

# BRIEFING NOTE

**TO: Environment Scrutiny & Performance Panel**

**DATE: 05 October 2009**

**RE: Local Area Agreement**

## **Purpose**

This briefing note informs the Panel of progress against the performance of the current Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets for the period of quarter 1 2009/10. On the basis of the information in the note the Panel might consider whether to add to its work programme.

## **Background**

At its first meeting of the municipal year the Panel received a presentation on Walsall Partnership's Business Plan and Local Area Agreement to assist in identifying items for inclusion in the Panel's work programme.

The Panel requested that the Partnership provide a quarterly report on performance against targets included in the Local Area Agreement which was signed-off by Ministers on 30 June 2008. The Panel would use the information contained to add to its work programme for 2009/10.

Appendix 1 sets out performance against the whole of the LAA with those indicators relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Panel listed in the final column.

Within the table RAG ratings have been provided based on the latest position against the second year's targets with additional comments giving background to the ratings. The current position shows that there are three Green Indicators, one Grey (where recent outturn data is currently unavailable) and one Red (National Indicator 186 - Per Capita % reductions in CO2 emissions in the Local Authority area) which are relevant to this Panel.

Members are requested to note the most current data available for NI 186 relates to the period of 2005/06. This shows an increase in the total tonnage reported (total tonnage in 2004/05 was 7.18 compared to 7.4 in 2005/06). 2006/07 data is due in November 2009. Until further information is available this indicator continues to be rated as Red on basis of past performance. Through the Climate Change Executive the Target Action Plan for this indicator will be reviewed helping to improve performance.

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## Appendix 1: Local Area Agreement 2009/10 Quarter 1 Outturn

Quarter 1								
Measure ref	Measure description	Q1 2009-10 Actual	Q1 Planned	Q1 RAG	Target 2009/10	Comments	Corrective Action Plan	Executive Group
NI001	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area (PSA 21) (place survey)	70.90%	75.10%	A	75.10%**	June 09 data (70.9%) highlights that Walsall performs below average for All Metropolitan Councils based on revised out-turns provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government. As a consequence it is rated as Amber. All future rating will reflect progress towards delivering the three year LAA target of 75.1%.	The Account Manager for Performance (Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Directorate's) to produce an Action Plan for Indicators generated from the 'Place Survey'.	People
NI004	% of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality (PSA 21) (place survey)	22.70%	25.60%	R	25.60%**	June 09 (22.70%) data highlights that Walsall is the 2nd worst Metropolitan Council based on revised out-turns provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Future rating will reflect progress towards delivering the three year LAA target of 25.6%.	The Account Manager for Performance (Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Directorate's) to produce an Action Plan for Indicators generated from the 'Place Survey'.	People
NI005	Overall/general satisfaction with local area (GLG DSO) (place survey)	71.40%	74.40%	A	74.40%**	June 09 (71.40%) data highlights that Walsall performs below average for Metropolitan Councils based on revised out-turns provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government. As a consequence this target is rating as Amber. Future rating will reflect progress towards delivering the three LAA target of 74.40%.	The Account Manager for Performance (Neighbourhoods & Regeneration Directorate's) to produce an Action Plan for Indicators generated from the 'Place Survey'.	People

NI007	Environment for a thriving third sector (CO DSO)	next survey taking place Autumn 2010	N/A	G	22.4%	Qtr 1 2009/10 update - NI 7 is rated Green on the basis of 2008/09 out-turn (16.8%). NI 7 measures the % of third sector organisations who agree that local statutory bodies influence third sector success. The 2008/09 out-turn performed above the national average (16.2%). Future rating will reflect progress towards delivering the three year LAA target of 22.4%. The Survey will next take place in the Autumn of 2010.	N/A	People
NI008	Adult participation in sport (DCMS DSO)	18.90%	19.10%	R	19.1%*	Despite being ragged as red the release of statistical data on 18/06/09 highlighted that Walsall is improving on the achievement of this target from 16.1% to 18.9%. Good performance is typified by year on year increase of the adult (16+) population who participate in sport for at least 30 minutes on 3 or more times a week. The next data release will be available during December 2009, and will be based on the period of October 2008 to October 2009. Having compared Walsall's performance across England it highlights Walsall still performs below average and target hence rags red.	Performance of this Indicator will be discussed at the next meeting of the Health and Well Being Group (28th October 2009)	People
NI016	Serious acquisitive crime rate (PSA 23) LAA	1093 (4.3)	1264 (4.9)	G	19.82 (rate)	<b>Qtr 1 2009/10 update</b> - There were 1093 serious acquisitive crime incidents in Quarter 1 which is within the quarterly target of 1264. Current data highlights that acquisitive crime rate is reducing.	N/A	People
NI019	Rate of reoffending by young offenders	0.76 (rate)	N/A	G	1.08 (rate)	This indicator measures the young offenders cohort established during the period of January to March, these are then tracked for a period of 12 months, a re-offence is counted if it occurs within this tracking period. Target setting is based on achieving 10.2% reduction by the end of 2010/11. This indicator outturns one quarter in arrears so Q1 09/10 relates to year end 08/09 figure against an annual target of 1.12. The % outturned equates to 172 re-offences within a cohort of 227 young offenders	N/A	People

NI020	Assault with injury crime rate	2.53 (645)	2.28 (580)	A	9.12 (2321) Baseline (-4%)	<b>Qtr 1 2009/10 update</b> - The rate for 2008/09 was 9.5 (2418 crimes). The current Quarter 1 update of 645 crimes shows an increase of 6.4% based on the same period last year. Quarter 1 performance is deemed as being slightly higher than the quarterly profiled target, hence the Amber rag rating.	N/A	People
NI030	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders (HO DSC)	28.7%	N/A	G	18%	<b>Qtr 1 2009/10 update</b> - Current tracking indicates a 28.7% reduction in re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders; this is within the target.	N/A	People
NI056(d)	Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6	22.00%	18.80%	R	18.80%	This indicator measures the percentage of Primary School age Children in Year 6 who are obese, with height and weight recorded. Children are classed as obese if their Body Mass Index (BMI) falls above the 95th centile of the reference curve for their age and sex according to the UK BMI centile classification. The Q1 outturn is provisional and will be verified and released by the Dept of Health in December 2009.	A Corrective Action Plan for this target has been request by Children's Services Performance and Outcomes Group.	People
NI110	Young people's participation in positive activities (PSA 14)	nya	74%	G	74%*	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. Annual update will be available from tell us 4 survey which is being carried out in September 2009; results will be available in Jan 2010;	N/A	Prosperity

NI116	Proportion of children in poverty	25.7% (April 2007)	N/A	R	23.5%	<b>Quarter 1 update 2009/10</b> - An interim measure is being used on the proportion of children who live in families where out of work benefits are received; including: Job Seekers Allowance (JSA), Incapacity Benefit, and Income Support & Pension Credit. 2008/9 out-turn on this is still awaited. April 2007 out-turn was 25.7%, but given current economic climate and monitoring of other proxy indicators including increase in JSA claimants indicates that the position is likely to have worsened and hence this indicator continues to rag Red.	A Corrective Action Plan for this target has been request by Children's Services Performance and Outcomes Group.	Prosperity
NI117	16-18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET) (PSA 14)	9.10%	8.90%	A	8.9%*	Q1 NI 117 performs at 9.1%. This shows a decline in performance when compared to the same period in 2008/9 (8.8%).	N/A	Prosperity
NI120	All-age all cause mortality rate	Annual Measure		Gr	M681 F478 (2010)		N/A	People
NI135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	14.60%		G	24.50%	This target is rated as Green due to exceeding the target.	N/A	Places
NI136	People supported to live independently through social services (all ages) (PSA 18)	2572	2600	G	2600*	This target is rated as Green due to exceeding the target.	N/A	Places
NI141	Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living (CLG DSO)	78.63	78	G	78*	This target is rated as Green due to hitting the target.	N/A	Places

NI152	Working age people on out of work benefits	Annual Measure		A	15.7%	<p><b>Quarter 1 update 2009/10</b> - On face value this indicator should be ragged as green due to the percentage of people on out of work benefits being 0.3% below the target. However, because this information is time lagged by 8 months it doesn't accurately reflect the changes to the economic climate. There has already been an increase between May 2008 and August 2008 data from 15.92% to 16.02%. Incidentally a significant increase has been reported in the number of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) claimants from 5,580 in May 08 to 7,460 in November 08. The indicator has been rated as Amber taking into account these factors.</p>	N/A	Prosperity
NI154	Net additional homes provided	81	90	A	363	<p><b>Qtr 1 2009/10 update</b> - Between 1 April – 30 June 09 there have been 81 new dwelling completions against an annual LAA target of 363. The rating of Amber has been based on 'evenly split' quarterly profiling (notwithstanding seasonal variation).</p>	N/A	Places
NI163	Working age population qualified to at least level 2 or higher	60.1%	57.3%	G	57.30%	<p>NI 163 measures the proportion of working age people (19 years to RA) qualified to at least level 2 or higher. The latest available out-turn data (60.1% - 2007) shows performance has improved slightly. The 2008 out-turn data will be available during December 2009, the Amber rating has been based on the 2007 out-turn against the 2008/9 target.</p>	N/A	Prosperity
NI172	% of small businesses in an area showing employment growth (BERR DSO)	12.69% (nb 2007)	10.25%	G	10.25%*	<p>The data release for this indicator has been scheduled for 23/12/2009 containing data for the period of 2008. The 2007 figure currently available is 12.69% which is above the 2009/10 target of 10.25%. Hence we currently rag Green.</p>	N/A	Prosperity

NI187	Tackling Fuel Poverty	Annual Measure		Gr	4.40%	The rationale of this indicator is to measure progress in tackling fuel poverty through the improved energy efficiency of households inhabited by people claiming income based benefits. Fuel Poverty is classed as the requirement to spend 10% or more of household income to maintain adequate level of warmth. This indicator measures the proportion of households on income related benefit for whom an energy assessment has been carried out by the Local Authority and whose Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) Rating is above 30. Simplistically the rating works as 0-30 being very inefficient, whilst a score of 65+ is very efficient, good performance is shown by a reduction in the proportion of households with a SAP below 30. During 2008/09 6.43% of those surveyed had a SAP rating of below 35 which slightly exceeded the LAA target of 6.40%. Whilst 29.05% of those surveyed had a SAP rating of 65+. Due to this being an annual measure 2009-10 data will not be available until May 2010.	N/A	Places
NI188	Adapting to Climate Change	Level 1	Working towards level 2 by yr end	G	Level 2	<b>Quarter 1 update 2009/10</b> - This indicator measures progress on assessing and managing climate risks and opportunities. Authorities are rated by four levels (1,2,3,4). Walsall achieved level 1 milestone in 08/09. Performance is on track to reach level 2 by year end hence the Green rating.	N/A	Places
NI191	Residual household waste per head (DEFRA DSO)	136.36	160	G	739*	This indicator delivers the Governments pledge in reducing the amount of Black Bag waste, measuring the number of kilograms of household waste collected that is not sent for reuse, recycling, composted or anaerobic digestion per head of the population. The data for this indicator is acquired using Local Authorities WasteDataFlow returns, with good performance being typified by a lower figure. This quarter highlights less residual waste than forecasted being collected.	N/A	Places
NI198	Children aged 5 - 10 years travelling to school by car (inc. vans and taxis)	28.30%	30.40%	G	29.4%*	This indicator measures the proportion of school aged children travelling to school by mode of transport. The figure reported relates to travel by Car (excl car share). Good performance is typified by a lower mode share of children travelling to school by car. The provisional out-turn figure for 2008/9 (28.3%) was based on Jan 2009 school census.	N/A	People

NI 17	Public perceptions of ASB (L)	26.1%		A	29.8% (10/11)	Qtr 1 update (2009/10) - June 2009 (26.1%) confirmed out-turn highlights that Walsall performs below average in relation to All Metropolitan Boroughs based on revised out-turns provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government. As a consequence this target is rated as Amber. Future rating will reflect progress towards delivering the three year LAA target of 29.8%.	N/A	Places
	Domestic violence (L)	140	101	A	405	2008/09 outturn was 406, and for 2007/08 was 548, but referrals (including those for Domestic Abuse) had increased post Baby P. We could not set a target above the outturn, but this will be challenging this year, we would not RAG red yet, but as Amber.	N/A	People
	Levels of support to new and existing business (L)	Annual Measure		Gr	100	Q4 2008/09 data recorded that 106 Businesses had been supported resulting in a rag rating of Green. It is envisaged that quarterly information will be available from Q2.	N/A	Prosperity
NI 112	Under 18 Conception Rate	Annual Measure		R	33.30%	Proxy RAG as actual data is only available annually	A Corrective Action Plan for this target has been request by Children's Services Performance and Outcomes Group.	People
NI 186	Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area (L)	Annual Measure		R	N/A - A Target is being developed which records the CO2 reduction brought about by measuring local activity	Quarter 1 update 2009/10 - This indicator measures the percentage reduction of the per capita CO2 emissions in the Local Authority Area across the following agreed sectors: Domestic Housing, Business and Road Traffic. The only available data relates to 2005/06, showing an increase n the total tonnage reported (total tonnage in 2004/05 w as 7.18 compared to 7.4 in 2005/06). 2006/07 data is due in November 2009. Until further information is available this indicator continues to be rated as Red on basis of past performance.	To be discussed at the next Climate Change Executive Meeting	Places