

5.0 **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement (NYLAA) 2008/11 was approved by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 30 June 2008 and this report outlines performance as at 2008/09 Quarter 1.
- 5.2 Achievement across the whole of the NYLAA is important for the County Council and its partners because the NYLAA encompasses the key priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for the County area that need to be delivered in partnership. The NYLAA turns the SCS's aims into specific targets to bring about the improvements to services and quality of life sought by local communities. It will also be evidence used by government and the Audit Commission in judging whether our partnership working is effective in delivering improved outcomes for people in the County.
- 5.3 The targets in the NYLAA 2008/11 are focused on a limited set of designated targets (32), drawn from the National Indicator Set (NIS), Statutory education and early years targets prescribed by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (16) and a number of local non-designated targets that have been drawn from the NIS or locally determined (25).
- 5.4 Progress against the targets in the NYLAA is monitored quarterly by the six thematic partnerships and by the NYSP. GOYH requires a progress report at six monthly intervals.
- 5.5 At this quarter end all targets are subject to progress monitoring except for the 16 statutory education and early years targets, which will be monitored on an annual basis. At the time of preparation of this report the 'state of play' is that 98.2% of the returns due have been received. The returns have been assessed by the LAA Monitoring Officer (LAAMO) and sent back to the Thematic Partnership Monitoring Officers, with the LAAMOs comments entered. As required the returns are then subject to discussion with the LAAMO in order to clarify entries and reach agreement of the final return.

STRETCH TARGETS

- 5.6 The 19 'stretch' targets included in the first NYLAA (2007/10) have all been carried forward into the new NYLAA, under the terms that previously applied, and all have a particular importance as their achievement in full will provide up to £16m reward grant at the end of the agreement (31 March 2010). If the targets are achieved in full the reward grant will be paid after 31 March 2010.
- 5.7 On the basis of the information currently to hand an appraisal of the results regarding the 'stretch targets' is shown in Appendix 1. This appraisal shows that at the Q1 stage:
- 11 of the 19 targets are either above target or on track to meet the end of year target. Particular success is being shown by:

Ref	Description	Reason
L 19	The number of people (aged 16 plus) who are helped to live independently at home for a period of at least twelve months and prevented from admissions to residential care through assistive technology equipment, as measured by case file returns for North Yorkshire data.	Q1 Target 207. Q1 Outturn 259.
L 69	Number of people per 100,000 receiving Direct payments and/or an Individual Budget as a proportion of the population aged 18 and over.	2008/09 Target 83; 2008/09 Qtr 1 Outturn 358.5. LAA Target met.
NI 47	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents.	Q2 (Calendar year) Target 322 outturn 238. If sustained will bring back on target for 2008.
NI 175	To increase the number of inaccessible parishes which have access to community transport journey opportunities, and to achieve patronage overall of 171,000 in 2007/8; 189,000 in 2008/9; 199,530 in 2009/10.	Q1 Target 47,944. Q1 Outturn 57,282.

- 6 of the 19 targets do not have numerical data available within Q1 for a judgement to be made on progress but actions as per action plan have been undertaken and the assessment is that progress is on track.
- 2 of the 19 targets are showing causes for concern. These are detailed below:

Ref	Description	Reason	Action (taken or planned)
L 1	Proportion of mothers throughout North Yorkshire known to smoke during pregnancy (at delivery), as measured by data from NHS Performance Ratings.	Reporting is one quarter behind for this indicator. Historical figures submitted to the LAA included York Acute Trust data - it is now possible to exclude those figures. Historical figures excluding York include: 2007/08 Q1 15.0%, Q2 14.6%, Q3 14.1% and Q4 13.2%. 2007/08 Outturn 14.2%, however, no data (current or backdated) has been received from Scarborough, so is likely to be an underestimate. Unsure of the impact the missing data has had on result therefore not possible to know whether we are on track for meeting the LAA target.	(Action Taken) Job description for smoking in pregnancy advisor post in Scarborough submitted to agenda for change panel for banding. Business case for a smoking in pregnancy service in Selby agreed by PCT Contract Management Board. Training for midwives cancelled due to lack of uptake. (Action Planned) Postholder in Scarborough appointed and new service being delivered. New service being delivered in Selby. Both these timescales have slipped by 3 months.

NI 155	The number of new affordable local need housing units provided in North Yorkshire. The stretch element of the target will exclude those delivered through the National Affordable Housing Programme, through the North Yorkshire Second Homes Council Tax scheme, and through Section 106 agreements signed or agreed prior to 1 st April.	2008/09 Q1 Target 150 (inc 6.44 that qualify as stretch). 2008/09 Q1 Outturn 39 (inc 32 that qualify as stretch). 2007/08 target of 555 (including 25.76 that qualify as stretch) 2007/08 actual total completions of 429 (117 not using public subsidy ie stretch). Both the total and the enhancement targets must be achieved for full reward.	Additional sub regional planning tools have been introduced to aid LA's in getting more affordable housing out of the planning system.
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DESIGNATED TARGETS

5.8 The Comprehensive Spending Review announced a third round of reward for LAAs and it was confirmed in the Local Government Finance Settlement debate on 4 February 2008 that the total amount to be spent on performance reward grant will be at least £340m. Following consultation, final guidance on reward grant in respect of NYLAA 2008/11 targets for 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 will be published as part of the guidance on the first annual review. Consultation on the future of the LAA reward scheme was launched in July 2008. In summary, reward will be calculated based upon average performance of the designated targets. There will be a minimum average score which all partnerships will need to reach before any reward is payable. Using data from the LAA on indicator baseline, target and final performance a 'common currency' for each target will be calculated allowing average performance to be determined. All of the reward on offer will be payable if all the targets have been achieved. For this initial year of the LAA there needs to be a degree of flexibility around target levels, given the newness and limited data available to set targets in relation to some of the indicators. The target levels which will attract reward grant will be confirmed at the first annual review of the LAA in 2009.

4.8.1 On the basis of the information currently to hand an appraisal of the results regarding the 'designated targets' is shown in Appendix 2 (note. 5 indicators appear in both spreadsheets as both a stretch target and designated target). This appraisal shows that at the Q1 stage:

- 9 of the 32 targets are either above target or on track to meet the end of year target. As well as stretch targets NI 47 and NI 175 as highlighted above particular success is being shown by:

Ref	Description	Reason
NI 141	The number of service users (i.e. people receiving a Supporting People Service) who have moved on from supported accommodation in a planned way, as a % of total service users who have left the service.	Q1 Target 71.00%. Q1 Outturn 78.00%. Target on Track.

NI 192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting.	Q1 Target 43.03%. Q1 Outturn 47.01% Est.
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- 18 of the 32 targets do not have numerical data available within Q1 for a judgement to be made on progress but actions as per action plan have been undertaken and the assessment is that progress is on track
- 2 of the 32 targets, in particular NI 81 (To close the gap in level 3 achievement between those claiming free school meals and those that are not at academic age 15) and NI 90 (The number of active Diploma Aggregation Service accounts where the centre of learning is recorded as being within the local authority), have action plans yet to be finalised.
- 1 QMR has yet to be received (NI 159 - The total number of net additional dwellings that are delivered as a percentage of the planned housing provision (in net additional dwellings) for the 5 year period)
- In addition to NI 155 (Number of Affordable Homes Delivered) 1 other indicator is showing cause for concern. This is detailed below:

Ref	Description	Reason	Action (taken or planned)
NI 45	Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, training and employment.	2008/09 year end target 63.00%. Q1 Outturn 50.20%.	Practice Manager and Performance administrator appointed to afford dedicated management of ETE performance. Close supervision of ETE staff, increased use of Assessment and Referral Form and improved internal procedures to identify ETE need & provide intervention. Performance data is now collected by administrator to ensure accuracy and consistency across the county. Formation of YOT ETE Strategy Group with key strategic partners to deliver YOT ETE Strategy. Collecting and sharing of data with LSC, CYPS NYCC and others, identifying young people not engaged in full time packages to highlight to partners the extent of the need and shape future service delivery. Close working with all partners locally, notably IYS, schools, ELAC team to raise profile of YOT needs, reduce exclusions and increase inclusion / engagement.

CHANGES TO TARGETS

- 5.10 Changes to targets in the LAA can only be made if agreed by all the relevant partners, and in the case of designated targets, with Government Office. If changes are proposed sign off must have been obtained from the relevant Thematic Partnership Chair and then agreement obtained from the NYSP Executive. Proposed changes / additional disaggregated targets will be presented to the NYSP Executive as part of the quarterly LAA Performance report.

Changes which will be reported to the NYSP Executive on 2 October 2008 include:

L8 – Prevention of homelessness through Advice and Proactive Intervention – to record these in terms of the actual number of successful interventions made as opposed to the per 1000 household formula used currently. Amendments to be made to Baselines and Targets.

L64 – Percentage of 5 to 16 year olds accessing two hours or more of high quality physical education and/or school sport within and beyond the curriculum each week, as measured by data from the national annual Physical Education School Sports and Club survey – Disaggregated data at district level to be included.

L12 – The number of additional extra care units occupied - Disaggregated data at district level to be included.

5.9 RECOMMENDATION

a. Note progress on the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement 2008/11 at the end of Quarter 1 and action being taken to bring performance back on track where necessary.