

**Island
Strategic
Partnership**

**Isle of Wight
Local Area Agreement 2
End of Year Report for the period
April 2008 – March 2009**

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1. Introduction to the Local Area Agreement 2 (April 2008 - March 2009)

1.1 The Local Area Agreement 2 (LAA2) for the Isle of Wight was approved by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 30 June 2008. The three-year agreement was made between the Island Strategic Partnership (ISP) and the Government and is effective from 2008-2011.

1.2 The LAA supports the Eco Island vision as set out in the Island's [Sustainable Community Strategy](#).

1.3 A refresh of LAA2 took place in March 2009 and was agreed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 7 April 2009. The refresh resulted in changes to some of the original targets, agreement of some baselines and targets that were not previously agreed and a few of the original targets made more challenging.

In addition, government has amended the definitions for some indicators including the basis for calculation, rationale or formulae to be applied.

1.4 The Council and its partner organisations retain a responsibility for working towards delivery of LAA2 and the overarching NIS. As the Accountable Body, Isle of Wight Council also has a responsibility for ensuring that there are defined leads assigned for each measure and that sufficient resources are being devoted towards securing improvement and delivery of the performance targets by those engaged in its delivery.

1.5 It is the government's intention for the Audit Commission to test, as a part of its Comprehensive Area Assessment evaluation, the effectiveness with which resource has been utilised in delivery of these targets together with an emphasis on the level with which efficiency and value for money has been offered.

1.6 [Delivery plans](#) have been developed for each indicator within the LAA. These plans set out the activity that will be undertaken to meet the target, associated risks and resources.

1.7 A Performance Management Framework for the LAA has been developed which provides all partners delivering the LAA with a framework to work to.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Overall Performance Summary for Year 1 of the Local Area Agreement 2

The table below summarises LAA2 performance over the four quarters of 2008/09.

Quarter 1 (April – June 2008)		Quarter 2 (July – Sept 2008)	
RAG Rating for performance	% of indicators	RAG Rating for performance	% of indicators
RED	6.6	RED	7.9
AMBER	2.6	AMBER	1.3
GREEN	7.9	GREEN	7.9
UNABLE TO REPORT	82.9	UNABLE TO REPORT	82.9
Quarter 3 (October – Dec 2008)		End of Year Outturn (April – March 2009)	
RAG Rating for performance	% of indicators	RAG Rating for performance	% of indicators
RED	6.6	RED	35.9
AMBER	1.3	AMBER	1.3
GREEN	5.3	GREEN	12.8
UNABLE TO REPORT	86.8	UNABLE TO REPORT	50.0

Key to colour RAG:

Red: Below Target Amber: Within tolerance Green: On/above target Grey: No data

2.2 Performance Overview

A greater number of indicators were reported on in the fourth quarter, mainly due to the greater ratio of indicators that can only provide an annual outturn.

In broad terms there remains an issue with the proportion of indicators for which no end of year outturn could be determined, equating to more than half of the overall number. A caveat to this figure is that seventeen indicators have been set to 'monitoring' where either their targets had not been agreed as a part of the original LAA2 development, or the data outturn given was reported to be historic and not a reflection of current performance. Subsequently these have not been included under one of the other bandings since the outcomes might be considered to distort results since they are not reflecting the *current* situation.

While these performance figures represent performance for the full 78 indicators, looking merely at the designated indicators, on which any reward grant payment will be based, the picture is marginally different and the margin between the target being achieved or missed is reduced:

End of Year Outturn (April – March 2009)	
RAG Rating for performance	% of indicators
RED	25.0
AMBER	0.0
GREEN	19.4
UNABLE TO REPORT	55.6

It should be noted that amongst those not meeting target is one provisional result (NI 123 Stopping Smoking). In addition, of the 55.6% for which outturn is not available three are reliant on survey results and a further nine have been set to monitoring either

because targets have not been set for this year or the outturn given is based on historic data. (Combined these represent 34.3% of the total number of indicators).

2.3 Performance by Partnership Board

Below is a breakdown of performance by Partnership Board.

2.3.1 Environment and Economic Partnership

Environment and Economic Partnership Board 2008-09 (April 2008 – March 2009)		
RAG Rating for performance	% of Environment & Economic Indicators	% of all LAA Indicators
RED	28.6	5.1
AMBER	0	0
GREEN	21.4	3.8
UNABLE TO REPORT	50.0	9.0

Key Achievements

NI 191 – Residual household waste – exceeded target in Year One by approximately 21.5 kg per household which may be a reflection of an increased awareness and participation in recycling waste.

Areas to Watch for 09/10

NI 177 – No. of local bus and light railway journeys - exceeded target in Year One in part due to the extension of concessionary fares across England from April 2008. A reduction in the availability of this arrangement might have an impact on performance in year two.

Unavailable Data

NI 173 - flows on to incapacity benefits from employment - (a local indicator) is indicated to be withdrawn as there are issues to its relevance within the Island's context.

2.3.2 Health and Wellbeing Partnership

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board 2008-09 (April 2008 – March 2009)		
RAG Rating for performance	% of Health & Wellbeing Indicators	% of all LAA Indicators
RED	22.2	5.1
AMBER	5.6	1.3
GREEN	11.1	2.6
UNABLE TO REPORT	61.1	14.1

Key Achievements

Despite the challenges presented, significant improvement was achieved in reducing the numbers living in temporary accommodation (NI 156). The adoption of a proactive approach towards preventing evictions and partnership working with private landlords helped to support the progress achieved.

Areas to Watch for 09/10

NI 123 – Stopping Smoking – a provisional result is currently given for this indicator. Similar activity was undertaken between 2006 and 2009 under the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA2) and it was observed as a part of that reporting, the more hardened smokers were being engaged with. This, combined with the increased stress

experienced by people during the current economic downturn, might impact the level of performance that can be achieved in year two.

Unavailable Data

NI 120 (a) and (b) – mortality rates – since the most recent data available for reporting was for 2005-07 these are two of four indicators set to monitoring. While there is no current data available for these two indicators there are other indicators which link to and support this one such as NI 8 - adult participation in sport and active recreation, NI 39 - rate of hospital admission for alcohol related harm, NI 70a - reduce emergency hospital admissions caused by alcohol and substance misuse related incidents for children and young people and NI 123 - stopping smoking. NI 128 – respect and dignity in treatment - and NI 131 -delayed transfers of care – are both still without agreed baseline and targets for the term of LAA2. A detailed explanation of activity throughout the first year can be found in the supporting indicator performance commentary.

2.3.3 Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Board 2008-09 (April 2008 – March 2009)		
RAG Rating for performance	% of Crime & Disorder Reduction Indicators	% of all LAA Indicators
RED	15.4	2.6
AMBER	0	0
GREEN	15.4	2.6
UNABLE TO REPORT	69.2	11.5

Key Achievements

Improved performance was seen across the year for NI XXX - number of criminal damage incidents – which resulted in 136 fewer than target number of incidents occurring.

Areas to Watch for 09/10

For NI 169 – percentage of non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered – failed to meet target due to delays with contracts. It is indicated that this should be corrected in year two.

Unavailable Data

Outcomes for four indicators are based on the results of the biennial Place Survey, results for which were not available in the first year.

2.3.4 Children’s Trust

Children’s Trust Board 2008-09 (April 2008 – March 2009)		
RAG Rating for performance	% of Children’s Trust Indicators	% of all LAA Indicators
RED	54.5	23.1
AMBER	0	0
GREEN	9.1	3.8
UNABLE TO REPORT	36.4	15.4

Key Achievements

Despite the target being missed for NI 117 – young people not in education, employment or training - this was influenced predominantly by the impact of the economic downturn. However, a number of initiatives were introduced including ‘Real

Opportunities Now' which was featured by DCSF on its website as an example of Best Practice.

Areas to Watch for 09/10

A significant issue to the performance shown in this first year is the performance achieved with the sixteen statutory measures covering educational attainment. The majority (fourteen) reported performance that failed to meet the target set for LAA2. It should be noted that of the sixteen, the six linked to Key Stage 3 performance have been withdrawn by government and will not be reported on from year two.

The outturn recorded for NI 69 - reducing the number of children who have experienced bullying was based on responses to the TellUs3 survey, based on responses given by young people in confidence. Work will be on-going in year two to improve on these outcomes.

Unavailable Data

NI112 – teenage conceptions - is one of four measures set to monitoring since the outturn provided is based on data drawn from the Office for National Statistics and which is currently drawn from 2007 results.

2.4 Conclusions

There have been problems encountered in this first year as a process for reporting has been developed for an Agreement where a number of measures were new to those delivery agents involved, many with no baseline or targets agreed and with changes to the definition and nature of calculation being introduced by government.

Although the overall picture of performance in the first year shows a 35.9% rate for targets having been missed, with improved clarity to the reporting mechanisms required an improved level of consistency may be exhibited.

Government reward money will be calculated using improvement from baseline against the third year target for the 35 designated indicators within the LAA, totalling just under £1m. The development of Delivery Plans and incorporation of the Performance Framework will help to support a required shift from Performance Monitoring to Performance Management that will be needed in Years Two and Three to help capture the optimum levels of reward grant available and which can be utilised to further develop improvements for the Island and its Community.

Related Documents:

- All Partnership Board Measures – LAA2 Report 2008/09 (Year One)
- LAA2 Year One – Indicator performance commentary