



Update to the GPP Executive: 12 February 2009

This update provides an overview of key areas of work ongoing within the GPP:

LAA Review & Refresh

The LAA Review report has been submitted by GO-East to CLG. It is important to bring to your attention that Peterborough was one of only 3 areas to be awarded 'good progress' by GO-East. The categories were either good progress, limited progress or some progress so that is excellent recognition of the work that has been done and what we have achieved so far.

There are ongoing discussions taking place around the refresh of the LAA for 2009/10. This principally includes negotiation around targets that were not set as part of the LAA 2008/09 and targets that have been impacted by the economic downturn. These negotiations are taking place between the relevant theme leads from GO-East and our Outcome Lead Officers & Delivery Teams.

A working draft of the refreshed LAA for 2009/10 needs to be submitted to GO-East by 23 February and will be submitted to Scrutiny Committee on 09 March for sign-off.

GPP Board

The next GPP Board on 18 March and will discuss the topic: Growth and Regeneration – does one automatically lead to the other? This will discuss the relationship between growth and regeneration and how we ensure that the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) delivers tangible benefits in terms of improving outcomes. This clearly links the three outcomes of Regenerating Neighbourhoods, Empowering Local Communities and Safe, Vibrant City and Neighbourhood Centres – as well as cutting across wider agenda's.

Speakers include Steve Compton, Chief Executive of Opportunity Peterborough and Lead Director for the Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth priority within Peterborough's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Dr Angus Kennedy OBE. Angus Kennedy is widely recognised to be one of the UK's most influential regeneration professionals. He is Chief Executive of Community Regeneration Partnership (CRP), as well as Chair Designate of the Cross Keys Homes Board, a Board member of Peterborough Urban Regeneration Company, a member of the RTPi Regeneration Panel, a member of the Chartered Institute of Housing, and a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor for DCLG.

GPP Forum

The annual GPP Forum is currently being planned for a date in early June and further information will follow in due course.



GPP Manager

Following external recruitment Susie Hall will be taking up the role of GPP Manager from 01 March 2009. Susie lives in Peterborough and has worked in a number of partnership roles, mainly in the educational sphere, with Cambridgeshire County Council for many years. She has a strong track record in training and development and in supporting delivery across a range of organisations. We look forward to welcoming her to the Priestgate team next month. Susie will be arranging introductory meetings with key partners in due course.

Performance Management Framework

Performance Development Group

The Performance Development Group was originally established in June 2008 to oversee the development of an enhanced Performance Management Framework for delivery of Peterborough's Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008/11. The main components of this framework have now been set up and the role of the Performance Development Group was reviewed in late 2008. The following terms of reference were agreed going forward:

- *Continue development of the performance management framework including establishing a forward programme of improvement and ongoing monitoring & review of the key components*
- *Develop a framework that fully supports the action planning process across the cross-cutting outcomes of the LAA 2008-11*
- *Support, analyse and challenge performance management information provided through the Performance Hub to identify critical issues*
- *Look at innovative ways of solving critical issues through Solution Centre programmes*
- *Monitor implementation of solution packages commissioned from Solution Centre*
- *Co-ordinate activity required and response to the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)*
- *Measure and communicate the success of the performance management framework at a local, regional and national level*
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The first meeting of this group took place on Wednesday 28 January and will continue on a monthly basis. It is chaired by Christina Wells, Head of Strategic Improvement and Partnership, Peterborough City Council.

Solution Centre

Solution Centre Programme 1 (Theft from Motor Vehicle) is currently finalising its proposed solutions in discussion with the Safer Peterborough Partnership and an update will be provided to the GPP Executive in due course.

Solution Centre Programme 2 (Child Obesity) started early in the year and is currently undergoing thorough analysis with a core group of stakeholders. The pilot exercise looking at Teenage Pregnancy is currently evaluating the pilots and developing further solutions.



Ideas for future programmes will be brought forward for approval by the GPP Exec from the PDG following performance analysis and discussions with Partnership Boards/Priority Directors. A supporting process, including evaluation criteria, is currently being developed by the PDG.

Performance Hub

The meetings for the Performance Hub have been streamlined to take place monthly rather than bi-monthly and key performance contacts have been established to co-ordinate the performance inputs on behalf of the Outcome Lead Officers and Priority Lead Directors.

Value for Money (VfM)

The VfM Priority Group has meet 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 are in the process of being formed and delivery plans established. For example the Managing People outcome of the VfM priority (led by Richard Astle) held their first meeting in December 2008 – attended by strategic HR leads from Peterborough City Council and the Fire & Rescue Service. The Managing Finance outcome team, led by John Blair, is currently resource mapping all LAA the delivery plans to evaluate and identify risks (see below).

LAA Action Planning

A significant resource allocation exercise is being undertaken by the GPP Finance Group (led by John Blair) in consultation with all Outcome Lead Officers and Delivery Team Members to outline the resource utilisation and resource gaps within the LAA.

A revised Action Plan and Cause & Effect (Fishbone) Diagram for SSC03 Empowering Local Communities is being discussed with key stakeholders. A finalised version will be available shortly and will be circulated to all Outcome Lead Officers.

Comprehensive Area Assessment

A detailed plan to deliver the Area Assessment has been developed through the PDG (chaired by Christina Wells) and has been quality assured with the Audit Commission. Final CAA proposals have now been published by the Audit Commission and are being incorporated into the plan. An executive summary of the plan is being prepared for members of GPP Exec. Detailed evidence gathering and self-evaluation work will commence shortly and will be focused on the four priorities within the SCS. Priority Directors and Outcome Leads will be the initial point for this self-evaluation. In addition, a cross-cutting review of the impact of the recession on the SCS is being commissioned as part of this year's Area Assessment. We propose to use Partnership Boards, GPP Exec and Scrutiny to test out the draft self-evaluations ahead of the formal assessment by the Audit Commission in late spring/early summer.



The following are the latest priority updates submitted by each of the Lead Directors and provide an overview of performance per priority within the LAA & SCS:

LAA Delivery Assurance Updates		
Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)	December 2008	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer – We need to carefully consider our options in relation to working together as a co-ordinated partnership in the delivery of the reduction of serious acquisitive crime using new methods and innovative solutions reflected from the Solution Centre programme.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion – We have progressed the development of the Community Cohesion Board to a different level and altered membership to provide further improvements. I am happy with the work within this area and NI 35 (Building resilience to violent extremism) is progressing extremely well. We are awaiting the results of the Place Survey to see if we have improved perception ratings.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities – The results from the latest Place Survey will be known imminently and this will give us a true indication of areas where we are progressing well and where we need to re-focus our efforts and resources.</p> <p>Building pride in Peterborough – The element of City Marketing is working in conjunction with Opportunity Peterborough. We are progressing and developing projects in ensuring that this outcome status has positive progress.</p>		
Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)	December 2008	
<p>2008 ended with another encouraging month for the Environment Capital priority. Performance against targets for all four outcomes remained positive. Education and awareness is considered key to changing behaviours as part of the city's climate change approach and is progressing well through a citywide partnership focussed on the Eco-School methodology. Higher than anticipated interest in, and membership of, the "TravelChoice" scheme is also positive along with increased interest in the Eco Innovation Centre. Partners are working hard to identify low carbon opportunities in the current economic climate.</p> <p>Through the Council and its partners, measures are in place to counter the negative national and local publicity regarding the downturn in waste markets in order to maintain the city's high recycling levels. Meanwhile, significant improvements have been recorded in relation to street cleanliness standards, environmental performance and public satisfaction with services.</p> <p>The local, regional, national and international profile of the Environment Capital initiative continues to rise with strong links being forged with government departments and the European Union. The development of an overarching evidence base continues and will eventually form part of the, Environment Capital web-site.</p>		
Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)	December 2008	
<p>Health and wellbeing indicators are performing slightly better in December. Although, obesity results published in quarter 3 show a rise in obesity levels for both reception and year 6 age groups. This is the focus of a national campaign currently, as this trend has been reflected nationally. Initial estimates of cancer and circulatory disease mortality however, show an improvement for Peterborough – evidencing the success of some of the current work around health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Progress on indicators around adult social care is good – with levels receiving direct payments increasing and the numbers of carers receiving assessment and advice on target. Indicators around children and education are mixed.</p>		
Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)	December 2008	
<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 for 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. 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 of the city as key projects start on site but set against a backdrop of economic uncertainty and further challenges around delivery.</p>		