and North West Leicestershire have not done any obesity measurements yet. Hinckley and Bosworth have not uploaded their data yet. The proportion of obese will increase when the data from Charnwood and North West Leicestershire are included in the baseline. The final figures will be available at the end of November 06/begining of December 06.
- 94 schools have achieved level 3 new national healthy school status with a further 122 working towards the new status.
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- A generic Healthy Schools Adviser has been appointed to increase the capacity of the healthy schools team to be able to deliver the LAA target and the national target.
- The DFES/DH Food in Schools Toolkit, which encourages schools to consider healthy eating and water provision, has been disseminated to all schools. New menus implemented in secondary schools in the Autumn Term 06. New Primary menus in place.
- All pupils in schools with healthy school status can access at least 2 hours a week of physical activity. The target for the 06/07 is set at 75%. Last years (05/06) released recently has achieved the 75% target. The percentage of schools in the county achieving the School Sport strategy (formerly PESSCL) target is increasing, supported by a grant of £200k from Sport England.
- 11 out of 47 (known figure) (22%) mothers smoked at time of delivery. 37 out of 47 (78% did not smoke at time of delivery). Out of 49 births – 45 have been visited within 2 months of birth (92%).

ii. Improved sexual health of children and young people particularly boys and young men. (outcome 2.1, 2.2, 2.3)

- Sex Box Trainer has been appointed to deliver training for professionals in schools in the 4 wards with the highest under 18 conception rate.
- *Relate* delivering SRE, self esteem and parenting sessions at Shelthorpe, Loughborough. Completion date for this work is December 06 and the project is well underway.
- **"Give it up for the Lads"** - A Conference on working with young men and young fathers has taken place on 31st October.
- The 94 schools who have achieved level 3 new national healthy school status have SRE policies in place and are delivering SRE through the PSHE curriculum.

iii. Improved mental health and emotional well being of children and families (outcomes 3.1, 3.2)

- 18 parenting groups running (9 primary school and 9 teen parents). Have met this year's target. Parenting Co-ordinator post advertised for the second time as unable to recruit the first time.

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STAY SAFE

iv. **Improved life chances and better opportunities for vulnerable young people (shared target with the Safer Communities Block)** (outcome 4.1 – 4.5)

- The Schools' Forum is improving resources available for alternative education programmes for Key Stage 4 pupils. Outback project is operational and 6 pupils recruited to NotSchool project. A Co-ordinator has been appointed and facilities in Loughborough are being refurbished.
- Secondary area placement and support panels in each of the five county areas have been established. The panels are operational, but 4 out of the 5 have reported significant difficulties and primaries are not yet engaged.
- The complete review of management arrangements for Pupil Referral Unit and mainstream support service is underway but likely to take longer than originally planned due to widening remit of the review.
- The establishment and full operation of Notschool.net distance learning provision for Key Stage 4 is underway with posts advertised and staff to be in posts by December 2006.
- Training is on-going for Tier 1 and Tier 2 staff to increase their awareness of substance related issues for children and young people. 5 Tier 1 and 2 Tier 2 courses have taken place. DAAT Young People's communication strategy is in place and information packs are available as part of training.
- April to June 255 reprimands were received by young people and in the same time scale there were 354 first time entrants, this is a 14.6% increase.

ENJOY AND ACHIEVE

v. **Improved educational progress and attainment for all children, especially at Key Stage 4 (including LAC)** **(outcomes 5.1-5.3)**

- Schools Improvement Partner Support (SIPS) programme implemented to support/challenge schools to raise average point score. 11 external SIPS and 3 internal appointed and in place. Draft 13-19 Strategy developed with key partners. Draft plan developed to provide CPD opportunities in key areas. New Secondary Strategy Manager in place and 5A*- G plan being developed. Brokerage website established to support and develop further networks of schools and learning communities to share and disseminate good practice.

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vi. Improved school attendance (including LAC) (outcome 6.1, 6.2)

- The reduction in secondary attendance from 92.74% in 04-05 to 92.52% in 05-06 is in line with national trends. Primary school attendance was 95.25% in 04-05 and 94.87% in 2005-06; again in line with national trends.
- Specialist EWOs have agreed to monitor data from Welfare Call and trigger action planning where attendance of LAC falls below 87%. Ongoing training in place to support carers to encourage the school attendance of LAC.

vii. Improved personal and social development and enjoyment of culture and recreation (outcome 7.1, 7.3)

- 21 disabled children accessing play and cultural facilities- this is 68% of the baseline. Confident that the 5% target will be exceeded by end of year.
- Targeted activities undertaken to increase the active participation of vulnerable children. Innovation and Development fund and Youth Opportunities fund applications assessed and allocations made. Information of Emergency Fund and Repairs Maintenance Fund to support improved access promoted through various avenues. Specialist Youth Worker to support participation by young people with disabilities appointed. Youth Worker to support BME communities in Thurmaston/Syston appointed. BME worker in post in Oadby. Targeted financial allocations to specialist providers e.g Hearing Impairment Team undertaken.

MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION :

viii. Increase contribution of Hard to Reach groups in consultation/active involvement processes (outcome 8.1)

- Leicestershire County Council, North West Leicestershire District Council and Harborough District are committed to achieve the Emerging Level of Hear By Right Standard by March 2007.

ACHIEVE ECONOMIC WELL BEING:

ix. Improved engagement of 14-19 year olds in education/training (outcomes 9.1)

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- Bench marking and audit undertaken for vocational programmes delivered in 2005/06 with number of vocational programmes delivered being 8.5%. six teaching staff are undertaking a new training programme for delivering vocational programmes.
- The LSC Leicestershire County Level 2 @ 19 data has increased from 67.4% to 72.9% (5.5% increase) across all 14 to 19 provision and includes post 16 results in schools, FE and Work Based Learning.

x. **Sufficient quality childcare places provided across the County accessible to all groups (outcomes 10.1-10.4)**

- Action Plan for undertaking Childcare assessment devised and being implemented. Children's Centre consultations held. Key Performance targets set. Tracking system – 'Pathways to Registration' for all providers. One to one induction scheme. Care start pack being revised.
- iQ scheme has been reviewed and childminders on the iQ scheme have now reached 43 out of 199 applications. Childminders on children's centre networks now totalling 20. Children's Information Service outreach team are piloting the try childcare project in partnership with Connexions and pregnant young mothers removing childcare as a barrier for young parents.

xi. **Extended services developed in primary and secondary schools and in Children Centres (outcomes 11.1-11.4)**

- Consultation on plans of number of Children Centre's opened and delivering full core offer of integrated services completed. Development of local multi-agency working parties. Currently 37 Schools adhering to full core offer.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception) (outcomes 4.1,4.2,4.3,4.4,5.1)

- Improved life changes and better opportunities for vulnerable young people (Outcome 4.1)
The Schools' Forum has taken the responsibility of improving resources available for alternative education programmes for Key Stage 4 pupils. Outback project is operational and 6 pupils recruited to NotSchool project. A Co-ordinator has been appointed and facilities in Loughborough are being refurbished.

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- The Head of Service has established secondary area placement and support panels in each of the five county areas. The panels are operational, but 4 out of the 5 have reported significant difficulties and primaries are not yet engaged. The complete review of management arrangements for Pupil Referral Unit and mainstream support service is underway by the Head of Pupil Support
The establishment and full operation of Notschool.net distance learning provision for key stage 4 is underway with staff
- Improved life **chances** and better opportunities for vulnerable young people (Outcome 4.2)
Tier 1 and Tier 2 staff have had DAAT commissioned Training to increase awareness of substance related issues. The training is ongoing. The DAAT communication Strategy is in place and on the DAAT website. Information packs are available as part of training. Parent's leaflets and Credit Card resource have been produced and distributed. Mapping has been completed to clarify referral pathways between different agencies. People recruited to provide services to Looked After Children, Young Offenders, Truants and Excluded Young People. DAAT are on target of achieving 107 young people in drug and alcohol treatment programmes by the end of the year.
- Improved life **chances** and better opportunities for vulnerable young people (Outcome 4.3, 4.5)
The District Councils have reassessed the need to appoint a Project Co-ordinator to support the reduction of 16 and 17 year olds from homelessness due to family breakdown and to reduce the number of 16 and 17 year olds presenting as homeless. They plan to recruit a project worker to carry out a short term one off **piece** of work to look at gaps in service provision and recommend priorities for change. This piece of work to be completed by the end of 2006/07.
- Improved life **chances** and better opportunities for vulnerable young people (Outcome 4.4)
Multi agency YISP panels have been established in each District across Leicestershire Comprehensive referral and verifying process established to ensure those young people most at risk are identified and passed through for assessment. Onset assessments of every young person undertaken to identify risk and protective factors associated with the likelihood of future offending. Multi agency integrated support plans developed for every young person supported by a YISP Preventative worker. Young people identified as being most at risk offered a comprehensive package of support. YISP Plus Co-ordinator appointed and referral process/criteria established. Parenting worker appointed. ASB programme established across the county. Referral criteria for ASB work developed and referral forms produced. Reprimand worker appointed and screening process designed and developed with the Police. Young people identified as high risk of re-offending offered an intervention consisting of either group work, one to one offence focused sessions or intensive one to one support.

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Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

On the whole the LAA has strengthened the existing partnership working and this has been reflected in the progress that has been achieved at 6 months. The added value of this partnership work will become apparent in the next 6 months. The outcome areas that indicate the added value are as follows:

Healthy Schools Programme (Outcome 1.1, 2.2): The Healthy Schools Programme Partnership work is outstanding. Set targets have already been achieved and work is progressing well on the National Healthy Schools status.

Parenting Groups (Outcome 3.2): The multi agency Parenting Strategy Group through its joint working has already met its target of 18 parenting groups in the county. This success will be built on to provide an increased range of parenting support services.

Homelessness (Outcome 4.3, 4.5): The District Councils, despite a slow start have risen to the task of preventing homelessness. The good news is that the group has kept the homeless figures low. The planned appointment of a project co-ordinator to take the work forward has been shelved and the Districts are now looking at appointing a project worker on a short term basis to undertake an audit of gaps in service provision and to recommend priorities.

Cultural Core Offer (Outcome 7.2): The Countywide Leisure & Culture minimum offer for Looked After Children and vulnerable groups is being taken forward by Cultural Services Chief Officers Partnership (CSCOP). This proposed offer will demonstrate joined up work between a wide variety of agencies including public and private sectors. The concept of the offer, if successful will be a first for the County but also regionally and nationally.

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Outcome 4.5: Amber

To reduce first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System.

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Nationally there is a tension between this target and the Home Office target for the Police to increase the numbers of Offences brought to justice. Locally we have developed a protocol to increase the numbers of young people subject to a restorative approach, without formally entering the Criminal Justice system. Work is also being undertaken with targeted schools and children's homes to increase the effectiveness of sanctions, without the need to involve the criminal justice system. These approaches should produce significant improvement in year 2.

Outcome 5.1 AMBER

Increase the average point scores of pupils in line with Fischer Family Trust Band D comparator.

Secondary SIPS (School Improvement Partners) are in place and providing challenge and support to leadership teams and Governors within schools. SIP are making use of more effective analysis of pupil performance and school effectiveness to drive improved trajectories in outcomes in 2007. In partnership with the LSC, Connexions, FE colleges and employers, we are developing a 13 to 19 strategy to provide curriculum choice at key stage 4.

Outcome 5.3 AMBER

% of permanently excluded pupils receiving 21 hours plus of education per week

A behaviour strategy group has been established together with a number of task and finish groups to build school capacity to manage behaviour, develop leadership and creating safer schools. This is aimed at reducing the numbers of children and young people excluded. Better reporting procedures are in place to identify those excluded.

Outcome 6.1 RED

Improved overall % attendance of secondary school age pupils in Leicestershire schools.

New policy and guidance is being developed by a newly established attendance strategy group, which is making sure that local good practice is effectively shared, to effect a change of culture where this is seen as a shared problem for both the LA

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and the school. Progress on attendance is linked to progress on improvement on teaching and learning – where progress has been ‘really good’ (priorities meeting Nov 2006) and to the development of the 13 to 19 strategy.

Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

- i. Obesity Targets: The changes in the Health Sector plus the non release of baseline data by Department of Health will have an impact on how we measure progress on achieving a halt the year on year rise in levels of obesity in children aged under 11 years..
- ii. The target for two hour PE has already been achieved, so a new target needs to be agreed. Analysis of the data shows low figures at KS4 due to demands made on KS4 curriculum. These figures are lower then the Leicester City and national average. This risk is being looked at with the possibility of setting an interim indicator.
- iii. Teenage Pregnancy targets need to be looked at in line with this years figures and the resulting change to trajectory.
- iv. The number of first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System has increased significantly over the last few years, thus presenting a significant risk in achieving the indicator – **To reduce first time entrants by 2%**. Between 2004-2006 the number of first time entrants increased by 19%. A joint action plan has gone to the Criminal Justice Board to look at how we manage the conflicting targets of the Police’s sanction detection and the LAA’s reducing first time entrants.
- v. Rather than a spot date of November 30 for NEET it is likely a 3-month average Nov-Jan will be used by DfES post 2006. There may also be changes due to Connexions LEA allocation by residency rather than location of post-16 educational institution

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

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| Outcome 1.1 | Baseline for the first year is 12.7%, but this does not cover for levels of Obesity to be established in March '07. Data has not been released by the Department of Health. |
| Outcome 1.3 | Baseline for breastfeeding to be established by March '07, depending on the new Health Service structure being set up and ready for the measurements. |

- Outcome 4.4 Outcome assessment is in progress for the percentage of young people prevented from further offending after receiving a reprimand.. Outcome will not be measured until June 2009, although there will be an interim measurement in June 2008. All delivery arrangements are in place and initial cohort identified
- Outcome 5.3. BVPI 159 no longer collected after April 06. Will need special arrangements for reporting.
- Outcome 6.2 Work is in progress on looking at improving school attendance of LAC (in care for more than one year) who have missed 25 days or more in previous school year. There is an action plan held by the Education of LAC steering group which is currently being reviewed and will be updated by December '06.
- Outcome 7.2 Baseline to increase numbers of Looked After Children and vulnerable groups accessing free/subsidised cultural services to be established in March '07.
- Outcome 10.2 Wards have been identified and the planning phase is well underway with criteria of need currently in development. Early data will be available at the end of 2006.

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Outcomes	Green	4	Amber	1	Red	0	Not available	7
Delivery	Green	12	Amber	0	Red	0		

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

Significant progress is being made in achieving all the year one targets for the outcomes within the Economic Development and Enterprise Block. This is reflected by the fact that eleven of the twelve targets have been credited with a 'green' rating to demonstrate that performance is on track and within the tolerances. One target has been given an 'amber' rating because performance is below the tolerances but remedial activity planning is underway. The amber rated target is the employment related reward target. It has been given an amber rating because the project has only just started and included a lengthy recruitment process and securing of LSEP funding. The official launch of the Learn2Earn Project took place on October 19th 2006.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception)

Business Support Reward Target (4a) - The activities delivered relate to the provision of business support and advice in order to increase the number of businesses starting up in the County. The project is being delivered by Business Link Leicestershire and the pump priming funding has been utilised to establish two enterprise agencies, Ivanhoe Enterprises and Welland Enterprises, to deliver business support activities across the County. The agencies provide one to one support for new business start ups as well as tailored support packages to those wanting to start a business. In the first six months 354 businesses have been assisted and the target of 480 is on course to be achieved.

Employment Reward Target (2a) - The activities delivered relate to the provision of training and learning and employment advice for people in receipt of incapacity benefits to enable them to move into employment. The pump priming funding is being used to expand the County Council's Breaking the Barriers team which delivers the Learn2Earn project. The funding has ensured that

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there are sufficient community development workers to deliver the project in the most deprived areas in the County. The pump priming funding has also secured additional funding for the project over three years from the LSEP. The delivery of the project has recently started but the preparation work was undertaken over the first six months and involved the recruitment of the development workers and the application to secure LSEP funding. It was fundamental that the foundations for this project were established within the first six months. The official launch of the Learn2Earn Project took place on October 19th 2006.

Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

The LAA has added value to the following outcomes

Market Towns Outcome (1a, 1b, 1c) - The LAA has enabled improved partnership working with the district councils and also assisted in identifying the seventeen town and village centres in which to dedicate resources. The process has also helped secure funding to establish a baseline through the user satisfaction survey.

Employment Outcome (2a) - The LAA process has highlighted the lack of support available to people in receipt of incapacity benefit to enable them to access learning and employment opportunities. The LAA has helped secure pump priming and LSEP funding to ensure a team is in place to deliver a range of activities aimed at achieving this outcome and the stretch target. The LAA process has improved internal working between different County Council departments and in particular between the Adult Learning Service and the Breaking the Barriers team. It has also lead to joint working with organisations such as Job Centre Plus. The LAA has identified 18 priority neighbourhoods and a number of the Community Development Workers delivering this outcome are now involved in neighbourhood management and engagement activities within these priority areas.

Employment Land Outcome (3a, 3b) - The LAA provides a framework to drive the employment land outcome. The process has enabled a strategic analysis and assessment of employment land and has brought the necessary partners together to tackle this important issue. Following the designation of the 'Three Cities and Three Counties' area as a New Growth Point the EDE block will include the NGP-related mandatory housing outcome. Inclusion within the LAA of outcomes for both employment land and housing provision will facilitate the development of a comprehensive and sustainable partnership-based approach to future growth.

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Business Support Outcome (4a, 4b) - The LAA process has enabled greater district council and other partner involvement in identifying and addressing business support needs within the County. The pump priming funding has also enabled the establishment of two enterprise agencies to deliver a range of business support activities at a local level in order to increase the number of businesses starting up in the County.

EDE BLOCK - Overall the LAA has strengthened partnership working between all the various agencies which deliver economic development activities in Leicestershire. This is reflected by the fact that there are over thirty members of the Economic Strategy Group which has developed and is now implementing projects to achieve the outcomes within the EDE Block. Regular e-mail alerts and updating of content about the LAA EDE Block on the Leicestershire Together website has provided an effective and efficient mechanism to ensure all partners are consulted and informed about performance.

Red and Amber Outcome Areas and Improvement Activity

No Red Outcomes

Amber Rating - Employment Outcome (2a) - The target has been given an amber rating because the project has just started to deliver outputs. It was anticipated that the project planning and preparation would be undertaken over the first six months therefore performance, in terms of delivering outputs, was inevitably going to be low. It was fundamental that the foundations for this project were established over the first six months in order to offset any risks. The project has now started to deliver outputs therefore performance will improve and the achievement of year one targets is on track.

Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

Market Towns Outcome (1a, 1b, 1c) - Baseline for this target will be qualitative therefore need to consider other indicators to measure performance.

Employment and Skills Outcome (2a) - Enabling Measure - For adults who go into FT work under this scheme to be able to access an 'employment grant' for (maybe) one year, which would help them with all the expenses that working entails and to start to raise their standing of living from the point which is the norm for IB claimants. This would be an enormous inducement to

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participation in the Learn2earn programme, and that it would level the playing field between L2E and the Pathways to Employment project.

Employment and Skills Outcome (2b) - Initial targets proposed where based on participation. Due to LSC performance policy, targets are now based on achievement of both Level 2 and Skills for life therefore additional target may be required.

Employment Land (3a, 3b) – The recent New Growth Point designation and the ongoing Regional Plan process will need to be taken into account during the refresh process, although it is understood that NGP funding for 2007/8 is not being pooled into LAAs and hence it is considered that the inclusion of the NGP-related mandatory outcome on housing provision is probably best considered in the next Refresh. Also need to consider whether target 3b remains a key indicator or the outcome focus should be on the release of employment land.

Business Support Outcome (4c) - Consider whether this outcome should be included within the LAA as there is no added value.

Tourism Outcome (5a, 5b) - Targets 5a are dependant on a number of national and international factors and the LAA process is adding very little value to this outcome. There is potential to link this outcome with the Market Towns Outcome.

The Block's wider partnership will be considering refresh issues over the rest of 2006. One further issue to be given consideration will be developing a stronger volunteering dimension within the Block's outcomes.

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

Market Towns Outcome (1a, 1b, 1c) - Baselines and indicators currently being established November 2006

Business Support Outcome (4b) - Baseline to be established by April 2007

Employment Land Outcome (3a, 3b) - Baselines and indicators to be established by April 2007

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Outcome Traffic Lights – Green - 3 Amber - 2 Red – 0 Not available - 7

Delivery Traffic Lights – Green 7 Amber – 5 Red -0

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

The first six months have primarily been a set up phase for which overall progress is good. The following issues have arisen:

- Domestic Fire Safety – targets will need to be realigned with those set by Fire Service in BVPP.
- Sexual health – targets will need to be realigned with NHS LDP targets
- Mental Health – 12, of target 15, public sector employers indicated willingness to sign up to HSE Stress Management Standards and 3 of 4 planned preparatory workshops held.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception)

- Tobacco Control – the co-ordinator has been appointed. The baseline for pupils smoking due by September is awaiting Ethics Committee approval. The baselines for adults accessing cessation service and those quitting are substantially lower than those estimated.
- Physical Activity – Ten out of the eleven activity co-ordinators have been appointed. The baseline will be set when the Active People Survey is published in December. Clarification is being sought as to whether the Survey is to be repeated in 2009 as this is needed to measure target performance at the end of the LAA; this will be a national decision and the importance of the repeat Survey has been emphasised.

Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

- Mental Health – the LAA has provided a framework and mandate for public sector employers to sign up to the HSE Stress Management Standards. It seems unlikely that there would have been such a take up without the LAA

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- Physical Activity – LAA has provided a focus and funding to support the pursuit of these outcomes through a multi-organisation partnership arrangement (8 local authorities, voluntary sector and Sports Partnership) and has attracted significant external funding
- Tobacco Control – the rigour of planning required by the LAA process has led to the establishment of an innovative and focused project, joining up the work of the PCT, County Council and Schools. Funding through LAA an important contribution to this.

Red and Amber Outcome Areas and Improvement Activity

5a Chlamydia uptake and 5b Access to sexual health services – the proposed next step is to discuss revision of the LAA targets to align with those in the NHS Local Delivery Plan.

Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

- Tobacco Control – the baseline figures in the named deprived wards for adults accessing the Stop Smoking Services and the numbers of quitters suggest that the original targets were an overestimate. It was agreed in the LAA that the proposed targets would be reviewed for consistency and revised if appropriate when baseline data available; similarly, interim targets for pupils smoking need discussion, given delay in establishing baseline
- Domestic Fire Safety – alignment of LAA targets with those set by Fire Service in BVPP
- Sexual Health – targets on Chlamydia screening and access to GUM services
- Food and Health – outcome and related indicator(s) and targets in development

No enabling measures

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

- 1.a. and 1.b. - Physical Activity – baseline percentages of adults participating in sport/active recreation and of adults volunteering – December 2006
- 2.a. Tobacco Control – numbers of pupils smoking in named schools - March 2007

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- 2.b. Smoking Prevalence – actuals for quarter 1 now available and are being analysed
- 2.c Tobacco Control – Trading Standards Enforcement – targets will be set by the end of January 2007
- 5c Sexual Health – baseline for sites delivering sexual health services – December 2006

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Outcomes	Green	6	Amber	2	Red	0	Not available	4
Delivery	Green	8	Amber	4	Red	0		

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

Progress is being made on each project within the LAA (OP) block the first 6 months has been mainly about getting the structures in place to take forward the projects. Older people are actively engaged in each of the Project Boards.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception)

A Project Officer has been appointed to lead on benefits take-up for older people and has developed a project plan for the next 12 months. Joint working arrangements are being agreed to speed up benefit claims between LCC/Pension Service and District Councils. A Project Officer appointed to lead on take-up of Direct Payments will start work on the mechanisms and service developments needed to promote this.

Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

- Older people information handbook being printed giving older people information on a range of services provided by all agencies in Leicestershire.
- Launch event of Older People's Consultative Network on 22 September. Recruited first groups and endorsed to model for the network in Leicestershire.
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- Joint working between LCC/Pension Service has resulted in referrals pathway between 2 agencies – 80 referrals transferred so far.
- Telecare Strategy agreed between partners will deliver assistive technology across Leicestershire to prevent falls and support older people with dementia.

Red and Amber Outcome Areas and Improvement Activity

1.1 Single Gateway is progressing through closer joint working but the establishment of a baseline is proving more difficult within the timescales. We recommend that this part of the LAA be removed, see below.

Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

- Freedom and flexibility in relation to Direct Payments still outstanding.
- Reporting on Attendance Allowance performance is proving difficult due to DWP website only producing reports 6 monthly. A request for 3 monthly reports outstanding.
- We would like to remove outcome 1.1 because the outcomes delivered by the single gateway will not be measured by counting the numbers of referral as set out in 1.1. Establishing a database to capture this target would divert essential time from making the Single gateway work effectively. The Gateway will now be a 'process' built into the reward target around benefits take-up

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

2.1 and 2.2 Baseline and targets development still on track for December 2006

3.1 Reporting on Attendance Allowance performance is proving difficult due to DWP website only producing reports 6 monthly. A request for 3 monthly reports outstanding. Support from GOEM in resolving this would be welcome.

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Outcomes	Green	8	Amber	3	Red	0	Not available	7
Delivery	Green	15	Amber	1	Red	2		

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

Overall assessment of progress is **Amber**. Whilst the majority of targets are assessed as **Green** it is still early days in terms of delivery and progress towards targets so even where we have been able to measure against the target we can't yet be confident that this will be maintained.

Explanations are given for the red and amber targets below.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception)

Additional resources for both reward targets (DV and PPO) funded through pump priming are now in place.

Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

No clear evidence of added value as yet, although the reward targets have the potential to add significant value. Has added a greater focus to partnership working overall

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Red and Amber Outcome Areas and Improvement Activity

Red - Outcome 5: Reduce number of first time entrants to youth justice system. Despite comprehensive youth crime prevention work arrangements, numbers of First Time Entrants are well over target resulting from conflicting Police target of increased Offences Brought to Justice. Joint action plan has been agreed with Police and should produce significant improvement in year 2.

Red - Outcome 7: Reduce vulnerability in priority neighbourhoods. Progress has been slow on this outcome to date. Led by District LSPs, speed of implementation of neighbourhood management processes in priority neighbourhoods has been variable across the county. A number of Districts, notably Melton, NWL and Charnwood are beginning to make progress but others are still not fully engaged with this agenda. Work with the Police in relation to the neighbourhood policing agenda will help the overall process and we have now been awarded a £30k grant from GOEM to support the development of delivery arrangements of the outcome and to ensure that relevant actions and targets are agreed in all priority neighbourhoods by March 2007. However, it should be noted that there are few other resources available to develop what is quite a new approach in Leicestershire, in contrast to Leicester City for example where significant resources of over £1m are available.

This also impacts on Indicator 5 within Outcome 6 i.e. to reduce fear of crime and ASB in priority neighbourhoods. Both targets are therefore work in progress.

Amber – Outcome 1 Reduction in overall crime. Currently slightly over on aggregate target, mainly due to below par performance in 3 of the Districts. Improvement plans in place or being developed. This also impacts on Outcome 2b, despite comprehensive PPO arrangements. MAPPOM Team considering how to respond.

Outcome 4 (Seizure of Class A drugs). There is some doubt about the validity of the Police data in the first quarter and we are not yet in a position to validate it, although we are hopeful this will be achieved for the next quarter's data. Likely to improve rather than worsen. Classed as work in progress.

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Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

Reduction in overall crime reduction target (outcome 1) to take account of increased performance in return for HORDS funding previously agreed by CDRPs. HORDS funding no longer available for this purpose and therefore increased performance no longer appropriate and aggregate county target should be reduced accordingly

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

Baselining still to be completed in relation to hate crime (outcome 1). Work has focussed to date on extending the existing racist incident monitoring project to include all hate crime through revised reporting and monitoring arrangements. Plan to have it completed by March 2007. **Green** delivery status

Baselining is still to be completed in respect of Outcome 3 (ASB) but we are on target to complete by January 2007 well ahead of schedule, hence the **Green** delivery status.

Baselining is also still to be completed for indicator 3, Outcome 4 (Alcohol Harm Reduction). Initial scoping work is almost complete but new alcohol harm reduction post still to be appointed, hence **Amber** status.

Outcome 5b will not be measured until June 2009, although there will be an interim measurement in June 2008. All delivery arrangements are in place and initial cohort identified.

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Overall Traffic Lights

Outcomes	Green	6	Amber	2	Red	0	Not available	12
Delivery	Green	18	Amber	2	Red	0		

Overall Commentary on Progress in LAA Delivery for the period

- Whilst running behind on the schedule for completion of the survey work, it has been done and the baseline promised will be ready as required by GOEM at the end of October 2006.
- All the staff required in the seven Councils for Voluntary Service and CVS Community Partnership have been appointed and the last two start work in the next two weeks.
- The Volunteer Centres have started their work across the LAA themes.
- The Rural Social and Community programme is under way, 3 areas were existing work extended. Social Enterprise mapping has been completed.
- Some progress is being made on a Leicestershire Council of Faiths, a faith rep in each district being identified.
- First piece of match funding (£130,000 from Capacity Builders for 2006-08) has been awarded. Big Lottery BASIS application has been assessed and awaiting first stage decision.

Report on delivery of activities in receipt of pump priming funding for the reward targets (by exception)

Survey carried out in all 20 areas, although only 18 fully reporting at present. However this is sufficient to give us our Countywide baseline and District baseline in 6 districts and 18 communities. Two outstanding Melton areas complete by the end of December 2006.

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Outcome Areas where the LAA has added value

- The Social Capital survey is creating a lot of interest – unique and interesting data. Interest also from outside of County, the latest is request for write-up on Idea website.
- Survey also undertaken with people with visual impairment through Vista (formerly Society for the Blind) and people with physical disabilities through Mosaic (formerly Guild for the Disabled).
- The Volunteering work is introducing new standards and procedures for volunteer-involving statutory agencies
- Money (£20,950) has been invested in local voluntary and community groups by involving volunteers rather than professional surveyors

Red and Amber Outcome Areas and Improvement Activity

Red

- Everything now up to date except two communities and progress being made as scheduled. The two outstanding areas require further investigation of uncovered streets and then for MORI to be engaged.

Amber

- The use of the Volbase questionnaire has only just started in some areas, but will be well underway by the end of December.
- The Council of Faiths is going to be a gradual process of discussions around the County in order to get it right.
- The Parish Plans continue, but the uncertainty about next year's and longer term funding creates some instability
- The Social Enterprise mapping is now complete and support is being given to three organisations. The task is to make this information widely known.

Issues for Discussion at the Refresh

No requirements for refresh or enabling measures, but future of DEFRA Social and Community programme in doubt caused by uncertainty around its future.

Baseline and/or indicator development outstanding

Social capital survey baseline ready by mid-October as requested at County, District and Community level. The delay was caused by six areas where volunteers were unable to complete a large enough quantity of completed questionnaires and MORI had to be engaged.