



Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

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Wyre Forest District Council performance towards the Worcestershire Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011

1. Summary

1.1 To report to Members the overall progress of the Worcestershire Local Area Agreement (LAA) with focus on Wyre Forest District Council contribution towards the LAA priorities.

2. Background

2.1 A Local Area Agreement is a three-year agreement that sets out the priorities for a local area. The agreement is negotiated between Government and local authorities and their partners working through the Worcestershire Partnership.

2.2 The aim of the LAA is for all partners to work together on issues to improve the lives of people living in Worcestershire.

2.3 There are potentially reward grants available across 28 LAA targets at the end of the 2008-11 period.

2.4 The LAA includes 13 priorities under 6 Themes:

- Communities that are safe and feel safe
- A better environment for today and tomorrow
- Economic success that is shared by all
- Improving health & wellbeing
- Meeting the needs of children & young people
- Stronger communities

2.5 The priorities are measured by 45 targets. 10 are mandatory Department for Children, Schools and Families indicators, 32 are National Indicators and 3 are locally set indicators.

2.6 10 National Indicators are collected by Wyre Forest District Council and a number of other indicators are collected for the areas of Wyre Forest district. Links between the LAA and the Council's work is highlighted in the Corporate Plan and Directorate Business Plans for 2010-11.

3. Key Issues

3.1 The latest available Worcestershire LAA report from the Worcestershire Partnership is a position statement for 39 out of the 45 targets at the end of Quarter 3 2009/10 (October – December 2010). The remaining indicators have no status as there is no data currently available because the indicators are reported on an annual basis and data is not currently available. A detailed report of LAA performance is available at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/ten/laa/index.html

- 19 below target / red
- 8 borderline / amber
- 12 on target / green

3.2 Wyre Forest District Council contribute to the below red and amber indicators.

Below Target / Red

- NI 8 – Adult participation in sport (led by Sport England)
- NI 152 – Working age people on out of work benefits (led by Worcestershire County Council)
- NI 154 – Net additional homes provided (led by District Councils)
- NI 171 – New Business registration rate (led by Worcestershire County Council)
- NI 188 – Adapting to climate change (led by Worcestershire County Council)

Borderline / amber

- NI 155 – Number of affordable homes delivered (led by District Councils)
- Local indicator 1 – All vulnerable areas identify, integrated flood risk management plans developed and implemented (led by District Councils)

3.4 Details of the LAA indicators collected by the Council and Business Plan actions that support the achievement of the LAA are shown in **Appendix 1**.

4. Options

4.1 The Committee recommend to Cabinet that the Council's contribution towards the LAA be noted.

5. Consultation

5.1 None.

6. Related Decisions

6.1 None.

7. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

7.1 Corporate Plan 2008 – 11 (2010/11 version)

7.2 Directorate Business Plans 2010/11

8. Implications

8.1 Resources: None directly.

8.2 Equalities: None directly.

8.3 Partnership working: The Council is a partner in the Worcestershire Partnership which is responsible for the delivery of the LAA and therefore the Council's performance against LAA Priorities will effect the overall achievement of the LAA and possible reward grant allocation.

8.4 Human Rights: None directly.

8.5 E-Government: None

8.6 Best Value: None

9. Equality Impact Needs Assessment

9.1 No impact.

10. Wards affected

10.1 n/a

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 - Wyre Forest District Council performance and contribution towards the Worcestershire Local Area Agreement.

12. Background Papers

12.1 None.

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