

Strategic Senior Officer Group

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LAA Progress Report

Report of the LAA Project Officer

1. Funding

Reward Targets – following the last meeting details of the pump-priming requirements for the 12 reward outcomes were considered and agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Leicestershire Together in liaison with the Chair of the SSOG. The requirements and process were also considered by the LAA Champions at a meeting on 12th May.

An overall funding package of £2.7m has been agreed by the Leicestershire County Council Cabinet with the County Council part funding the achievement of the stretch targets subject to payback from future reward monies.

LAA block leads have received written confirmation that they will receive funding on receipt of the signed financial protocol and a profiled budget. Some partner organisations have yet to submit these and therefore will not receive funding in the June payment run. Reminders were issued at a Leads meeting on Friday 9th June.

Confirmation has also now been received from the Government that the pump-priming grant can be treated as revenue. At one time there was an indication this must be capital expenditure which would have caused a significant issue.

Other Potential Funding Issues – an issue which may require further consideration is that of the potential cost to ‘host’ organisations in the event of long term sickness absence or maternity leave cover during the life of the reward outcome project. Such costs are not covered by the pump-priming resources. Initially, it is suggested that the relevant block or partners be asked to manage and address this within existing funding sources if it becomes an issue. In the event that this cannot be managed then the matter would need to be referred by the LAA Leads Group to this Group for consideration. Clearly it will be important that this does not hinder the delivery of the reward outcomes.

There is also the matter of potential redundancy costs if the activity is not mainstreamed after year 3 and this will need to be considered in due course as part of an exit plan

Non-Reward Targets – following the last meeting partners were asked to consider matching contributions against a schedule of specific non-reward targets. Requests were made for an indication of contributions from partners to match the £250,000 offered by the County Council either in cash, kind or through aligned funds. A schedule outlining the bids is appended. Further information will be provided following discussion at the LAA Leads Group meeting on the 9th June.

2. Delivery Plans – the majority of initial delivery plans have now been received and outstanding ones are being chased. Of concern is that no plans have been received for Cleaner and Greener outcomes to date. There are some gaps in the Economic Development and Children and Young People's blocks.

Once the plans are all in place they will be made available on the Leicestershire Together website. As this will be a substantial set of documents the LAA Champions have recommended that the Leicestershire Together Board be presented with a summary of the document including an assessment of risk.

3. Performance Management – work is continuing on the development of a performance management system using TENS software. It is expected that this will be in place and able to produce reports for the first six month review. It is intended that reports on meeting key milestones in the delivery plans will also be generated via this system.

Initial discussions have taken place with GOEM to assist in clarifying what information and evidence will be required by them so as to ensure expectations are shared and understood. This will include clarification as to how to deal with reporting on information which is already public and audited.

The County Council is progressing the recruitment of a full time Policy and Performance Officer to enhance capacity in terms of performance management support and co-ordination.

4. LAA Guidance, Review and Refresh

The Department for Communities and Local Government has issued new guidance for Round 3 LAA's and also to govern the 'refresh' of Rounds 1 and 2. The document is available, along with an IDeA commentary of the Leicestershire Together website.

Essentially, for 2007/8, the 'refresh' of the Leicestershire LAA will need to take account of any new mandatory outcomes and the scope of the LAA's advised in the new guidance.

The LAA Leads Group is currently considering the detail of this and the implications for each blocks and across the LAA as a whole. Clarification is being sought from GOEM as to the exact process for

incorporating any new mandatory outcomes and any revisions required locally in the light of experience.

The first six monthly review of the LAA will take place around 20th November 2006. This is likely to involve a high level review meeting at Chief Executive level and involving partnership and senior block representatives with some form of pre-meetings on blocks. GOEM will be writing to seek ideas, comment and agreement on the process and the timing of this.

4. Recommendations

The Group is asked to note and comment on progress to date and to indicate any further information they would wish to receive

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Leicestershire LAA – Non reward outcome pump-priming bids - matching contributions

Block	Request	
Older People	10,000	Support for costs of Older People’s network – venues, participant costs, etc. Potential for network to support a range of consultative/feedback/information purposes for agencies across the County
Health		
	Option A 62,891 Option B 23,770	HC4 –improve Mental Health and Well-being - activity to implement Health and Safety Executive stress management standards. Option A, (preferred), p/t Project Worker over 3 years from June06; worker to give direct support, advice and guidance to workplaces; office and start-up costs and bespoke questionnaire. Option B, questionnaire, training materials, evaluation stress audits yr 1&2 – gives practical support to organisations to ease financial burden and as an incentive to implement standards.
	25,000	Lifestyle Survey – support LAA and wider partnership work on public health. Of use to number of related outcomes not just those in health block e.g. includes information re physical activity, community safety etc. Copy of full survey available on request.
Children and Young People	60,000	CYP 3 Increase numbers and effectiveness of parenting groups. Fun and Families. Exploring potential for £30,000 match funding. Potential impact on community safety outcomes in terms of ASB and crime; Community development outcomes etc.
Safer	25,000	25,000 – part costs of changes to accommodation to support delivery of SF5 shared outcome – youth offending. Mainly non–reward but also relates to shared reward indicator in CYP 4.
Stronger	45,000	£15,000 per year to assist Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish and Local

		Councils in increasing contested seats and turnout at Parish Council elections.
	90,000	Supporting Neighbourhood Management and opportunity to extend social capital survey work to other priority areas not included in initial 20 reward outcome areas.
Economic Development	149,847	ED 1& 5 gathering intelligence to help pump prime work in town centres and tourism across Leicestershire. Creation of shared research base; annual performance bench-marking; user satisfaction surveys – environment, car parking, public realm; town centre impressions; tourism days, visitors and economic impact. Impact on outcomes in ED, Stronger and Safer; Cleaner and Greener.
<u>Total Bids</u>	467,738 428,617	If option A for health bid. If option B for health bid.

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