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Local Area Agreements 2

Children and Young People's
Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Background

- LAAs are about improving local services and increasing economic prosperity for local people
- The LAA is based on the objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the LAA translates these into targets to secure the improvements local people want to see.
- The current LAAs have different timetables depending on the 'round' the Local Authority Area was allocated
- The New LAA will streamline the timetables nationally and align priorities with the new National Indicator set



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National Indicator Set

- The Government has agreed 198 priority indicators for Local Authority Areas.
- These new indicators replace all previous indicators, including PAF and Best Value Performance Indicators
- Each Authority Area has to agree 'up to' 35 indicators for their LAA, plus 16 statutory education and early years indicators
- Local areas can also have local indicators, these will be part of LAA, but are not subject to the national reporting process



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LAA 2 Funding

- There is no specific LAA grant for the new LAAs. Many of the government's ring-fenced and specific grants will now be paid through one area-based grant to councils. This becomes a general council revenue grant; its not LAA grant.
- There will be some reward grant from government to encourage local areas to achieve their targets.
- Current LAA1 Stretch Target should continue to be funded, but will exist as local priorities, unless there is a direct link to a National Indicator.
- However, the funding arrangements for LAA2 are, as yet, unconfirmed



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LAA1 – LAA2

	Old	New
	LAAs 2005-2008	LAAs from Spring 2008
Legal status	No legal requirement to negotiate an LAA	Statutory: all (upper tier) council must prepare an LAA with partners
Two-tier arrangements	County Council negotiated and led LAA	County Council the 'responsible authority' to lead partnership, district councils are important partners
Timescale	Three year agreement: Commenced in three groups, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8	Three year agreement: all councils/ areas on same timetable: 2008-11
Scope	Three, later four, blocks: safer and stronger communities, children and young people, healthier communities and older people, economic development and enterprise	No requirement for blocks: local flexibility based on sustainable community strategy and other local priorities
Local and national targets	Some mandatory targets, choice of others	National Indicator Set, including 16 education and early years targets, up to 35 other target to be negotiated according to the needs of the area. Named partners should also negotiate and support local targets



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LAA1 – LAA2

	Old	New
	LAAs 2005-2008	LAAs from Spring 2008
Finance	Previously ring fenced funds merged into funding tied to blocks; later into LAA grant; also pump priming grant	No specific LAA grant; all partners should gear mainstream funding towards LAA objectives
Reward funding	Financial reward tied to achievements on specific agreed 'stretch targets'	Formula to pay reward funding according to performance across the range of targets
Partnership arrangements	Voluntary cooperation in a LSP, some statutory requirements on specific services to engage with thematic partnerships	Statutory 'duty to cooperate' on named agencies to negotiate LAA, sign up to specific local and national targets, implement and respond to council scrutiny
Performance management	Local performance management reported to Government Office	Local performance management, new council scrutiny powers, external assessment by CAA



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Timetable for LAA2

- Oct – Dec:
 - Local deliberation and discussion about priorities and the NIS
 - Development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy
 - Thematic Partnerships nominate preferred priorities
- January 10th – Meeting to agree ‘up to’ 35 priorities and local indicators
- January 14th – Submission of draft LAA2 to Government Office
- Feb – May
 - Negotiations on LAA2 with GO
 - NYSP sign off for the Sustainable Communities Strategy
- June – Launch of LAA2



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North Yorkshire Priorities

- North Yorkshire LAA2 Indicators will be based on the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Four cross-cutting themes:
 1. Enable equality and access to services
 2. Long term, sustainable and integrated approach to strategy
 3. Involvement of the third sector
 4. Invest now for a better future – preventative working
- SCS aims for Children and Young People
 - reduce the number of teenage pregnancies
 - Raise achievement levels amongst the young people in the county
 - Provide opportunities for children and young people who are vulnerable or disadvantaged



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Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

- Submitted proposals for the CYP indicators in LAA2 (see attached)
- Current LAA stretch targets that are to be retained as local priorities
- The new Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11 will incorporate these priorities and provide clear strategic links to LAA and the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Require robust delivery plans for each indicator
- Identification of Target Lead Officers for the new LAA Priorities