



## Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee

### Briefing Paper

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### Worcestershire Local Area Agreement Update

#### 1. Summary

1.1 To update Members regarding changes to the Worcestershire Local Area Agreement (LAA) and report progress regarding Wyre Forest District Council's contribution towards the current 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 was 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 The LAA includes 13 priorities and 45 targets, including 32 National Indicators, under 6 Themes.

2.4 10 LAA 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 are highlighted in the Corporate Plan and Directorate Business Plans for 2010-11.

#### 3. Key Issues

3.1 Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, The Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles announced on 13 October 2010 a number of changes to the existing performance framework for local government including:

- The removal of the requirement to report to government on performance against remaining LAA targets with immediate effect.
- The decision that full control of all current LAAs is to be passed to local authorities and their partners, with the freedom to amend or drop targets with immediate effect.
- Confirmation that there will be no requirement to agree a new LAA from April 2011.

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- Confirmation that no Performance Reward Grant payments will be made for our performance against 2008-2011 LAA targets.

3.2 The Chairman of the Worcestershire Partnership has published a response to the announcement on the Worcestershire County Council website stating:

*In September, the Management Group considered feedback from theme groups and agreed which existing LAA targets local partners believe are a priority and would wish to pursue. In the short term, the Partnership will continue to monitor performance against these targets.*

3.3 The indicators that the Worcestershire Partnership will continue to monitor are shown in the table below. Whilst the partnership will no longer ask for information for the remaining indicators, it recognises that the delivery of activities in those areas may still be important. Where this is the case, Partnership Theme Groups are encouraged to continue to monitor progress against a delivery plan in order that momentum is not lost but will not require formal quarterly reporting.

NI No.	Description
17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
18	Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision
21	Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour & crime by the local council and police
56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6
117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, employment and training (NEET)
121	Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75
123	Stopping smoking
142	Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living
152	Working age people on out of work benefits
155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)
163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher
175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling
186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LAA area
188	Adapting to climate change
193	Municipal waste landfilled
195a	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (litter)
L11	All vulnerable areas identified, integrated flood risk management plans developed & implemented
L13	Successful new claims for pension credit
L16	Adults with learning difficulties in employment
L17	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services receiving support in employment

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- 3.4 Worcestershire County Council has also published a response stating:

*.. it is important to recognise in the short term that we will still need to examine how we are performing against our own priorities set out in the Corporate Plan together with performance measures that have been identified as most important by local partners that have been in the Local Area Agreement.*

*Therefore, the half-year (April to September) performance against the Corporate Plan and an agreed set of measures prioritised by Worcestershire Partnership Management Group will be reported to Chief Officers Management Board (COMB), Cabinet and Scrutiny as originally intended.*

- 3.5 Wyre Forest District Council will continue to focus on our local priorities through monitoring of our Corporate Plan priorities to Cabinet and this Committee.
- 3.6 The Wyre Forest Matters Local Strategic Partnership are due to discuss their position regarding the LAA at their next meeting in November 2010.
- 3.7 A snapshot summary of progress against National Indicators and Business Plan actions for Wyre Forest which support the current LAA are included in Appendix 1. Further details can be accessed via the Council's performance management system Covalent.

### **4. Options**

- 4.1 It is suggested that future reports to this Committee, regarding performance against the LAA, focus on progress against the priorities set out by the Worcestershire Partnership until the end of the financial year.
- 4.2 That contributions made toward the LAA by Wyre Forest District Council up to the 30 September 2010 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 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.

**9. Equality Impact Needs Assessment**

9.1 No impact.

**10. Wards affected**

10.1 Not applicable.

**11. Appendices**

11.1 Appendix 1 - Snapshot Report of Wyre Forest District Council's Contribution Towards the Worcestershire LAA.

**12. Background Papers**

12.1 None.











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## Local Area Agreement









### Snapshot of progress at Wyre Forest














As at 30 September 2010







LAA Theme - Communities that are safe and feel safe					
Status	PI Code & Short Name	Last Update	Current Value	Current Target	Long Term Trend
	NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	2009/10	19.3%	-	
	NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate	Q1 2010/11	1.85	-	
	NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police	2009/10	25.9%	-	
	NI 195a Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting): Litter  Based on surveys carried out over three four month periods: Apr – Jul; Aug – Nov; Dec – Mar. First tranche results taken from high density residential housing area , annual result forecast to be on target	July 2010	15%	8%	
Status	Action Code & Title	Progress		Due Date	
	CAP BP10 CSa27 - To co-ordinate the delivery of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan priorities through the Partnership	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">40%</div>		31 Mar 2011	
	CAP BP10 CSa28 - To co-ordinate the delivery of the county-wide community safety priorities through the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">40%</div>		31 Mar 2011	

LAA Theme - A better environment for today and tomorrow					
Status	PI Code & Short Name	Last Update	Current Value	Current Target	Long Term Trend
	NI 186 Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area	2009/10	No data available	-6.0	
	NI 188 Planning to Adapt to Climate Change Level 0: Baseline Level 1: Public commitment and prioritised risk-based assessment: Level 3: Comprehensive action plan and prioritised action in all priority areas: Level 4: Implementation, monitoring and continuous review	2009/10	1	1	
	NI 193 Percentage Of Municipal Waste Land filled	September 2010	49.78%	53.00%	
Status	Action Code & Title	Progress		Due Date	
	PRS BP10 HS30 - Implement the findings of the renewable energy scrutiny exercise.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">100%</div>		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 HS33a - Review of Multi Agency Flood Plans (MAFP) developed	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">50%</div>		31 Dec 2010	
	PRS BP10 HS33b - Assist the county in flood risk management including surface water mapping	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">50%</div>		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 HS34 - Develop a watercourse maintenance and management plan	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">50%</div>		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 HS35 - Support the new Home Improvement Agency / Housing Assistance Policy	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">100%</div>		31 Oct 2010	
	PRS BP10 HS36c - Review current affordable warmth and renewable energy grants	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; background-color: #add8e6; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">100%</div>		31 May 2010	








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	PRS BP10 HS37a - 10:10 Climate Change Campaign - actions to reduce council energy use from sites and emissions	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	30 Apr 2010
	PRS BP10 HS37b - 10:10 Climate Change Campaign - encourage reduction of private energy use & emissions	<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 50%	31 Mar 2011
	PRS BP10 HS38 - Assess council climate change risks and develop an adaptation plan for priority areas	<div style="width: 50%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 50%	31 Mar 2011
	RES BP10 ES21a - Launch revised recycling service	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	05 Jul 2010
	RES BP10 ES21b - Liaise with Worcestershire County Council regarding revised recycling service	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	30 Sep 2010
	RES BP10 ES22 - Launch garden waste collection service	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	05 Apr 2010
	RES BP10 ES23 - Launch revised residual waste collections	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	31 May 2010
	RES BP10 ES24 - Amend Trade Waste Collection Service	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%	30 Jun 2010

LAA Theme - Economic success shared by all					
Status	PI Code & Short Name	Last Update	Current Value	Current Target	Long Term Trend
	NI 171 New business registration rate	2008/09	46.5	-	
	NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	Q4 2009/10	13.6%	-	
Status	Action Code & Title	Progress		Due Date	
	PRS BP10 PR49a ReWyre - Agree a project plan for the Eastern Gateway	<div style="width: 40%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 40%		31 Dec 2010	
	PRS BP10 PR49b ReWyre - Agree a project plan for Churchfields	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Jul 2010	
	PRS BP10 PR49c ReWyre - Agree a project plan for the key themes of jobs, transport, homes and environment	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Jul 2010	
	PRS BP10 PR49d ReWyre - Undertake strategic review of town centre car parks	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Jul 2010	
	PRS BP10 PR49e ReWyre - Start on site for Kidderminster Railway Station Interchange Project in partnership with Worcestershire County Council	<div style="width: 25%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 25%		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 PR49g ReWyre - Deliver improvements to public streets and/ or spaces	<div style="width: 45%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 45%		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 PR51 - Appoint and manage 4x Town Centre Ambassadors	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 PR52 - Minimum of 5 Empty Shops Grants awarded	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Mar 2011	
	PRS BP10 PR53a Business Start-up - 20 Business Start-up grant applications processed successfully	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #4f81bd; height: 100%;"></div></div> 100%		31 Mar 2011	


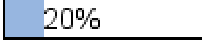

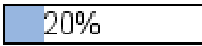
LAA Theme - Improving health & wellbeing					
Status	PI Code & Short Name	Last Update	Current Value	Current Target	Long Term Trend
	NI 8 Adult participation in sport and active recreation	2009/10	18.5%	19.4%	
	NI 39 Rate of Hospital Admissions per 100,000 for Alcohol Related Harm	Q3 2009/10	1720	-	
	NI 121 Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75	2008/09	55.71	-	












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Status	Action Code & Title	Progress	Due Date
	CAP BP10 Cul48 - Building Schools for the Future	-	31 Mar 2011
	<p>CAP BP10 Cul52 - Stourport Sports Club capital projects delivery in partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cycle track, to be opened April 2010</li> <li>- Development work with WF Cycle Racing Club</li> <li>- Sports pitches, establish partnership agreement to proceed with project by May 2010.</li> <li>- Procure 2 pitches and 1 training pitch in partnership with local club and NGB by June 2010</li> <li>- Hockey, upgrade both artificial pitches to national standard subject to successful funding application to England Hockey by May 2010.</li> <li>- Work to be completed by September 2011</li> </ul> <p>Cycle track complete. Funding shortfall for development of pitches &amp; changing rooms. Options being progressed. Awaiting notification from Hockey Foundation for upgrade of one pitch surface.</p>		30 Sep 2010
	CAP BP10 Cul57 - Deliver Year 1 of People Dancing project.		31 Mar 2011
	PRS BP10 HS35 - Support the new Home Improvement Agency / Housing Assistance Policy		31 Oct 2010

LAA Theme - To reduce levels of inequality within the community					
Status	PI Code & Short Name	Last Update	Current Value	Current Target	Long Term Trend
	NI 154 Net additional homes provided				
	The 2009/10 figure for NI 154 is 190 (216 completions less 26 demolitions). Missed the target of 200 mainly due to 15 maisonettes which were demolished at Hurcott Road have been accounted for.	2009/10	191	200	
	NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)				
	Mortgage rescue scheme completed. Lack of available HCA grant resources or s106 sites means no other housing schemes are likely to be delivered this year.	Q2 2010/11	1	19	
	NI 187(i) Tackling fuel poverty – % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating: (i) Low energy efficiency				
		2009/10	10.15%	6.92%	
	NI 187(ii) Tackling fuel poverty – % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating: (ii) High energy efficiency				
		2009/10	34.21%	37.09%	
Status	Action Code & Title	Progress	Due Date		
	CAP BP10 CP23 - No Barriers Awards		31 Oct 2010		
	CAP BP10 CP24a - Equality Framework - improvement plan		31 May 2010		
	CAP BP10 CP25 - Quarterly Community consultation forums		31 Mar 2011		
	CAP BP10 CSa28 - To co-ordinate the delivery of the county-wide community safety priorities through the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership		31 Mar 2011		
	PRS BP10 HS31b - Support the establishment of the Delivery Group for the North South Housing Market Area - develop investment plan in conjunction with HCA and key stakeholders		31 Mar 2011		

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	PRS BP10 HS31c - Support the establishment of the Delivery Group for the North South Housing Market Area - review commissioning arrangements, policies and practises across North / County		31 Mar 2011
	PRS BP10 HS31d - Support the establishment of the Delivery Group for the North South Housing Market Area - support the review of joint commissioning arrangements with RSLs.		31 Mar 2011

Action Status Key &		Performance Indicator Status Key			
	Completed		Significantly missed annual target		Improving
	Overdue		Missed annual target		Got worse
	Progressing – due date not yet reached		Met or exceeded annual target		No comparison
	Cancelled		Collected for data purposes only – no target set		