

*Stronger Communities Delivery Plans*

**Leicestershire Local Area Agreement**

**Stronger Communities**

**Delivery Plans 2006/7**

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<b>LEICESTERSHIRE LAA – DELIVERY PLAN 2006/7 Outcome 1</b>			
<b>Block</b>	Stronger	<b>Oversight Partnership(s)</b>	CVS Community Partnership Infrastructure Board
<b>Block Lead Officer</b>	Martin Gage		
<b>LAA Outcome(s)</b>	<p>National - To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services.</p> <p>Local -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Local people feel part of the decision making process and have a role in planning the future of their own community</li> <li>2) Local people have a sense of community spirit and are supported in activities to bring people together</li> <li>3) Equality of services for everyone, including disabled people, BME groups, people who are vulnerable and who live in deprived areas, so that everyone can have a voice and secure independent living</li> </ol>		
<b>LAA Indicator(s) /Target(s) 2006/7</b>	<p>1) Local people feel part of the decision making process and have a role in planning the future of their own community</p> <p>1) a.i. % of people who voted in the last District Council elections – establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006.</p> <p>1) a.ii. % of people who voted in the last Parish Council elections - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006</p> <p>1) b. % reduction in Parish Council seats returned unopposed - establish baseline through survey of 16 Parish Councils (out of the 20 pilot communities)</p> <p>1) c.i. % of people who feel that they can influence decisions that affect their area on their own - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>1) c.ii. % of people who feel that they can influence decisions that affect their area when working with others in the neighbourhood - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>1) d. % of VCS groups and organisations affirming growth in activity over the past year in terms of i) financial turnover and/or ii) volunteering - establish baseline by measuring through the VCS groups making up the 20 Local Development Groups</p> <p>1) e. % increase in key public services delivered through the VCS - establish baseline by measuring</p>		

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	<p>through the VCS groups making up the 20 Local Development Groups</p> <p>2) Local people have a sense of community spirit and are supported in activities to bring people together</p> <p>2) a. % of people who definitely agree or tend to agree that their neighbourhood is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>2) b. % of people who respond “2 hours or more a week” to the question “In the last 12 months have you given unpaid help to any groups, clubs or organisations?” - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>2) c. % of people who have given unpaid help to friends, neighbours or anyone except relatives over the last 12 months - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>2) d. % of people who say that many of the people in their neighbourhood can be trusted - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p> <p>3) Equality of services for everyone, including disabled people, BME groups, people who are vulnerable and who live in deprived areas, so that everyone can have a voice and secure independent living</p> <p>3) a. % of residents satisfied with overall delivery of public services - establish baseline by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006 through Social Capital surveys</p>		
Baseline (s):	<p>1) a. 31.30% of people voted in the 2003 District Council elections remaining baselines to be established in year as advised above</p>		
<b>Funding Allocated to Project</b>	<p>Pump Priming (if applicable) £402,000 over 3 years for reward elements.(Includes £29,000 re 2005/6 preparation)</p>	<p>Pooled</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Aligned</p> <p>-----</p>
<b>Geographic Area (s)</b>	<p>Geographic focus of 1) a, c, d is the 20 Social Capital Survey target communities – 3 per District other than Oadby and Wigston (see below for list)</p> <p>Geographic focus of 1) b is the 16 parished Social Capital Survey target communities</p> <p>Geographic focus of 2) a, b, c, and d is the 20 Social Capital Survey target communities</p> <p>Geographic focus of 3) a is the 20 Social Capital Survey target communities</p>		

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Describe Key Actions to Achieve Outcome/Target(s) and Responsible Person and/or Agency	Milestones	Completion Date
<p><b>Completed Actions – Social Capital Survey work</b></p> <p>20 SOAs/communities agreed            Questionnaire drafted and piloted            VCS groups serving target SOAs identified            Ward Councillors (District and County) identified            Parish Council identified            First meeting of Local Development group held</p>		2005/6
<p>Actions April 2006 – March 2007 relating to Indicators: 1) a. ii, 1) c i and ii, 2) a, 2) b, 2) c, 2) d, 3) a</p> <p>1. Recruit volunteers, including two trainers per community (Local Development Group). Each trainer to attend two training sessions (De Montfort University). Survey piloted and refined (Volunteers/LCC).</p>	Training completed Survey refined and finalised	Early April 2006
<p>2. Volunteers trained by the two trainers from each Local Development Group (Trainers and CVS)</p>	Volunteers Trained	April 2006
<p>3. Support materials developed, including profile of each area, prompts for volunteers, badges, posters, publicity and survey forms (Local Development Group/ CVS)</p>	Ready to survey	End of April 2006
<p>4. Teams of volunteers conduct 10% survey in each of the 20 target communities (Local Development Group).</p>	150 surveys completed in each SOA	End June 2006
<p>5. All forms returned to Research Team, LCC and analysis completed</p>	Analysis completed	Early July 2006
<p>6. Results interrogated by Local Development Groups in each of the 20 communities and interventions recommended and agreed</p>		July-September 2006
<p>7. Interventions facilitations by Local Development Groups</p>	Action Plan implementation	July onwards

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<p><b>Actions relating to indicator 1) a. i.</b> No action in 2006/07, although number of people voting in last District Council elections will be collected via Social Capital survey. Measured in 2007.</p>		
<p><b>Actions relating to indicator 1) b.</b> Survey of the Parish Councils in the 16 parished areas targeted through the Social Capital Surveys</p>	Parish Council Survey	April 2006
<p><b>Actions relating to indicators 1) d and 1) e</b> Baseline established via survey of the Voluntary and Community Sector groups making up the 20 Local Development Groups. Letter sent to all groups to flag up need for measurement.</p>	Letter sent to all groups. Survey conducted	March 2006/April 2007
<p><b>Actions relating to indicators 2) e</b> Work with the faith communities representative on the LT Board to develop an agreed approach to the establishment of a Council of Faiths for Leicestershire. (Andy Robinson, LCC)</p>	Council of Faiths established	March 2007

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<b>Commentary re Equality and Diversity and Community and Voluntary Sector Engagement</b>	
<p>Equality and Diversity Considerations</p> <p>(Describe action taken to address equality and diversity in delivery and performance management)</p>	<p>In relation to the majority of targets, i.e. those measured through the Social Capital surveys, the 10% sample in each Super Output area will reflect the demographic make up of that community. Several of the questions relation to diversity issues, indeed the whole ethos of the block is about developing strong, diverse communities that respect and celebrate the differences between members of those communities.</p>
<p>Community and Voluntary Sector Engagement</p> <p>(Describe how local communities will be engaged and the involvement of the voluntary sector in delivery)</p>	<p>The Stronger Communities block is led by the Community and Voluntary sector. The Lead Officer is the Chief Officer of the largest local Council for Voluntary Service in the county and the programme of activity is overseen by the CVS Infrastructure Board. Each of the District CVSs is responsible for overseeing the Social Capital survey work in their area – identifying two trainers to attend the two training days and sufficient volunteers to conduct the surveys in each community, convening the Local Development Groups etc.</p> <p>Each of the 20 Local Development Groups will include representatives of the key voluntary and community sector organisations operating in that district, as well as local Councillors, Parish Councils (where applicable), faith groups, school governing bodies and other statutory service providers. In relation to developing interventions (in the form of a delivery plan) in response to the key messages about the different types of social capital (bonding, bridging and linking) in each of the communities derived from the survey responses, this process will be led by the VCS.</p> <p>In relation to indicator 2b, the interventions will be led by the network of Volunteer Centres around the county, who will develop volunteering activities and respond to the needs of the different LAA themes for volunteers (e.g. young people, older people, environmental volunteers etc).</p>

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<b>LEICESTERSHIRE LAA – DELIVERY PLAN 2006/7 Outcome 2</b>		
<b>Block</b>	Stronger	<b>Oversight Partnership(s)</b> Leicestershire Rural Partnership
<b>Block Lead Officer</b>	Martin Gage, Chief Officer, North West Leicestershire CVS	
<b>LAA Outcome(s)</b>	National - To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services. Local – Vital and thriving market town and village centres which act as “hubs” for surrounding communities	
<b>LAA Indicator(s) /Target(s) 2006/7</b>	<p><b>1) Social Inclusion</b> 120 calls to stress help line.</p> <p>Key partner in implementation of Leics &amp; Rutland Suicide Prevention Strategy. Delivery of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training to 300 + over 2 years</p> <p>Recruitment, training and deployment of up to 20 befriending volunteers</p> <p><b>2) Rural Housing</b> 7 local housing needs surveys (3 per local authority) and identify at least 4 exception sites with willing vendors which allow scheme progression.</p> <p>To implement the recommendations of the Affordable Rural Housing Commission with specific reference to the priority parishes of the LRP.</p> <p><b>3) Community Development</b> 60 parishes or other neighbourhood groups with i) draft OR ii) completed Parish Plans</p> <p>Continue to work with 50+ communities currently engaged in consultation process moving as quickly as possible to Action Plan stage. 10 groups to report and action plan stage per year.</p> <p>Start 5 new groups per year</p> <p>10 projects emanating from community engagement activity</p> <p><b>4) Social Enterprise</b></p>	

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	Social Enterprise Mapping work completed by October 2006		
	6 Social Enterprise Projects supported		
Baseline (s):			
<b>Funding Allocated to Project</b>	Pump Priming (if applicable)	Pooled -----	Aligned Rural Social and Community Programme £144,465
<b>Geographic Area (s)</b>	Leicestershire – focus on rural areas		
<b>Describe Key Actions to Achieve Outcome/Target(s) and Responsible Person and/or Agency</b>		<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<p><b>Social Inclusion</b> - Integrate and add value to two existing projects around Social Inclusion and Rural Stress:</p> <p>Social Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Providing a focus throughout Leics &amp; Rutland for Social Exclusion issues and working with partners in providing a strategic overview.</li> <li>o Project officer will be working much more at a strategic level and Community Consultation team (See separate template) will take more of a lead on this aspect in responding to local needs in future – incorporating this area of work into their wider work programme.</li> <li>o Respond to Government Consultation Papers and be a focus and Champion for Social Inclusion in Leics &amp; Rutland</li> </ul> <p>Rural Stress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This project will continue to provide a tangible and visible focus for part of the project with the helpline supported by volunteers</li> <li>o The emphasis will continue to be on developing and raising awareness of the</li> </ul>		<p>Quarterly Meeting of Steering Committee made up of Key Agencies.</p> <p>Promote benefits of Community Cohesion to Parish Councils and communities with a seminar, presentations and running workshops at nominated events</p> <p>Assist roll-out of the A47 carers project in other areas (Melton) if</p>	<p>Quarterly</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>TBC</p>

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<p>Leicestershire Suicide Prevention Strategy which will include organising the necessary training etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Continued promotion and awareness of Rural Stress Support Team</li> <li>o Strengthen links with NHS Crisis Resolution teams and other key agencies in Mental Health sector</li> <li>o Working with other agencies under the healthy communities theme of the LAA</li> </ul> <p>Lead Agency = Rural Community Council</p>	<p>appropriate</p> <p>Assist in the co-ordination of the Belvoir Bash</p> <p>Promotion of Helpline for those in need</p> <p>Recruitment, training and deployment of up to 20 befriending volunteers to</p> <p>Delivery of Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training to 300 + over 2 years</p>	<p>September 06</p>
<p><b>Rural Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appoint new Strategic Housing Officer to ensure that strategic information is communicated more effectively from Regional and District level to the LRP and vice versa, and input to the LRP decision making and strategy formulation process</li> <li>o Support the development of the Rural Housing Enabler role now that all Districts are providing direct funding for the project. Those who have either chosen not to engage or have to date not been able to engage will be encouraged to assist shape the future of the way the partnership tackle this priority area.</li> </ul> <p>Lead Agency = Midlands Rural Housing</p>	<p>Implement the recommendations of the Affordable Rural Housing Commission</p> <p>Complete 21 local housing needs surveys (at least 3 per local authority).</p> <p>To identify at least 12 exception sites</p>	<p>Throughout 2006 – 2008</p> <p>March 2008</p> <p>March 2008</p>

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	<p>with willing vendors</p> <p>Maintain the LRHE work programme at a level of 50-60 parishes with active project involvement.</p> <p>Progress projects in Leicestershire taken forward for Housing Corporation grant.</p>	<p>Throughout 2006 – 2008</p> <p>March 2008</p>
<p><b>Community Development</b> - consulting and working with communities through a dedicated team of Community Development Officers (CDOs) based at the RCC will remain fundamental to the projects success.</p> <p>The project will be refocused using the funding provided by the RSCP to ensure greater involvement from other agencies besides the RCC, greater focus on delivery and most importantly making the process more relevant to all to ensure greater involvement at all levels.</p> <p>a. <b>Greater Direction in Consultation</b> - a more directed approach to the proposed sample of questions to ensure that service providers, who ultimately will be asked to respond to the Action Plan, gain answers to the questions that they want answering.</p> <p>b. <b>Targeting.</b> Greater emphasis to be placed on communities who fall in those areas identified as hard to reach and show greater deprivation than others. This fits with the targeted neighbourhoods approach within the wider LAA and with our neighbourhood working proposals.</p> <p>c. <b>Action Plans.</b> - A balance between softer outcomes (play areas, traffic calming etc) and ones of a more economic nature which could have far reaching longer term implications on the future sustainability and vibrancy of the community (local businesses, health provision, creation of multi agency centres, social</p>	<p>Community Consultation Information Seminar for community Groups</p> <p>Information Seminars for Local Authorities and other agencies</p>	<p>Mar 06 / Mar 07 / Mar 08</p> <p>3 (FY 06 – 07) and 3 (FY 07 – 08)</p>

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<p>enterprise schemes etc). Service Co-ordination Events run by Leics County Council provide a natural progression after the launch of a Parish Plan to encourage service providers to embrace the process and to show communities a measure of their commitment.</p> <p>d. <b>Project Development.</b> A balance in emphasis has to be struck in continuing to satisfy those communities showing a new interest in the process whilst have the capacity to support those who have reached the Action Plan / Development Stage. It is vital that as many agencies as possible, particularly more local ones, to be encouraged to assist in project delivery in whatever way they can.</p> <p>Lead Agency = Rural Community Council</p>		
<p><b>Social Enterprise</b> - a two year project to provide a foundation for social enterprise support agencies to work in a co-ordinated way for the promotion and growth of social enterprise. Elements of the foundation project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Network animation: An enhanced secretariat for network membership meetings, strategic discussions, co-ordinated funding proposals, action planning, referral protocol etc.</li> <li>o Information and networking events: facilitation of a series of events open to the public to provide information, instant referral, topical briefings etc.</li> <li>o Social Enterprise publication: the production of a one off trading directory/showcase for social enterprises in the County.</li> <li>o Growth mapping of Social Enterprise across the Sub region: a primary mapping exercise to identify County Social Enterprises and update the previous City 'Framework' data</li> </ul> <p>Objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To agree and implement partnership protocols for client referrals and development work – to include negotiation with regional IDB, and other infrastructure 'upstream' &amp; 'downstream' from the County.</li> <li>o To agree and present a five year forward investment plan to support social enterprise growth and increased impact across the County.</li> <li>o To encourage engagement, practical collaboration and trade between support agencies, social enterprises and infrastructure organisations</li> </ul>	<p>Mapping complete</p> <p>Event held</p> <p>Assessment &amp; support plans agreed</p> <p>Programme support package complete</p> <p>6 x supported projects</p>	<p>By Oct 2006</p> <p>By Oct 2006</p> <p>By Dec 2006</p> <p>By Dec 2006</p> <p>By Mar 07</p>

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<p>(including public sector procurement)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To produce robust evidence base to inform future social enterprise developments</li><li>○ To raise awareness of social enterprise approaches amongst Infrastructure organisations, business and the general public</li></ul> <p>Lead Agency = Community Action Network</p>		
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<p>Equality and Diversity Considerations</p> <p>(Describe action taken to address equality and diversity in delivery and performance management)</p>	<p>Each of the four elements of the Social and Community Programme have implications in terms of equality and diversity, indeed the community development and social inclusion projects actively either target all elements of specific geographical communities or specifically target those who may be excluded from traditional service provision and participation activity. The social enterprise work is aimed at developing an alternative approach to business development and support which will hopefully make it easier for diverse groups and individuals to engage in this market. The final area of work around rural housing is all about maintaining the diversity of rural communities by ensuring that local people on modest incomes are able to remain living in their village if they wish to do so.</p>
<p>Community and Voluntary Sector Engagement</p> <p>(Describe how local communities will be engaged and the involvement of the voluntary sector in delivery)</p>	<p>The Stronger Communities block is led by the Community and Voluntary sector. The Lead Officer is the Chief Officer of the largest local Council for Voluntary Service in the county and the programme of activity is overseen by the CVS Infrastructure Board. Each of the District CVSs is responsible for overseeing the Social Capital survey work in their area and the Rural Community Council, which is also involved in the Social Capital Survey work is leading on two of the four projects within the Rural Social and Community programme.</p>