

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack
December 2008
(Final)



Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)		
Paul Phillipson	December 2008	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. 		

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)		
Trevor Gibson	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 Peterborough City 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)		
Denise Radley	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.</p> <p>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)		
Steve Compton	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 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 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 LAA Refresh part of the exercise and more information will be issued in due course.
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.
Performance Management Framework	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.
GPP Executive	Next meeting on 12 February is a GPP Executive Development Day to review its own agenda and how it drives forward the ambitions for Peterborough, as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. It will also be reviewing the work of the partnerships over the last year. An online survey is collating input & views in advance of this session.
GPP Board	The next GPP Board on 18 March and will discuss the topic: Growth and Regeneration – does one automatically lead to the other?
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

Children's Trust Partnership	04 February, 10.00am – 12.00pm, Town Hall
Environment Capital Partnership	05 February, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Town Hall
GPP Executive	12 February, 1.00pm – 5.00pm, PCAE
GPP Performance Hub	18 February, 11.00am – 1.00pm, PCAE
GPP VCS Group	24 February, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Town Hall
GPP Performance Development Group	25 February, 10.00am – 12.00pm, PCAE
GPP Outcome Lead Officers Group	25 February, 12.30pm – 3.30pm, ASBAH
Safer Peterborough Partnership	25 February, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Cross Key Homes



Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)	
Paul Phillipson	
Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)	Yellow
Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)	Yellow
Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)	Yellow
Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)	Red

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)	
Trevor Gibson	
Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)	Green
Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)	Green
Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)	Green
Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)	Green

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)	
Denise Radley	
Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)	Yellow
Improving Health (OI02)	Yellow
Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)	White
Improving Skills in Education (OI04)	Yellow

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)	
Steve Compton	
Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)	Red
Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)	Red
Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)	Green
Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)	Yellow



Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)		
Steve Welby	<i>December 2008</i>	
<p>Performance is good within this outcome as a whole with most of the areas (Road Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour, Serious Acquisitive Crime and Violent Crime) currently performing at a green status and domestic abuse as amber.</p> <p>However, the overall rating of green for Serious Acquisitive Crime masks the fact that NI16 (Serious Acquisitive Crime) is red and a matter of great concern for the Safer Peterborough Partnership (SPP). Cambridgeshire Constabulary have agreed to pilot a dedicated team of 7 officers to proactively work to tackle Serious Acquisitive Crime although it should be noted that it is expected that the benefits of this will not be felt before March. The Solution Centre (looking at Theft from Vehicle Crime as a part of Serious Acquisitive Crime) has now reached its recommendations which, if approved, will be implemented over the coming months but again the effects of this work will not be felt immediately.</p> <p>The Delivery Board of the SPP is so concerned about this area of work that it has asked for regular reports to be provided by the police on the success of this pilot rather than waiting for the performance report next month.</p>		

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)		
Jawaid Khan	<i>December 2008</i>	
<p>Activities to promote inter-faith (follow up of Faith, Culture and Identify Course) and inter-cultural dialogue (Launching of Festival of Festival Calendar 2009) have continued with positive response.</p> <p>Mapping exercise to understand provision of ESOL (English as a Secondary or Other Language) through the main providers (Peterborough Regional College, Peterborough College of Adult Education and others) and utilisation of available funds for ESOL are in progress. A number of key issues are being examined. These include lack of qualified tutors, provision of short course for understanding diversity and living in Peterborough as well as ESOL needs among women in settled communities. The subject is intended to be tabled for further discussion and direction at the Cohesion Board meeting in March 2009.</p> <p>Discussion document on the 3 year Development action plan on PVE has been circulated widely for feedback. Comments have been generally supportive. Action Plan is being finalised to be tabled at the Cohesion Board meeting on 22 January 2009.</p> <p>Projects with young people, women's forum, mosques and Imams are in good progress. IDeA are planning to deliver a peer mentoring support programme over the next two to three months, commencing with a CMT presentation on 27 January 2009.</p>		



Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)

Adrian Chapman

December 2008

The revised action plan and cause & effect (fishbone) diagram for this outcome have been extensively redeveloped to reflect the change of Outcome Lead Officer responsibility.

The revised action plan – which is more diverse, supports the role of the voluntary sector more effectively, and focuses on the strength of partnership working – will help to transform performance in this area of the LAA.

The results from the latest Place Survey will be known soon and these will give us an early indication of current performance but also of where we need to focus our efforts more effectively.

Overall, there is now significant confidence that performance against this outcome will improve.

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)

Kevin Tighe

December 2008

No Tier 2 Report received for December 2008 – RAG given as RED by Performance Hub

October 2008 Tier 2 Report repeated below:

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%

Perception Peterborough is on target delivering a large stakeholder event which outlined the major outcomes. The full report will be present in February 2009. The City Marketing Project is progressing well. The contracted consultants, Glazer, have undertaken extensive face to face / telephone & desk research with public/ private sector organisations and members of the city's business community to identify the city's values, aspirations and hierarchy of messages. The project is progressing well and is on target for launch in February 2009.

Neighbourhood – the 9th Week of Action took place during October 2008 achieving the following relevant headline results: 1104 properties door-knocked; 224 surveys completed; 84 residents interested in becoming a street leader; 119 residents interested in being involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme; 112 residents interested in attending the next policing panel; 89 residents signing up to ECOPS; 40 people engaged with the health service. Review of Neighbourhood Investment progressing well – will result in a new Neighbourhood model which supports the empowerment agenda.



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)**Paul Pace***December 2008*

The designated indicators for this December report, under this outcome are all performing well. 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 ties 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. This figure will be determined by the number of schools completing the energy, waste and water modules of the ECO Schools Standard and this data is not collated until the end of the financial year, but at this stage we are confident this performance will be achieved.

The fall in the Recycling market, is still a concern along with the recent very negative media coverage by certain national newspapers on the UK recycling industry. Peterborough City Council have experienced various lines of enquires nationally and from local residents over what it is doing with recyclables, are we storing them or land-filling in line with the national picture being painted by certain areas of the media? The City Council has responded by various press releases and positive stories back into the media arena and is urging residents to maintain their recycling efforts despite reports of a downturn in markets for recycled materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminium and steel cans. 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 outcomes in this priority, 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.

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)**Teresa Wood***December 2008*

A successful Travelchoice Car share promotion took place in December 2008 with over 100 new members registering. This is over three times the usual number for a month. Work is on-going on the 2009/10 Travelchoice work programme which will include the climate change agenda with the relevant officers moving across to the Accessibility and Travel group and working more closely with the Travelchoice officers.

Additional evening bus services ran during December 2008 to coincide with the longer openings of the Queensgate Centre. These services have been popular.



Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

December 2008

There are now 371 environmental businesses and organisations located within the Peterborough Growth Area after a small surge in demand for incubation space at the Eco Innovation Centre during the Christmas period.

The economic downturn is affecting the environmental sector less than other sectors due to the high demand for environmental goods and services in the UK. The next 12 months will be interesting, though we are confident that there is still significant capacity for the sector to grow in the city.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

December 2008

NI 195 - The second tranche (August to November inclusive) has now been verified by DEFRA and all the results are within the agreed performance indicator, including detritus which was below target in the first tranche. These results are supported by the improved level of customer satisfaction which is being recorded via the questionnaires included in the bulky collection service.

NI 196 - Investigations have averaged out at 100 per month although there is room for improvement in this area.

As both enforcement and street cleansing are required to meet national indicators which are slightly at odds with each other a review is currently being undertaken to try and ensure that as many areas as possible that require investigation are dealt with more effectively.

Improvements in Trade Waste procedures have been implemented by carrying out regular checks to ensure that businesses are disposing of their trade waste legally and this will reduce that part of fly tipping from commercial waste.

NI 197 - As per the report to the GPP in November 2008 the bio diversity project is progressing in accordance with the agreed schedule. Discussions are currently ongoing with representatives from Peterborough City Council and GPP with a view to including other bio diversity initiatives into the reporting schedule.



Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)

Claire Higgins

December 2008

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

December 2008

The performance of the Improving Health target indicators has been maintained at amber since the last report in September 2008.

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 (NI12) 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

December 2008

No Tier 2 Report received for December 2008 (new Outcome Lead Officer taking over outcome). **RAG** not given by Performance Hub. *October 2008 Tier 2 Report repeated below:*

October performance continues to reflect an amber status. Based on current performance we are on target to deliver against each of the indicator trajectories by year end, with the exception of local indicator NI150 (Adults in contact with Secondary Mental Health Services) which has previously been identified as an issue. A revised trajectory has been established for this indicator (based upon the known baseline and using submissions from other Local Authorities as a benchmark) and will be submitted in the LAA refresh.

The publication of the TELLUS 3 survey data will be used as a baseline for NI050 (Emotional Health of Children) as soon as the weighting is confirmed, to enable us to establish trajectories for future years. This is also the case for the PLACE survey (to be used for NI139: Support for Older People living independently at home and NI54: Services for Disabled Children) however the findings are not due to be published until February 2009.

Myself, a representative from Supporting People and the newly appointed Head of Programmes for Learning Disability, Mental Health and Carers attended the LAA Delivery Summit on 24 November, to ensure that partners are aware of the ongoing work in this outcome area and how they can be involved.

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)

Mel Collins

December 2008

Examination data for KS2, KS3 and KS4 is still not validated and unlikely to be confirmed before March 2009. Early Years data for achievement is confirmed and RAG rated green; the target has been exceeded this year and with the CLLD programme firmly embedded in settings we expect this increase to continue. The new Early Years Foundation Stage record of achievement is being introduced to assist transitions and this should also support improved outcomes. Although the Early Years closing the gap target has not been achieved this year, DCSF had been informed that this would be the case, and are happy for this challenging target to remain at 29% for the next academic year. The focus on CLLD should impact on next years results especially as the number of EAL children continues to increase. Key Stage 2 results are un-validated and incomplete, however, we have achieved the LPSA target of 72% for boys English and BME attainment has improved. Key Stage 3 results have been scrapped altogether and are to be removed from the NI set. Early KS4 data from the DCSF show a decline in KS4 on last year, but school-led data, with MENA removed, and vocational and international GCSEs included, show an improvement on last year. With a figure of 60% 5+A*-C we are within a whisper of achieving our 60% LPSA trigger target. L2 aged 19 data is still to be confirmed by the LSC. Secondary Persistent Absence data is strong and we have already met the 2009 target. NEET figures worsened in October 2008 which is expected.



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
Will Spinner	<i>December 2008</i>	
<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	<i>December 2008</i>	
<p>The delivery of affordable housing continues and is potentially expected to deliver above targets for 2008/09. Private sector build rates have deteriorated significantly and major developers have been focussing on affordable housing to provide guaranteed income at the expense of private housing. Delivery remains less easy to assess post March 2009 as developers are unwilling to forecast much beyond the next 6 months and await recovery in bank lending to stimulate the mortgage market. Building starts remain steady on affordable housing to deliver guaranteed income to developers. Private build starts are unlikely to recover in the near future and accurate forecasting will prove difficult.</p> <p>There is a belief that prices will continue to fall in 2009 and not stabilising until 2010. House builders continue to suggest that people are still interested in buying in the area but this is unlikely to be enough to drive housing growth with the country now officially in recession and a lack of mortgage lending affecting peoples will to enter the market.</p> <p>Work towards achieving the decent homes standard is continuing and it is expected that targets will be achieved. The process will be informed by the completion of the Stock Condition Survey.</p>		

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)		
Phil Harker	<i>December 2008</i>	
<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	<i>December 2008</i>	
<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>		

