

LAA SIX-MONTHLY REVIEW – GOEM HIGHLIGHT REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Background and Purpose of the Report

1. GOEM are required to prepare a highlight report on the progress of Leicestershire's LAA for the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) by January 19th (Appendix 1). This agenda item is for SSOG members to discuss the draft report and to consider the key actions emerging from the six monthly review meetings in November.

Recommendations

- 1) **That SSOG considers and comment as necessary on the draft GOEM highlight report.**
- 2) **That SSOG considers the action points emerging from the review meeting (appendix 2) and makes any comments as necessary.**

Six Monthly Review Highlight Report

2. The report is very positive recognising the good progress that has been made in the first six months and as a result the traffic light rating for "direction of travel" is green. In terms of the "overall progress" rating, based on outcome performance, GOEM are currently unable to confirm whether is to be green or amber as it is subject to national moderation. GOEM is represented at SSOG by Jan Sensier and she hopes to be able to confirm the final rating at the meeting.
3. The report has already been circulated to LAA block leads who have been asked to brief SSOG block representatives with any issues that emerge. A number of minor cosmetic changes to the report have already been agreed and incorporated into the attached report.

Review Meeting Actions and Quarter 3 Performance

4. The review meeting actions have already been circulated to SSOG and LAA leads and actions are already being followed up. The next quarterly report on LAA progress using the TEN system will be available in early February and will be discussed at the next SSOG meeting.

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LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT****APRIL 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 2006****1) Overall progress****Amber****Green**

- From the outset overall progress of the LAA has been positive within the Leicestershire Together framework and partnership working has been clearly strengthened. There are very few concerns across the four blocks and the progress within the Economic block has been a significant achievement within the LAA. Details are included in section 4 of the report.
- The LAA has also developed a clear focus on vulnerable people, including developing arrangements targeted at particular geographical group areas through a new neighbourhood management approach.
- After a slow start performance management framework is working well and improved planning proposals for the future have been identified including the use of the 'TEN' integrated performance management system for reporting in quarter 3 and measures to address concerns about availability of data.
- Progress on the CYP Block over the last 6 months has been good. This has been supported by an Annual Performance Assessment, Standards and Priorities Meetings and regular updates of the LAA performance.
- Overall progress on the HCOP Block is good although a number of baselines/indicators have yet to set. There is a potential issue around the setting of the baseline for adult smoking prevalence and unless a change in the target can be agreed, it seems unlikely that this reward target can be met.
- Overall progress on the SSC Block has been good although relatively slow on the Cleaner and Greener element. For example, it has still to pull together its first delivery group meeting and fill a number of gaps in the delivery plan.

2) Direction of Travel**Green**

- Overall there is confidence that the LAA is moving forward positively. The LAA has been an important catalyst for more integrated and targeted delivery, including some new delivery approaches around multi agency teams. The principles of governance and performance management arrangements have provided a clear and appropriate framework for lines of accountability and reporting.

3) Risks to the achievement of mandatory outcomes

CYP Block:

- **Non attendance:** Area of significant challenge but progress has been made in last 6 months.
- **Young people in drug and alcohol treatment programmes:** Currently off trajectory due to a delay in appointing key staff. This target will need to be closely reviewed in 6 months to assess the impact once key staff are in post.

Safer and Stronger Block:

- **Crime Reduction target:** Off trajectory due to poor performance in a few districts. This has been raised with partners in Leicestershire and GOEM are taking a proactive approach to improve performance. A project team is being developed, which will include GO, H.O, police and council staff, to work intensively with one CDRP that is contributing significantly to the poor performance of this outcome.
- **Increase the number of seizures for Class A drugs:** The partnership reported that there needed to be some clarification of the measurement regime for this indicator and the Police were investigating this which led to a delay in reporting. The police are currently finalising this and will soon be in a position to report.
- **Improving waste management within Leicestershire:** There is a potential issue regarding the definition of the waste reward target. **This needs to be expanded on once comments from GOEM Block lead have been sought.**

HCOP Block:

- **Reduce health inequalities:** This outcome (all age all cause mortality) can only be measured long term. It is of some concern that immediate financial constraints in the NHS will mean that resources may be lacking for the short to medium term. However, the new management of the Primary Care Trust do seem to be taking this very seriously and are giving out appropriate messages regarding engagement in the LAA.
- The NHS is currently in the middle of a major re-organisation, and the 'turbulence' which this has placed in the system is not helping achieve a focus on 'health' as opposed to 'health-care'.

Risks to the achievement of other outcomes of key importance to the local partnership

Safer and Stronger Block:

- **Reduce the number of first time entrants into the criminal justice system (Reward Target):** Has been a conflicting target with the police target to increase offences brought to justice. This issue has been recognised by the partners and a local action plan has been developed to address these conflicting targets.
- **Improving the quality of town and village centre environments:** Off trajectory but remedial action being taken by the partnership.

- **Increase walking, cycling and level of outdoor physical activity:** Data not available until the end of the year therefore partnership and GOEM are unsure of performance.
- **Improve bio-diversity and nature habits:** Annual survey data is only available in May each year for the previous 12 months therefore performance on this outcome is unknown.

HCOP Block:

- The risks outlined in section 3 also have the potential to impact on other key outcomes.
- Significant baseline gaps were evident at the end of quarter 2 e.g. the school's based smoking target and this could lead to a shortage of time to demonstrate impact. However, much of the baseline work was identified as 'in progress' within the LAA and at the time of writing a number have been filled as planned e.g. the Active People Survey has given the baselines for the physical activity indicators.
- The problems with the adult tobacco prevalence baseline (Reward target) mean that a major smoking reduction target might not be achieved. This is, however, one of a basket of indicators so the impact is mitigated somewhat.

4) The impact of the LAA and strong performance

- The first 6 months of the LAA have seen a lot of activity to set up new approaches and initiatives. Robust partnership and governance arrangements have been set up within the Leicestershire Together framework including a non executive LSP board to drive strategy and a Senior Strategic Officers Group to progress delivery.
- Partnership working has clearly been strengthened and stakeholders have reported a number of examples of greater partnership working. LAA innovations such as the appointment of Champions for each block and outcome enablers has helped to ensure better communication between the Leicestershire Together Board, Blocks and wider stakeholders.
- District LSP and District Council engagement has been strengthened with the districts leading on Neighbourhoods and Communities.
- Delivery plans have been produced for each block, the only remaining gaps being some elements of the Cleaner and Greener plan which will be finalised in December.
- The working relationship between GOEM and the partnership has been overwhelmingly positive with both sides keen to continue this over the term of the LAA.
- Progress on the Economic Development Block is a significant achievement and is reflected by the fact that eleven of the twelve targets are on track. The Business Support reward target within the Economic Block has been particularly successful and has been almost met within the first 6 months.

5) Missing information

After a focussed meeting in December it can be confirmed that data gaps are largely being progressed as agreed within the signed LAA. Where milestones have slipped or new gaps appeared new completion milestones have been set and will be monitored.

HCOP Block:

- The main concern is over the lack of information caused by delay in reporting the findings of the lifestyle survey. Reporting has now begun so baselines are available. There is some concern that there is some uncertainty as to whether or not the survey will be repeated by Sport England in 2009.
- Problems with DWP data on attendance allowance continue. These are being addressed by DWP and DCLG. In the interim, proxy measures are being used for internal monitoring.

CYP Block:

- The Partnership is working on a few outcomes that still have missing baselines. These will, however, be resolved by the end of the financial year.
- There are issues around the release and timing of information which the partnership relies on for measurement of its outcomes. They are looking at resolving some of this by collecting their own information.

6) Other key issues for Government

- GOEM and the partnership have been very concerned that the Department of Health have still not responded to a long standing freedoms and flexibilities request relating to direct payments. DCLG are also involved in this issue because of their role in Local Government.
- The Partnership has raised an issue around streamlining the survey burden that Government places on local partners. This is a common issue to LAAs particularly due to increased perception based measures in the stronger element of the SSC Block. GOEM continue to work with partners to address this.
- The partnership has raised an issue about the problems caused by the perverse nature of targets around first time entrants into the criminal justice system where the Police and Criminal Justice Board are driven in opposite directions. GOEM are taking this issue forward with Home Office colleagues.
- An offer of help from the Partnership has been extended to Rutland County Council regarding its development of the LAA.

Notes of the Leicestershire Local Area Agreement (LAA) Six-Month Review Meeting held at County Hall, Glenfield, on Monday 20 November 2006

PRESENT

Jan Sensier - GOEM – Area Director for Leicestershire – in the Chair

John Sinnott	-	Chief Executive, Leicestershire County Council
Michaela Antoine	-	GOEM – Block Lead for Economic Development
Mick Connell	-	Director of Adult Social Care and Health, Leicestershire County Council Leics LAA Block Lead for Healthier Communities)
Christine Fisher	-	Chief Executive, North West Leicestershire District Council
Mike Goodwin	-	Assistant Chief Constable, Leicestershire Constabulary (Leics LAA Block Lead for Safer Communities)
Johnathan Harris	-	GOEM- Block Lead for Healthier Communities and Older People
Tony Harrop	-	Director of Corporate Management, Leicestershire County Council
Phil Hawkins	-	Head of Youth Justice and Safer Communities Leicestershire County Council
Brian Hayes	-	Chief Executive, Charnwood Borough Council (Leics LAA Block Lead for Cleaner and Greener)
Sue Hinchliffe	-	GOEM – LAA Project Management Officer
Dr Ron Hsu	-	Interim Director, of Health, Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT/Leicestershire County Council (Leics LAA Block Lead for Healthier Communities)
Neil Lambert	-	Chief Executive, Charnwood CVS (Leics LAA Block Lead for Stronger Communities)
Ian Lodder	-	emda
Mike Meech	-	GOEM – Block Lead for Cleaner and Greener
Heather Munro	-	Chief Probation Officer, Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Service
Derek Onions	-	GOEM – Block Lead for Children and Young People
Andy Robinson	-	Assistant Chief Executive (LAA Lead Officer), Leicestershire County Council
Howard Robinson	-	Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service
Mary Rogers	-	Area Director, Leicestershire Learning and Skills Council
Paul Smith	-	Leicestershire Constabulary
Kishor Tailor	-	Chief Executive, Leicester Shire Economic Partnership (LSEP) (Leics LAA Block Lead for Economic Development).
Chris Tambini	-	Head of Corporate Finance, Leicestershire County Council

Dave Tantum	-	GOEM – Leicestershire Head of Team
Nigel Toms	-	Audit Commission
John Turner	-	GOEM – Block Lead for Safer and Stronger Communities
Gareth Williams	-	Director of Children and Young People's Service, Leicestershire County Council (Leics LAA SSOG Lead for Children and Young People)
John Wright	-	Senior Policy and Performance Officer (LAA), Leicestershire County Council
Geoff Cave	-	Committee Officer, Leicestershire County Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jan Sansier welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence was reported on behalf of Jim Connelly (JobCentre Plus) and Catherine Griffiths (Chief Executive, Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT).

2. Purpose of Meeting

Jan Sensier explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss performance over the last six months on the Leicestershire LAA and to look forward to the prospects for improvement outcomes. It was intended that the meeting would focus on key risks and strategic issues that had been identified through the self assessment. GOEM would then provide its own report to Central Government on the Leicestershire LAA in respect of overall progress and direction of travel.

It was reported that members of the Leicestershire Strategic Senior Officers' Group represented Leicestershire Together (Local Strategic Partnership) at the meeting and that, following an overview of performance, SSOG Block Leads would give brief presentations to support the analysis in the self assessment and explain what actions were proposed to address poor performance and any gaps in the performance reports. Powerpoint presentations would be given on these aspects and copies of the slides are filed with these notes.

3. Overview of Performance

Andy Robinson (on behalf of John Sinnott) gave an overview of performance during the first six months of the LAA. He said good progress had been made to date and reported on the following issues:-

- The risks associated with mandatory and reward outcomes
- An underspend of 5% had been forecast as a result of slower than anticipated recruitment in some areas. (Chris Tambini explained that measures were in place to ensure that the underspend would not exceed the 5% limit by, amongst other methods, making use of the flexibility to adjust funding within the blocks. (Also see 5 below.))
- Examples of added value provided by the LAA.
- Performance management and improved planning proposals for the future included use of the 'TEN' performance management system for reporting in quarter 3, and measures to address concerns about availability of data.
- District LSPs were leading on Neighbourhoods and Communities and there were concerns about progress in two district council areas.
- Cross cutting issues to be addressed under the LAA Refresh process would include: Community Cohesion, Rural Proofing, Climate Change and Equality Proofing.
- LAA links to the Government's Respect Agenda.

Jan Sensier congratulated all parties on the good progress made so far and she considered that satisfactory governance arrangements were in place. She asked if Leicestershire was comfortable with its decision to have seven separate themed blocks having regard to the future requirement for a single pot. Andy Robinson responded that the seven themes had served Leicestershire well in the first year, but that this issue would be considered further, particularly in light of the Local Government White Paper's proposals. In particular, consideration would need to be given to the governance of the economic development and

environment blocks. John Sinnott added that there was also a need for improved involvement of the Regional Development Agency (emda) in actions under the economic block.

Jan Sensier also asked if Leicestershire was satisfied with its decision to separate blocks for safer and stronger communities. Phil Hawkins responded that more work was being carried out to join up these themes including the establishment of a joint delivery meeting.

4. Finance

Chris Tambini reported as follows:-

Pooled Funding:

- It was confirmed that this was broadly on budget and an overall under-spend of around £270,000 (2.9%) was anticipated.
- There was an under-spend of £220,000 forecast due to reconfiguration of the Early Year's Service and slower than anticipated progress with the Children's Centre programme.
- £55,000 for CCTV schemes would slip into 2007/08 as further work needed to be completed on detailed schemes.

Reward Funding:

- Pump priming grant was £1.3M together with £1.4M match funding.
- There was an under-spend of £50,000 (5%) forecast as a result of slower than anticipated recruitment in some areas i.e. the older people and stronger communities blocks.

5. LAA Blocks

The Block Leads gave presentations addressing progress on mandatory outcomes and highlighting outcomes of local importance per block.

(a) Safer Communities

Phil Hawkins reported that overall progress was Amber with good prospects for improvement. The mandatory target of Reducing Overall Crime was Amber.

The following issues were reported:-

- There had been significant difficulties with the Youth Crime Prevention indicator. Despite comprehensive prevention work arrangements the number of First Time Entrants was above target in quarter one (increase of 19%) resulting from the conflicting Police target of increased Offences Brought to Justice. However, significant reduction had been achieved in quarter two in respect of moving the outcome to amber and joint action plans had been agreed with the Police and were currently being implemented. GOEM confirmed that they had spoken to the Home Office Policy Team about this issue and they were happy to support and help develop an enabling measure request.
- Discussion took place around surveys and the efficiency that could be gained by working holistically to reduce costs. Local Partners confirmed that they already combined some surveys but they recognised that further work needed to be completed in this area.
- GOEM suggested that consideration should be given to supporting CDRPs on intervention and delivery.

Action Point 1: GOEM to raise with the Home Office the problems caused by the perverse nature of targets around first time entrants into the criminal justice system where the Police and Criminal Justice Board are driven in opposite directions. *Since the meeting John Turner (GOEM SSC Block Lead) has spoken to HO colleagues who are happy to support an enabling measure request should Leicestershire partners wish to develop one.*

Action Point 2 : Safer Block to consider, with the assistance of GOEM, the submission of an enabling request relating to the conflicting Police target of increased Offence Brought to Justice in relation to the Youth Crime Prevention indicator.

Action Point 3 : SSOG to review the scope for rationalising survey activity that

is needed to measure progress within the LAA. This should be in the context of the White Paper proposals for a community engagement plan and taking account of the need for good analysis and communication of this analysis so that it informs policy and service delivery.

(b) Stronger Communities

Neil Lambert provided details of work carried out on four elements in the block as follows: Social Survey, capacity building Parish Councils, developing a Council of Faiths and the Rural and Social Community Programme.

Action Point 4 : GOEM to seek clarification as to whether the Rural Social and Community Fund is for 1 year only.

(c) Economic Development

Kishor Tailor emphasised the close alignment between this block in the LAA and the priorities of the LSEP. Work was well under way to meet the LAA targets. The LAA provided added value in a number of regards. He outlined issues which the LAA Refresh would need to take into account.

Jan Sensier offered congratulations for the good progress made on this block about which GOEM did not have any particular concerns.

During the course of the review meeting a number of issues were raised that impacted on the Economic Development block as follows:-

- The implications of the Local Government White Paper on the Economic Block.
- Regard needed to be had to improved business engagement and links over tourism and, in these regards, emda and the LSEP could become more involved in working across the region and sub region.

- Further thought needed to be given to the concept of Multi Agency Agreements.
- Jan Sensier would shortly be meeting with Leicester City Council Members/Officers responsible for Economic Development and she would discuss links over tourism with them.

Action Point 5 : EDE Block/GOEM to progress discussions regarding the White Paper implications for the Economic Block e.g. the inclusion of environment issues and the possibility of future Multi Area Agreements.

Action Point 6: EDE Block to consider improving business engagement in the LAA delivery framework, taking into account the need to work across the sub-region, particularly with the City Council and to involve EMDA in pathfinder type activity.

Action Point 7: GOEM to facilitate contact with the City to create links over Tourism outcome which should include consideration of improving the quality of the visitor experience.

Action Point 8: GOEM to pursue the outcome of the enabling measure request around extending grants being made available to get people into work and off incapacity benefit.

(d) Children and Young People

Gareth Williams emphasised the linkages with other blocks and highlighted progress and actions in three areas: Children's Centres, improved school attendance, and the indicators in respect of vulnerable children in special education.

The following issues were reported:-

- GOEM had raised an issue on Children's Centres and in particular whether Leicestershire was fully prepared for Phase 2 which looked to deliver 24 centres, a significant increase from the 3 completed under the Phase 1 targets. CYP Block confirmed that a Head of Service in the

Children and Young People's Services Department of the County Council had been given the responsibility of focussing on Children's Centres and Leicestershire was therefore reasonably confident at meeting the target.

- GOEM had raised an issue relating to Improved School Attendance. CYP Block confirmed that during 2005/06 attendance had fallen rather than risen. However, 6 schools were now improving although a further 2 were not. It was agreed that this was a step in the right direction.
- GOEM had raised an issue about District involvement in pupil motivation/engagement. CYP Block confirmed that they had carried out some work involving the Districts.
- GOEM confirmed that feedback from the Leicestershire Priorities meeting had been good.
- Improved life chances and better opportunities for vulnerable young people Reward target: this was the first reward target of this kind being taken forward and it appeared that the CYP Block had a good understanding about how the basket of indicators should be developed. Jan Sensier asked if there was any help that GOEM could offer in terms of the Reward Target.

Action Point 9: CYP Block to consider if there is any help GOEM can provide in relation to the improved life chances and better opportunities for vulnerable young people Reward Target.

Action Point 10: CYP Block to explore links between how work within communities, particularly the priority neighbourhoods, can contribute to improved performance with regard to the school attendance target.

(e) Older People

Mick Connell outlined the good overall progress made and the three key challenges for the future relating to:

- Difficulties in establishing the baseline on developing a single gateway outcome. GOEM confirmed that it would be content at looking at renegotiation of this outcome at the refresh.
- Increasing the numbers of Older People aged over 65 who were attendance allowance claimants. Older People's Block advised that reporting on attendance allowance was proving difficult due to the Department for Works and Pensions website only producing reports on a 6 monthly basis: 3-monthly reports would assist greatly in achieving this target. GOEM suggested that the Older People's Block should consider putting forward an enabling measure request for this to be considered.
- The Direct Payments Enabling Request was still outstanding: Jan Sensier apologised for the delay in taking this forward despite GOEM's best efforts. She confirmed that the request had now been escalated through GOEM's LAA Project Board. It was now expected that progress could be made and a meeting was being arranged to take this forward. GOEM would continue to press for a resolution to this request.

Jan Sensier offered GOEM's assistance in these regards as set out in the action points below.

Action Point 11: GOEM to continue to press for outstanding enabling measure request on direct payments to be resolved.

Action Point 12: Older People's Block to consider putting an enabling measure request and business case forward for DWP to produce 3 monthly reports on attendance allowance figures.(LCC)

Action Point 13: GOEM to assist with developing alternative measures around the single Gateway outcome. (Older People's Block/GOEM).

(1) Healthier Communities

Dr Ron Hsu reported that he had recently been appointed jointly by the Leicestershire County and Rutland PCT and the County Council as Interim Director of Public Health. He was working to establish a

Healthier Communities Programme Board as a commissioning body. He then outlined the work against shared priorities under the LAA. Healthier Communities Block advised that the baseline figures in the named deprived wards for adults accessing the Stop Smoking Services and the number of people who had stopped smoking suggested that the original targets were an overestimate and requested a review and revision if appropriate. Jan Sensier advised that GOEM's experience was that reward targets were more or less set in stone and it would therefore be extremely difficult to get agreement for the target to be altered.

Action Point 14: GOEM to discuss the proposed renegotiation of tobacco reward target but it should be recognised that there is a presumption against any changes to reward targets. Therefore there is a need to consider what more can be done to improve performance (Healthier Block (LCC/PCT)).

Action Point 15: Review Terms of Reference to ensure the Healthier Communities Programme Board is commissioning based. (Interim Dir of Public Health).

(g) Cleaner and Greener

Brian Hayes outlined the progress under this block and actions being taken to address outstanding issues

The following issues were reported:-

- In respect of improving waste management within Leicestershire, action against the recycling indicator was one of the best in the country. Cleaner and Greener Block advised that they had some concerns about the wording of this indicator as their understanding had been that the 42% target included the County's recycling. If the County's recycling was not included they believe that districts would find it harder to reach the 42%

figure. Evidence of this misunderstanding would be provided to GOEM in due course.

- Jan Sensier requested clarification on the governance arrangements within the Cleaner and Greener Block as her understanding was that some delivery plan work was still outstanding. Cleaner and Greener Block confirmed that, although they had not initially set up a specific delivery group, an overarching group was currently being established.
- Work was being developed around a possible new outcome on climate change ready for the refresh in January. Jan Sensier advised that Nottingham City was proposing to include the same outcome within its LAA.
- Consideration needed to be given to including the mandatory landfill target at the refresh stage.
- GOEM asked if any data was available on the 2006 habitat action plans to serve as baseline data. Leicestershire thought this information could be provided.

Action Point 16: Cleaner and Greener block to pull together its first delivery group meeting and fill gaps in delivery plan as a priority. (Cleaner and Greener (Charnwood BC)).

Action Point 17: Cleaner and Greener Block to review whether the May 2006 Habitat Survey provided base line data for the Habitat Action Plan indicator. (Cleaner and Greener (Charnwood BC)).

Action Point 18: Clarification to be obtained as a matter of priority regarding the definitions of the waste reward target and restatement of performance risk subsequent to that clarification. (Cleaner and Greener) Charnwood BC/GOEM).

Action Point 19: Cleaner and Greener Block, with the assistance of GOEM, to consider climate change measures around green buildings. (Note: Nottinghamshire City and Lincolnshire might be trail blazers in this area) (Cleaner and Greener (Charnwood BC)/GOEM).

6. Cross-Cutting Issues

Jan Sensier asked if anyone had anything to add on cross cutting themes or refresh issues that had not already been covered in the meeting. The following points were made:-

- Ian Lodder suggested that there is a need to ensure that any work done on tourism matches what is being done at the regional level.
- John Sinnott suggested that there is also a need to match what is happening in Leicester City in terms of tourism.

Action Point 20 : Local partners to discuss with the Regional Development Agency how they can become more involved in terms of interaction with the Business Community.

7. General Issues

- Jan Sensier said she was encouraged by the good progress made and that GOEM would be producing a draft six month review report within the next seven to ten days.
- John Sinnott asked if there was anything Leicestershire could do to help Rutland in developing its LAA.
- Jan Sensier advised that GOEM would study the self assessment and look across the board at other regional LAAs' performance before drafting the report for DCLG which would be shared and agreed with local partners before submission.
- Jan Sensier asked in which of the 'traffic light' categories Leicestershire considered it fell and John Sinnott replied that, on the basis of the criteria, SSOG felt that Leicestershire was in the 'green' category.

Action Point 21: An offer of help to be extended to Rutland County Council regarding its development of LAA. (GOEM).

Action Point 22: Local partners to review the scope for rationalising survey activity that is needed to measure progress within the LAA. This should be in the context of the White Paper proposals for a community engagement plan and take account of the need for good analysis and communication of this analysis so that it informs policy and service delivery. (LT/SSOG/Leads).

Action Point 23: GOEM to review how it can assist in streamlining the survey burden that Government places on local partners vis a vis the LAA. (GOEM).

Action Point 24: GOEM to produce a draft note and action points from the meeting within 7 to 10 days.

In conclusion, Jan Sensier said GOEM would make further contact with Leicestershire before submitting its final report to Central Government.

She then thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

12 noon – 2 p.m.

20/11/06.

