

**LEICESTERSHIRE TOGETHER (LOCAL STRATEGIC  
PARTNERSHIP) BOARD**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – QUARTER 2 2007/08**

**REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Purpose of report**

1. To update the Board on the key risks against the indicators within the LAA.
2. To update the Board on the reward target risk assessment exercise.

**Overview of Performance**

3. The performance information within the TEN system was signed off by LAA theme leads on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and the headline picture of risk is as follows:
  - There are currently 134 indicators in operation with 99 (67%) having a green risk rating, 16 (11%) having an amber rating and 15 (11%) also having a red rating.
  - There are 14 (10%) indicators with no data reported against them, the majority of which are indicators still in development which, in some cases were there to be a refresh process, would be removed.
  - There are a further 23 indicators which have been recently established where baselines and targets have yet to be set. They have been discounted in the figures above.
  - Of all the indicators, only 7% are recorded as having a downward trend in performance. Of the 15 red risk indicators 53% have an improving trend and 13% have no change.
4. Appendix 1 contains a list of all indicators and their risk ratings and a more detailed table on the highest (red) risks.
5. The Strategic Senior Officers' Group (SSOG) considered performance on 31<sup>st</sup> October and has requested more information on improvement activity for the red risks. Theme partnerships will be addressing the red risks as a matter of urgency and already are in most cases.
6. Particular concern was raised about the failure to achieve the target for unopposed parish councils which has been missed and the Association of Parish Councils will be approached to discuss the implications

7. Leicestershire County Council's Scrutiny Commission has also considered quarter 2 performance and shared the concern over the same Parish elections target. The Commission has also asked to be kept informed of improvement plans to address the red risks.

### **Reward Target Risk Assessment**

8. The current risk assessment work for reward targets commissioned by SSOG is nearing conclusion.
9. The risk assessment exercise has provided useful information regarding the issues involved in improving performance risks. It has also echoed some of the learning around the difficulties in target setting and trajectory planning when negotiating target figures for indicators.
10. Detailed proposals will be taken forward for consideration at the next meeting of SSOG on 13<sup>th</sup> December where there is a clear business case for where further investment is required.

### **Recommendation:**

**It is recommended that the Board approves current progress in relation to LAA indicator performance and considers the reward target risk assessment work at its next meeting.**

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