

## **Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel**

**Agenda  
Item No. 5**

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### **Local Area Agreement Quarter 3 Monitoring Report**

**Ward(s)** All

**Portfolios:** Councillor M. Flower – Environment  
Councillor T. Ansell – Transport

#### **Report:**

This briefing note informs the Panel of progress against the performance of Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets for the period of Quarter 3 2009/10. On the basis of the information within this note the Panel may consider additions to its work programme.

Appendix 1 sets out performance of those indicators relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Panel, with Appendix 2 listing the remaining indicators within the LAA. Within the table Red, Amber and Green ratings have been attributed to each indicator based on the latest position against 2009/10 targets, with additional comments providing background to these ratings.

The current position shows there are two Green, one Grey (where recent outturn data is currently unavailable) and two Red rated Indicators (National Indicator 186 - Per Capita % reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the Local Authority area and NI198 - Children travelling to school) of relevance to this Panel.

Explanations on the current position of the Red rated targets have been provided below.

Members are requested to note that the 'Per Capita % reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions' target is measured against the three following sectors; Domestic Housing, Business and Road Traffic - based on data available from the 'National Hub'. Previously this indicator has reported an increase in the tonnage of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the local area from 2004/05 to 2005/06 (7.18 to 7.4). Due to the data attributed to this indicator being heavily delayed it is almost impossible to link the activity undertaken against the agreed LAA target. As a consequence the Climate Change Executive group have proposed a new measure to simply reduce 75 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in the borough through energy efficiency projects and initiatives. Whilst work is being undertaken in establishing a new monitoring mechanism for this new measure, it has been agreed to continue rating NI186 as Red, reflecting the nationally out-turned picture.

Through the Corrective Action Plan, the lead officer for 'Children travelling to

School' has stated that detailed analysis of the data highlights that the increase in car usage can be attributed mainly to those pupils in secondary education. It is believed the development of academies may be contributing towards this, with pupils being required to travel further to attend their chosen school. Additionally the schools closure programme is also considered to be a contributing factor in the failure to meet the target with pupils facing longer journeys to attend school. Whilst the 2009/10 data has been rated as Red it does not mean that we will not achieve the LAA target which will be informed by results from both the 2010 and 2011 school censuses.


**Recommendations:**

**That:**

1. Members note the current position on those indicators relevant to the panel.
2. Members consider including the achievement of failing targets in their work programme.

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Appendix 1: Environment Panel Indicators

Measure Ref	Indicator description	Quarter ending:	Actual achieved	Target	RAG	Comments
NI186	Per Capita CO2 emissions in the Local Area	31-Jan-10	n/a	n/a	<b>R</b>	Originally the 2005 Calendar Year (CY) data was used as a baseline, showing an increase rather than a reduction (total tonnage in 2004 CY was 7.18 which increased to 7.40 in 2005). Since this was entered onto the 'hub' all data has been removed as there are issues with its calculations. No new date has yet been set when this data will be out turned.
NI187	Tackling fuel poverty	31-Jan-10	N/A	4.40%	<b>Gr</b>	We were originally given the 2005 Calendar Year data as a baseline which showed an increase locally rather than a reduction in CO2 emissions (total tonnage in 2004 CY was 7.18 which increased to 7.40 in 2005 CY). Since this data was entered onto the 'hub', and following the release of slightly revised estimates from 2005 all data has been removed from the Hub pending confirmation of the 2005-2007 trend. Current RED ragging reflects the fact that initial trend showed an increase in CO2 emissions; where good performance would be a reduction. Future ragging will be informed by the publication of the 2006-2007 trends when it becomes available.
NI188	Adapting to climate change (PSA 27)	31-Jan-10	1	2	<b>G</b>	A GAP analysis has been completed in helping to gain achievement of the required level 2 standards. This analysis is also identifying any outstanding actions.
NI191	Residual household waste per household (DEFRA DSO)	31-Jan-10	402	739	<b>G</b>	Qtr 3 2009/10 update - 130kg (cumulative 402kg) is the draft Q3 out-turn figure for residual waste per household. Less residual waste than forecast has been collected in quarter 3. This is in line with national waste minimisation strategies, the diversion of waste from landfill and the avoidance of LATS penalties and so the indicator is green.

NI198	Children aged 5 -15 years travelling to school	31-Jan-10	30.5	29.4	R	The data in previous years figures excluded taxis, however, this year taxi journeys were included in the outturn figure, the DfT figure excluding taxis was 30.12% which would be closer to the target. Due to the success of School Travel Plans, the data set is becoming more accurate which means that small deviations can affect performance levels. A detailed look at the data highlights the main increase in car usage with secondary education. The development of academies may be contributing towards this as pupils travel further to attend their chosen school. Additionally the schools closure programme may also be contributing towards longer journeys hence increased car usage.
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## Appendix 2: LAA Indicators

Priority	Measure Ref	Indicator description	Quarter ending:	Actual achieved	Target	RAG	Comments
<b>Theme : People</b>							
<b>Being Healthy</b>	NI008	Adult participation in sport (DCMS DSO)	31-Jan-10	16.8 (2008/09 Actual Data)	18.1 (2008/09 Target)	<b>R</b>	Based on data released in December 2009 from the Active People 3 (AP3) survey; the NI 8 score is confirmed as 16.8% for 2009 against the 2008/9 LAA target of 18.1%. This score includes results from a total of 1,000 respondents and is a combination of the Active People 2 (Oct 07 - Oct 08) and Active People 3 survey results, an annual sample of 500 respondents combined. This is directly comparable to the NI 8 baseline result established in 2005/6 and whilst it has increased by 0.7 % points shows no statistically significant change at present. However, there are positive signs because aligned to Sport England's strategic focus; the 'one million target' is based on a sports participation indicator that includes a narrower range of activities than NI 8. NI 8 includes moderate activity for over 65s. Walsall's 'One million indicator' result from Active People Survey 3 has increased statistically significantly to 20.1% from 13.4%. As the 20.1% result will be equal to or lower than an areas NI8 measure it suggests that next year's NI 8 result should start to show improvement because the NI 8 score will be refreshed with results from AP3 and AP4 results so that the poorer performing year's data from AP2 survey will be excluded. So as our improvement strategies progress their success will be reflected in an improved out-turn. Whilst this indicator continues to rag RED; we are optimistic for improved outcomes. The next interim update will be available during the summer based on April 09-April 10 results.
	NI120	All age all cause mortality rate	31-Jan-10	1322.4	1159	<b>R</b>	Please note this measure combines the actual figures taken from NI120a and NI120b. Actual for NI120a = 523.1. Actual for NI120b = 799.3. Overall target = 1152.7

	NI198	Children aged 5 -15 years travelling to school	31-Jan-10	30.5	29.4	R	The data in previous years figures excluded taxis, however, this year taxi journeys were included in the outturn figure, the DfT figure excluding taxis was 30.12% which would be closer to the target. Due to the success of School Travel Plans, the data set is becoming more accurate which means that small deviations can affect performance levels. A detailed look at the data highlights the main increase in car usage with secondary education. The development of academies may be contributing towards this as pupils travel further to attend their chosen school. Additionally the schools closure programme may also be contributing towards longer journeys hence increased car usage.
	NI056d	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 -	31-Jan-10	21.928	20	R	Obesity (Year 6) is an annual measure but preventative programmes have been introduced for both children and families; 'Make it Count' programme, the SHAPE programme, and WAY4ward. These programmes will continue into 2010/11. This is based upon data collected during the 08/09 school year. These figures were confirmed by National Child Measurement Programme data release in December at <a href="http://www.ic.nhs.uk/ncmp">http://www.ic.nhs.uk/ncmp</a> has been verified in December 2009.
	NI112	Under 18 conception rate (PSA 14) (local)	31-Jan-10			R	
Feeling Safe	NI020	Assault with injury crime rate (PSA 25)	31-Jan-10	6.67	9.12	G	There were 506 assaults with injury crime rate for Q3 giving a cumulative figure of 1697 this is 2.5% below the Q2 profile target of 1740. Based on LAA target of -8% by 2010/11 profiled for 2009/10, this indicator is given a rag status of green due to the good performance of Q3 and if the borough can avoid a bad Q4 the target should be achievable.
	NI017	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour (PSA 23) (place survey)	31-Jan-10	26.1	23.2	A	

	NI019	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders (PSA 23)	31-Jan-10	65	108	G	The Jan - March 09 cohort is 171, of which 65 reoffended by end Q2 (target 108). This is a reduction of 26.9% on Q2 08/09.
	NI016	Serious acquisitive crime rate (PSA 23)	31-Jan-10	11.6	19.82	G	There were 1022 serious acquisitive crime incidents in Q3 cumulatively 2952 which is a reduction of 22% against Q3 profiled target of 3791. There were blips in Q3 with an increase in levels of Domestic Burglary although this was cancelled out by continued reductions in Vehicle Crime; hence rag status is still GREEN.
	NI030	Re-offending Rate of Prolific Priority Offenders	31-Jan-10	N/A	18%	Gr	There has been no data available for the current Quarter
	LAA045	The number of referrals to Children's social care for domestic abuse	31-Jan-10	405	500	R	Domestic Abuse Referrals to Children's social care is ragged red as the year target has already been reached at Q3. It is not proposed to apply Corrective Action to this measure as under the present economic conditions and post Baby P, Heads of Service felt at Specialist Performance Board that this would be inappropriate
<b>Strong &amp; dynamic communities</b>	NI001	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (PSA 21)	31-Jan-10	70.9	75.1 (2010/11 Target due no 2009/10)	A	At 70.9% (June 09 confirmed out-turn) Walsall performs below average for All mets based on revised Walsall out-turns provided by CLG on release of Place Survey national statistics. Hence we rag this Amber. 75.7% is the refreshed target for 2010/11. The next Survey takes place Sept-Dec 2010; achievement of target will be known during spring of 2011. Recent research by Ipsos MORI 'Mind that Gap -Frontiers of Performance V' published Jan 2010 indicates that based on Walsall's characteristics our score, assessed by a 'challenge Index' is what would be expected given these characteristics. This potentially makes the achievement of the LAA target all the more challenging.

	NI004	% of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality (PSA 21) (place survey)	31-Jan-10	22.7	25.6 (2010/11 Target due no 2009/10)	R	At 22.7% (June 09 confirmed out-turn) Walsall performs bottom quartile; nationally Walsall is the 2nd worst metropolitan council. Hence measure rags Red. Future ragging will reflect progress towards delivering the LAA target action plan. Recent research by Ipsos MORI 'Mind the Gap -Frontiers of Performance V' published Jan 2010 indicates that based on Walsall's characteristics; our score assessed against a 'Challenge Index' appears to be performing below what would be expected even given the areas characteristics. We scored 23%; the research indicated a result of 28% would have been expected. This further demonstrates how important it is to implement improvements especially since involvement in decision making is a key satisfaction driver. Implementation of the partnerships new neighbourhood management approach is a key part of the improvement strategy.
	NI005	Overall/general satisfaction with local area (GLG DSO) (place survey)	31-Jan-10	71.4	74.4 (2010/11 Target due no 2009/10)	A	At 71.4% (June 09 confirmed out-turn) Walsall performs below average for All Mets based on revised Walsall out-turns provided by CLG on release of Place Survey national statistics. Hence we rag this Amber. The next Survey takes place Sept-Dec 2010; achievement of target will be known during spring of 2011. Recent research by Ipsos MORI 'Mind the Gap -Frontiers of Performance V' published Jan 2010 indicates that based on Walsall's characteristics; our score assessed against a 'challenge Index' already performs above what would be expected given the areas characteristics. This potentially makes the achievement of the LAA target all the more challenging. The target action plan has been reviewed recently to ensure that appropriate strategies and actions are in place.
	NI007	Environment for a thriving third sector	31-Jan-10	n/a	22% (2010/11 Target due no 2009/10)	A	NI 7 measures the % of third sector organisations who agree that local statutory bodies influence third sector success. The last recorded outturn data 16.8% 2008/09 (also acting to the baseline) which upon release was above the national average. There is a Target Action Plan which acts as a delivery mechanism for achieving the target.



Theme : Places							
Enhancing the quality of life and environment	NI188	Adapting to climate change (PSA 27)	31-Jan-10	1	2	G	A GAP analysis has been completed in helping to gain achievement of the required level 2 standard. This analysis is also identifying any outstanding actions.
	NI186	Per Capita CO2 emissions in the Local Area	31-Jan-10	n/a	n/a	R	Originally the 2005 Calendar Year data was used as a baseline, showing an increase rather than a reduction (total tonnage in 2004 CY was 7.18 which increased to 7.40 in 2005 CY). Since this data was entered onto the 'hub' all data has been removed as there are issues with its calculations. No new date has yet been set when this data will be out turned.
	NI187	Tackling fuel poverty	31-Jan-10	N/A	4.40%	Gr	This window for the submission of the out turn for this indicator opened on 1st February and closes on 31 March 2010. We will be able to establish performance once this data has been processed.
	NI135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review	31-Jan-10	33.34	24.5	G	Increased significantly from last quarter, RAG status is green.
	NI136	People supported to live independently through social services (	31-Jan-10	2658	2600	G	Above target showing an increase on the previous quarter although includes updated GFS figures which show a slight increase from 916 to 975, this is due to improved recording practices
	NI191	Residual household waste per household (DEFRA DSO)	31-Jan-10	402	739	G	Qtr 3 2009/10 update - 130kg (cumulative 402kg) is the draft Q3 out-turn figure for residual waste per household. Less residual waste than forecast has been collected in quarter 3. This is in line with national waste minimisation strategies, the diversion of waste from landfill and the avoidance of LATS penalties and so the indicator is green.
Improving Housing	NI154	Net additional homes provided (PSA 20)	31-Jan-10	279	363	G	During Oct-Dec 09 there were 204 commencements and 175 new dwelling completions. Cumulative new home completions therefore total 279 (gross) against LAA target of 363 (net). Based on simple evenly split quarterly profile (notwithstanding seasonal variation) we rag progress towards target as green.

	NI141	Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living (	31-Jan-10	63.47	78	R	We work closely with Providers to improve performance issues with the completion of an improvement / action plan for those who are under performing. This quarter's score has been affected by 3 services having no movement and/or planned moves – Commencement of new services x 2, No movement x 1. SP are managing the process through exception reporting.
<b>Theme : Prosperity</b>							
<b>Education &amp; Skills</b>	NI117	16-18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	31-Jan-10	8.5	8.9	G	During Oct-Dec 2009 8.5% of 16-18 year olds (833) were not in employment, education or training (NEET). This quarter's performance has improved on Qtr 2 and compares well to the same period last year. The annual out-turn for NI 117 will be based on Nov-Jan NEET average; hence out-turn against LAA NEET target will be known in Feb 2010. Qtr 3 out-turn provides a positive indication that the 2009/10 LAA target is on track to be achieved.
	NI163	Working age population qualified to at least level 2 or higher (PSA 2)	31-Jan-10	60.1 (2008/09 Actual)	57.3 (2008/09 Target)	G	NI 163 measures the proportion of working age pop (19 years to RA) qualified to at least level 2 or higher. Based on 2006 baseline of 55.3%, LAA targets are as follows; 57.3% (2008/9), 59.3% (2009/10) and 62.3% (2010/11). We have recently recieved our confirmed 2008 out-turn (60.1%) and this shows further improvement and achievement of LAA target for 2008/9. Hence this rags Green.
	NI116	Proportion of Children in Poverty	31-Jan-10	N/A	23.50%	Gr	The Government's national PSA target to halve the number of children in poverty will be measured by the number of dependent children who live in households whose equivalised income is below 60% of the contemporary national median. The data for this indicator will be collected through the annual Family Resource Survey. However, the sample size is not large enough at local authority level, and therefore alternative sources of data for an income-based measure are currently being developed for use from April 2009. Until data for this new measure are available, an interim indicator is being used "The proportion of children (aged 0-15) who live in families where out of work benefits are received".

	NI110	Young people's participation in positive activities	31-Jan-10	71.3	74	G	Annual update will be derived from the September - November 2009 school pupil 'Tell Us' survey. The current rating is based on last year's out-turn; which provided the baseline for this indicator (71.3%) based on performance being better than all Eng and Statistical Neighbour average. Tell Us 4 results to be published early Feb 2010
Enterprise	NI172	% of small businesses in an area showing employment growth (BERR DSO)	31-Jan-10	14.11	10.25	G	This data was released by BERR on the 15th January 2010. Data was also released for each year dating back to 2002/03. The 14.11% out turned for 2007/08 shows that we will achieve the target set out in the LAA. If this can be sustained we will also achieve our 2010/11 target of 11.02%. This figure represents a slight decrease for the 2006/07 figure of 14.23%, although this is in trend with national and regional performance.
		Businesses in the area receiving 3 hours or more of advice			100		
Worklessness	NI152	Working age people on out of work benefits (PSA 8)	31-Jan-10	18	15.7	R	This is the most recent figure out turned to the hub - it represents May 2009.