

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack
January 2009
(Final)



Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)		
Paul Phillipson	January 2009	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer: Excellent results from the Road Safety killed or seriously injured statistics which are reported each calendar year and show us meeting our target.. Serious acquisitive crime is still showing as an area for concern with significant burglary dwelling increase. This has been mitigated in February and is part of a national trend, however, the solution centre proposals, as yet still not implemented, will hopefully address this further.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion: The Cohesion Board has now approved a three year Prevention Violent Extremism (PVE) action plan of work with the IdEA, continues with Member and Heads of Service training. There is excellent work taking place within this area which is being recognised by the GO-East.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities: The Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership (NISP) met for the last time and will be re-launched as the Neighbourhood Strategic Partnership alongside the restructure of the local authorities provision for Neighbourhood Services, which will align all activities by the local authorities Childrens Services and the Police into the same geographical areas.</p> <p>Building Pride in Peterborough: Current targets are being achieved and the Strategic Pride in Peterborough Steering Group has now set its three year targets for 'I am proud to live in Peterborough'. The Perception Peterborough action plan is now launched and is linking in with the City Marketing Project.</p>		

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)		
Trevor Gibson	January 2009	
<p>The Environment Capital priority has retained its overall "green" status for the sixth consecutive month in a row thanks to the partnership commitment to achieving a range of key outcomes. The community awareness programmes focused on Climate Change continue across the city including a real push on Eco Schools and energy efficiency in the home. This progress compensates for the fact that the DEFRA CO2 reduction data is published on a three year cycle although it is anticipated that the next data set will indicate the positive impact of this work. Performance in relation to waste recycling and composting is within tolerance of the targets. The number of bus journeys undertaken in the city showed another positive increase in Quarter 3 but this has to be tempered with the fact that bus travel usually increases in the winter. Despite this, officers are confident that the overall figure for the year will be at or above target. The number of companies in the Enviro-Cluster continues to increase along with the number of tenancies in the Eco-Innovation Centre itself and cleansing and bio-diversity performance is also on track to meet the year end targets.</p>		

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)		
Denise Radley	January 2009	
<p>Overall the rating of the priority is amber reflecting a mix of good and under-performance.</p> <p>Missing data persists as a problem and a further probe of the blocks to this data being available will be undertaken by the team of Outcome Lead Officers.</p>		

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)		
Steve Compton	January 2009	
<p>Comment from December 2008 repeated:</p> <p>The deepening effects of the recession are being felt within the city with ongoing job losses across all sectors. This impact is also being keenly felt in the housing market with rapid and significant contraction in private sector activity. The overall effect of these symptoms of the recession is to question the deliverability of the targets as currently set and as can be seen from the Tier 2 reports further analysis is underway to fully understand the breadth and scale of this impact.</p> <p>On a positive note the transformation of Cathedral Square is about to start on site, the University Building at the PRC site broke ground this month and February is anticipated to see the launch of the new city brand.</p> <p>The City Centre Area Action Plan work draws to a close which gives a clear, comprehensive and robust guidance to the delivery of growth and regeneration across the city centre. 2009 looks like being an exciting year for the city as key projects start on site but set against a backdrop of economic uncertainty and further challenges around delivery.</p>		



GPP Overview & Update

LAA Review & Refresh	The timetable for the LAA refresh continues at a pace with negotiations still ongoing in relation to a number of National Indicators – most notably those where Place Survey results were required in order to provide a baseline. A draft version of the refreshed LAA 2009/10 has been submitted to GO-East and an up-to-date view of progress was presented to Scrutiny Committee on Monday 09 March. A final version requires to be submitted to GO-East by Thursday 26 March and we are on target to achieve this.
Impact of the Economic Downturn	The impact of the economic downturn was discussed at the Growth Partnership meeting on 4 March. GPP wants to understand the likely impacts of the economic downturn on the SCS and the achievement of the delivery of our priorities. It has been agreed with the Audit Commission to undertake an analysis of the impact of the downturn on our understanding of local needs and priorities. We are looking to produce an initial report by the end of March and partners will meet on 25 March to consider shared information, issues and collective action. One area of work underway is the establishment of a Volunteer Scheme specifically targeted at those unemployed.
Value for Money (VfM)	The VfM Priority Group has met and scoped in outline a forward work programme and deliverables. Outcome Lead Officers have been appointed under John Harrison's leadership as Priority Director. Outcome teams have been formed and delivery plans established. The four outcomes are Managing Finance, Managing Resources, Managing People and Managing Performance and Governance. The focus will be on the plans, organisation, and development of the workforce across the partnership to support the achievement of strategic priorities. John Harrison will present the key themes and priorities of the four outcomes to the GPP Executive on 01 April.
Volunteering Scheme Project Proposal	The aim of the scheme will be to create new volunteering opportunities in response to increased unemployment to maintain and improve confidence, skills, health and wellbeing and strong sustainable communities. The project will target those recently unemployed and identify and further develop volunteering opportunities. The lead partners are GPP, PCVS and PCC. A project outline has been produced and funding to support initial 3 month development is being sought.
GPP Executive	The GPP Executive development day held on 12 February reviewed the effectiveness of partnership working. Objectives were: (a) to discuss and agree the key delivery risks and issues for 2009/10 and agree the respective division of responsibility and accountability between the Executive; the partnerships and the partners; (b) to review the current GPP governance structures and agree the respective roles and responsibilities of the thematic partnerships and the GPP Executive and (c) to review membership of the GPP Executive. Papers following the event are being circulated.
GPP Forum	This is currently being planned for a date in early June and more information will follow next month.

GPP Dates for your Diary

GPP Performance Hub	18 March, 11.00am – 1.00pm, PCAE
GPP Board	18 March, 12.15pm – 1.00pm (Lunch) 1.00pm – 5.00pm, Buckles Solicitors, Bourges Boulevard
Adult Learning Skills	19 March, 9.30am – 11.30am, Town Hall
GPP Performance Development Group	26 March, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, PCAE H15
Safer Peterborough Partnership	25 March, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Cross Key Homes
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Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)		
Steve Welby	January 2009	
<p>All areas within this outcome are currently performing as green with the exception of two: Road Safety, which reports on a calendar year, rather than financial year, has finished the year meeting the target. This is a pleasing result.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse (NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence cases reviewed at MARAC) is currently performing as amber. This indicator is currently only just missing the target but we have taken the conservative view of rating as amber as there is still some lack of clarity about how a repeat incident should be measured. We are currently negotiating our target for next year with GO-East and we will be able to ensure that this discrepancy does not continue into the next financial year.</p> <p>NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime still performs as red and gives cause for concern to the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP). In January there was an increase of 33.8% (142 offences) from December's figures. Burglary dwelling saw significant increase in January 2009 with 210 incidents (which was an increase of 63 on December 2008). Whilst this is a national trend we are concerned to ensure it does not escalate further.</p> <p>The Safer Peterborough Partnership has taken a number of steps to address these concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendations of the Solution Centre have been approved in principle and will now be implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Police have allocated a dedicated team (1 Sergeant and 6 Officers) for 6 weeks to concentrate on this area of business. The initial results (two weeks in February) suggest that we will see a significant improvement in February 2009 <p>The Delivery Board has commissioned a Problem Solving exercise with partners to address burglary to identify short and medium term interventions that can be employed to address the increase.</p>		

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)		
Jawaid Khan	January 2009	
<p>Good progress in relation to inter-cultural and inter-faith dialogue has been made in terms of the launching of the Festival of Festival Calendar on 20 January 2009 and soon to commence Faith, Culture and Identity Course in March 2009. In addition, media training session for faith leaders organised by the East of England Faith Council is due to held on 26 February and participation from different faith community leaders has been encouraging.</p> <p>Schools Community Cohesion Group which brings local education authority, schools representatives, police, sports coordinator and local strategic partnership to promote cohesion in relation to young people has met and discussed efforts to seek innovative projects for cohesion. Proposals from Head of Schools have been invited for further discussion in March 2009.</p> <p>Mapping exercise to understand provision of ESOL and funding situation has been conducted and report is to be tabled at the Cohesion Board meeting on 5 March 2009</p> <p>The Cohesion Board on 22 January 2009 has approved the 3 year action plan in principle and action is in progress to incorporate the consolidated comments received on the discussion document. The Cohesion Board also approved to seek employment of Prevent Violent Extremism (PVE) Coordinator to lead the way.</p> <p>Projects on Imam training with an education institute of higher education have started in February. In addition, Community Network Group involving participants of Afghanistani, Egyptian, Kurdish, Pakistani and Somali origin has held two meetings since January 2009.</p> <p>Subject including Gaza situation and educational needs of Muslim young people were discussed. Police Northern Divisional Commander and his deputy were invited as the chief guests to the first session which discussed Gaza situation.</p> <p>On 27 January 2009, IDeA attended CMT meeting and gave a presentation on peer mentoring support programme to be launched in February. Follow up session with Members, Head of Services, Managers and front line staff are intended to commence by the end of February, 2009.</p>		



Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)		
Adrian Chapman	January 2009	
<p>A second GPP workshop has been held to explore and agree the way forward for neighbourhood management in Peterborough. Broad principles have been agreed, and a series of pathfinder/pilot projects will be initiated before the end of March 2009. A new Joint Delivery Group is to be formed, and part of Peterborough City Council (PCC) is restructuring to build up neighbourhood-focussed delivery teams. The Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership (NISP) is also to be re-launched.</p> <p>The fishbone and accompanying action plan for this outcome have been totally redrafted and associated resource implications identified. A new outcome delivery team/ action group will be formed to take this work forward. A meeting has been planned to explore the possibility of a major volunteering programme that will make use of available skills to help deliver across the LAA.</p>		

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)		
Kevin Tighe	January 2009	
<p>While all targets are being achieved there are future concerns, in particular with initiatives such as Green Leap day which are not featuring strongly in any work programme.</p> <p>Strategic – Pride in Peterborough Steering group now in place and have set target. Target – I am proud to live in Peterborough Year 1- 38% Year 2- 40% Year 3- 42%</p> <p>Perception Peterborough is on target and has delivered a full report with action plan in (February 2009).</p> <p>The City Marketing Project is progressing well and is on target for launch in February 2009.</p> <p>Neighbourhood – A Week of Action is underway in the City Centre</p> <p>Review of Neighbourhood services underway and out to consultation with staff.</p> <p>Partners have agreed the general direction of travel for a new neighbourhood management model, which will include the introduction of local neighbourhood partnerships led by local residents, neighbourhood delivery teams comprising officers from key agencies, and a citywide joint delivery team of senior staff to allocate resources.</p>		



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)**Paul Pace***January 2009*

The designated indicators for this January report under this outcome are all performing well. Recycling market is still a concern (although prices have begun to stabilise) along with the recent very negative media coverage by certain national newspapers on the UK recycling industry.

Peterborough City Council and Viridor have responded by various press releases and positive stories back into the media arena and are urging residents to maintain their recycling efforts. The city's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) is continuing to operate as normal and specialist operator Viridor Waste Management is continuing to secure markets for the materials being processed into new products.

Household waste disposed of to landfill continues to decrease and is on track to meet the current performance target, however it is worth highlighting the risk that the current national negative media stories may have on several of the indicators in this outcome, e.g. if people stop/reduce recycling due to the negative stories then this will have a negative impact on the amount of waste recycled and a positive increase in the amount of waste going to landfill.

Natural resources focused education - this measure is to capture education focussed at primary school level and a new approach is being considered to incorporate the already successful ECO schools programme. The natural resource elements of this scheme will count towards our target. A partnership sub-group has been established to allow this scheme to be developed further within the city and increase the number of schools receiving an ECO school award. This educational campaign will tie in with the city's aspiration to become environmental capital. In the meantime we are establishing current engagement levels on this topic within our schools. To date approximately 48% of primary schools have received recycling, composting or natural focussed education in some form.

Alongside this three focus groups were held during January with the environment sub group of the youth council, lead teachers and out of school establishments. This work has laid the basis for a strategic vision which will be the next stage in moving this area forward.

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)**Teresa Wood***January 2009*

During January 54 school transport drivers received specific training in awareness of special educational needs, managing the school run and wheelchair restraints. In addition 8 schools submitted school travel plans for evaluation prior to submission to the Department for Transport. A busy month for Improving Accessibility Beacon with a presentation in Leicester plus officers attending other Beacon councils. Travelchoice hosted a Business Travel Planning breakfast at which 16 businesses attended.

Bus shelters have recently been installed at Keys Park and Parnell as part of a Big Lottery funding initiative. In total, 9 new bus shelters have been installed in 2008-09 funded from various sources.

As of the 29th of January, the work undertaken by Charlotte Palmer, Environment and Community Partnership Officer and Jenna Hiley, Climate Change Officer, moved over to become part of the Accessibility and Travel Group based in Midgate. This will enable closer links to be established with Travelchoice to drive forward the city's aspiration to become the UK's Environment Capital.



Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

January 2009

We have attracted a further 2 companies to the Eco Innovation Centre which brings the total to 372, plus I am aware of 2 new environmental companies which have set up in Peterborough which brings the total up to 374. We also have a number of companies in the pipeline looking to relocate to Peterborough.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

January 2009

NI 195 – Street cleansing operations are continuing with all areas receiving a visit at least every 6 weeks in respect of both litter picking and sweeping operations.

Problem areas are receiving a full clean every two or four weeks with the use of lengths person in other areas. The number of flytipping reports being received by City Services for this year is showing a reduction and the Hit Squads are continuing to meet the target of 1.5 days to response to these calls.

NI 196 – Investigations are steady at 110 per month and with recent training being given to Neighbourhood Environment Officers in evidence gathering the amount of investigations should increase.

Monthly meetings are now set up between Enforcement and Street Cleansing to monitor the levels between the two areas so that intervention is made at the earliest opportunity enabling hot spot areas to be identified and problem solving to begin.

Enforcement has continued with the regular checks on businesses in regards to the storage and disposal of waste. Thus this should reduce fly tipping and levels of litter in these areas.

A success of one investigation of trade waste has resulted in a referral to the Environmental Agency (due to the scope of the issues raised) and the EA taking subsequent enforcement action.

NI 197 - As per the report to the GPP in January the local sites target is progressing in accordance with the agreed schedule. Agreement has been reached with respect to the inclusion of other bio diversity initiatives into the reporting schedule. This includes progress against the Green Grid Strategy by the Natural Networks Partnership and the PCC annual progress report against the PCC biodiversity Strategy.



Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)

Claire Higgins

January 2009

Limited progress to report during December 2008 although there has been some further input from local JobCentre+ in terms of information and intelligence on the overall employment situation in the city.

There has been a successful bid made to EERA for £500,000 (which will be match funded by the private sector housing capital programme) for energy grants for 2009/10 and 2010/11. To date there has been a total of £386,000 in grant funding approved across energy and warm front funding sources for insulation, replacement heating and warm front approved projects. All will complete and spend before 31/03/09.

Much of this success is a result of partnership working with for example Age Concern, the Salvation Army Good Neighbour's scheme, the Healthy Homes advice service, Care and Repair and the Energy advice centre.

Progress but frustrating. Frustration should ease as data is gathered and neighbourhood working planning progresses.

Improving Health (OI02)

Nikki Griffiths

January 2009

The performance of the Improving Health target indicators has been maintained at amber since the last report.

Obesity in children (NI56) continues to remain red however the GPP Solution Centre to address this issue began in December 2008 and will conclude in March 2009.

Following the successful Teenage Pregnancy (NI112) Solution Centre implementation of the solution is in progress. It is anticipated that this targeted action will be reflected in performance data in the future. A crude review of the NIs in relation to the economic downturn has been undertaken.

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)

Neil Greenfield

January 2009

Children's assessment indicators are showing some pressure following an increase in referrals. The numbers benefiting from self-directed support shows good progress and carers services has now exceeded the target. Some data remains outstanding which is a risk in this area.

December performance overall has improved, although maintaining an amber status.

Direct payments have increased, as have numbers of carers and self users receiving care management support services. We have established that delivery of Individual Budgets is fundamental to the success of this outcome area, as the increased awareness and choice of services will improve access and support for a number of vulnerable groups. We continue to struggle to monitor the numbers of people with mental health problems who are supported in employment.

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)

Mel Collins

January 2009

Within the Early Years phase, current outcome for the achievement of at least 78 points, are 2.3% above target.

Outcomes on the "closing the gap" target are currently 4.6% below target. Key areas of focus to maintain and improve outcomes further include; training for settings on Communication, Language and Literacy Development, improving parenting skills through "Parental Partnership" training and the "Every Child a Talker" programme. Peterborough is also part of the "2 year old funding pilot" to fund vulnerable and hard to reach children to access free nursery provision for up to 15 hours per week, which should improve outcomes over the coming years.

Within the primary phase, early indications of 2009 results, suggest that KS2 English and maths and KS1 to KS2 progression in English are both on track to meet their targets, bringing performance in line with national averages. Successful information and challenge sessions have been held with head teachers to continue to improve performance. The expected 2009 outcome for 5+A*-C including English and maths is 49% based on schools most recent pupil tracking data, representing a 12% increase on 2008 data. Support and challenge is being given to improve tracking systems and target underachievement in vulnerable schools and cohorts. For the three Children in Care (CiC) targets, 2009 performance is expected to be 29%, 41% and 12% for KS2 English, KS2 maths and 5+A*-C in English and maths, respectively. The new Head of Learning and Opportunity is providing 1:1 tuition at all key stages to raise performance of CiC further over the next five months. Finally, our current outturn for Persistent Absentees (PA) at secondary level is 5.40%, a significant improvement on the 2009 target (6.5%).

This improvement has been achieved through targeted intervention by the Attendance Team, increased use of legal proceedings and the use of Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence. The 3 secondary schools identified as targeted schools for PA have closely monitored action plans and are all showing decreased numbers of PA.



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
Will Spinner	January 2009	
<p>Comment from December 2008 repeated:</p> <p>Against a backdrop of rising unemployment nationally and fragile business confidence, Peterborough faces a significant challenge in meeting the overall employment target. Latest data from ONS cover the 12 months between July 2007 and June 2008, so antedate the worsening effects of the economic downturn. Even so, the data show a loss of 4,000 in employment compared with the previous 12 months to June 2007.</p> <p>The national economic situation will also have a bearing on average wage growth; the more so as some 27% of the workforce is employed in elementary and processing jobs at the bottom end of the wages spectrum. The draft delivery plan for this Outcome is subject to review linked to new economic delivery arrangements that will require negotiation with Peterborough City Council and EEDA. The new delivery arrangements will see a greater emphasis on bringing forward large-scale, capital-intensive projects that should lay the foundation for strong job growth in the medium term. There is a need, however, to balance these projects with interventions that will address the employment rate deficit in the near term. A review of the impact of the economic downturn across all 16 Outcomes is in train.</p>		

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)		
Rosemary Woodland	January 2009	
<p>The Affordable Housing Programme continues to over-perform because of the increased level of resource that has been concentrated into this sector as a result of the economic downturn and consequent decline in open market sales and housing starts. The 2008/09 target already been exceeded and further early completions are expected by 31 March.</p> <p>The results of the counts of the number of completions on individual site are being collated so that an estimate may be made of the overall housing outturn. Early indications are that this will be circa 750, i.e. a shortfall of approximately 40% of the current 2008/09 target total.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going with GO East regarding refreshing the targets as these have been impacted by the economic downturn; NI154 has been included in the LAA Refresh.</p>		

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)		
Phil Harker	January 2009	
<p>Comment from December 2008 repeated:</p> <p>NI188 – Adapting to Climate Change. The Local Climate LCLIP progress and has mapped out extreme weather events; which is being followed by a series of investigations as to how these events have impacted service level provision to enabling risk identification and mitigation/adaptation measures to be formulated.</p> <p>Work is progressing on the Energy Strategy and Water Cycle Study (WCS), both of which are due to be completed by end of March 2009. Additional work has been engaged as part of the WCS to include a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) level 2.</p> <p>NI 167 – Journey to Work Time. A baseline report has been completed using 2006/7 data (we are still awaiting 2007/8 data from Department for Transport) which has calculated journey time per mile as 1.73 minutes; which shows good existing performance on Peterborough's roads. Targets for future years will now be developed, which will enable a review and refresh of the current action plan.</p>		

Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)		
Steve Bowyer	January 2009	
<p>Comment from December 2008 repeated:</p> <p>Key recent actions have been to review the existing action plan to both achieve indicator targets but also align with Strategic Growth Framework initiative. This has led to a better focus on delivery projects but needs ratification through the refresh process.</p> <p>The outstanding baseline for district centre vacant frontages is being reviewed and will be an annual count each Q4 to demonstrate progress. Overall, would recommend that there is now clarity and focus, but as baseline required, this is now 'Amber'.</p>		

