

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack
February 2009



Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)		
Paul Phillipson	February 2009	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer: Results from the Road Safety killed or seriously injured statistics which are reported each calendar year show us meeting our targets. Domestic Abuse (NI 32) is currently falling slightly short of target however; this indicator is being negotiated with Go-East to ensure any discrepancy in measurements is resolved. Serious acquisitive crime is continuing to be an area for concern with significant increase in burglary dwellings. This has been mitigated in February and is part of a national trend, however, the solution centre proposals, as yet still not implemented, will address this further.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion: 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 has been recognised by the GO-East. The ESOL project has been recognised as a success and additional funding is being investigated to take this project forward.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities: The Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership (NISIP) 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 Children's 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	February 2009	
<p>Work on creating the UK's Environment Capital continues to make positive progress. There is some evidence that recycled prices are beginning to rise and this coupled with national DEFRA should overcome the slight dip in tonnages collected caused by the bad weather during the month.</p> <p>Positive progress is being made on engaging local schools in a wide range of educational activity. "TravelChoice" won a national award for an unprecedented growth in the number of local residents registering for its car sharing database which now boast in excess of 1000 members. Work on the end of project report for "TravelChoice" is revealing early indications of significant, positive impacts in modal shift.</p> <p>New businesses continue to register with the Enviro-cluster despite the economic downturn and the Eco-Innovation is now approaching capacity.</p> <p>Enforcement is proving to be a successful tool in improving the cleanliness of the city alongside focussed resources in key areas of concern and work on the Green Grid Strategy implementation is on target.</p> <p>Overall the success and profile of the Environmental Capital initiative continues to increase through the hard work of outcome leads and partner organisations.</p>		

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)		
Denise Radley	February 2009	
<p>The overall block remains amber with an increasing level of data completeness. The under 18 conception rate fell by 16.7% against a target of an 8% reduction. Work continues following the Solution Centre to ensure the rate of reduction increases (still off national pace). Smoking quit rates are above the seasonal norms boding well for the year end target. Alcohol related hospital admission rates were raised as a concern at the recent Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting and this will be discussed again at the next Alcohol Reference Group. Adult social care/vulnerable people indicators are mainly on track, children's social care targets are off target at this point. Education and skills performance is mixed with some good results. Partners can support progress with this block through contributing to work to rejuvenate the neighbourhoods agenda, participation in new sub-groups supporting children's outcomes under the Children's Trust and through work which is to follow, supporting the themes of disability and older people across the Local Area Agreement".</p>		

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)		
Steve Compton	February 2009	
<p style="text-align: center;">As agreed comment from December.</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>		



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Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)		
Steve Welby	February 2009	
<p>Commentary available after Board Meeting</p> <p>Commentary from January</p> <p>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 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. In January there was an increase of 33.8% (142 offences) from December’s figures. Burglary dwelling saw significant increase in January with 210 incidents (which was an increase of 63 on December). Whilst this is a national trend we are concerned to ensure it does not escalate further.</p> <p>The Partnership has taken a number of steps to address these concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The recommendations of the Solutions Centre have been approved in principle and will now be implemented 2 The police have allocated a dedicated team (1 Sgt and 6 Officers) for 6 weeks to concentrate on this area of business. The initial results (two week in February) suggest that we will see a significant improvement in February 3 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 		

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)		
Jawaid Khan	February 2009	
<p>NI 1</p> <p>2008 Place Survey result on NI 1 have indicated 49.3% of respondents agree that their local areas is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together.</p> <p>Overall rating of 68% has been reported.</p> <p>The subject has been discussed at the last Cohesion Board held on 5 March 2009 and will be analysed further prior to the next Cohesion Board away day on 18 May, 2009.</p> <p>Based on the survey result and the requirement that a statistically significant improvement is set, the target for NI 1 has been raised to 72.5% as agreed with GO-East.</p> <p>NI 13</p> <p>Peterborough has been one of the 4 pilot areas under an ESOL project launched by DIUS in September, 2008. This project has been recognised as successful and is being extended to a wider number of local authorities.</p> <p>ESOL Operations Group is due to meet on 26 March and explore the feasibility of a single gateway project and required funding for it. To make it possible to move ahead, it is essential that additional funding is available. Funding required and possible avenues of such funding is being examined.</p> <p>NI 35</p> <p>Home Office has recently reviewed PVE action plans of local authorities and responded most positively to the Peterborough plan. Follow up meeting with GO-East to discuss other related areas is being arranged.</p> <p>A process to conduct second round of self-evaluation in terms of NI 35 has commenced and report is due by April</p>		



Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)		
Adrian Chapman	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>Progress is continuing at a rapid pace to develop and implement a neighbourhood management model across the Partnership. The approach was formally endorsed at a recent Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership meeting, and work is continuing to restructure Council services to deliver the model. A Neighbourhood Management Programme Team has been formed within the Council to ensure momentum is maintained and progress made, and structures should be in place during April. A Peterborough-wide volunteering scheme that provides opportunities for victims of the economic downturn is being developed which will, in turn, help us to deliver our LAA outcomes. The latest Place Survey results for NI4 (% of people who feel they can influence decisions) shows a result of 29.7% against a target of 34.1%. However significant workstreams are in place to improve performance in this area. Finally the GPP Board on 18th March will be focussing on the risks and barriers preventing the effective regeneration of our neighbourhoods and will be an excellent opportunity to highlight and promote the work of this outcome amongst all GPP partners.</p>		

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)		
Kevin Tighe	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>The deliverable elements of the Pride in Peterborough action plan have been achieved completely or in part. One area of work that continues to be of concern and is currently under review and also relates to SSC03- the development of a neighbourhood model across the City. The significance of this is highlighted through the BVPI General Survey results for the KLOI question 'How strongly do you feel you belong to your immediate neighbourhood- NI 2'. Results for this question since 2006 have been steady at around 62% the 2009 result is just over 50%- this is a marked decline against a target of 62.5%. A new action plan for Pride in Peterborough focusing on a number of areas and in particular neighbourhood engagement will be drawn up for April 2009.</p>		



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)		
Paul Pace	February 2009	
<p>The designated indicators for February report under this priority are all performing well. Risk – there are still media issues around the Recycling market and the low cost of recyclables along with the negative stories from the national media is still a concern. However prices continue to rise, although very slowly, which is positive. DEFRA/Government has also reacted and launched a number of national campaigns informing the UK how much we have recycled over the last couple of years and to keep recycling.</p> <p>A reduction in organic waste collected at the kerbside this month may affect the overall percentage of waste recycled. This is mainly due to the weather conditions (snow) and difficulty in collections which saw this particular service being stopped for a couple of weeks i.e. (last year (2007/08) this month we had a total of 1339.53 tonnes) this year we recorded just 338.31 tonnes! However we still hope to achieve the NI 192 target figure, although this month will have an impact.</p> <p>Household waste disposed of to landfill continues to meet target this month and is on track to meet the current performance target.</p> <p>Natural resources focused education - this measure is to capture education focussed at primary school level and to date this measure is capturing the required recycling, composting or natural focussed education and is on target.</p>		

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)		
Teresa Wood	February 2009	
<p>In February, Travelchoice were informed that they had won a national competition for its car share scheme. A successful promotional campaign in December 2008 saw 110 new users sign up to the www.carsharepeterborough.com website, taking it past the 1,000 member milestone. This overall membership increase of 12 per cent was the biggest seen by any car sharing scheme in the country during December. As a result, Peterborough's scheme won first prize in the competition run by journey matching network Liftshare.</p> <p>As Travelchoice approaches the end of its five year programme information is now evident that the project has been successful. The successes include a reduction in 'school-run' car journeys from 28 per cent in 2007 to 25.7 per cent in 2008; a six per cent reduction in car journeys in targeted urban areas; an 11 per cent increase in walking since 2005/06; 1,000 people registering on a car-share website; 6,000 people making a 'Good Going' pledge to choose sustainable travel options; 400-plus people using a Travelchoice information centre daily; and scores of schools and businesses adopting sustainable travel plans.</p> <p>Looking ahead a number of joint climate change and Travelchoice promotional events and campaigns are being planned.</p>		



Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

February 2009

There are a further 2 environmental businesses which have started up in the last couple of months that I have been made aware of, taking the total up to 376. Despite the current period of slow growth through these tough economic times when businesses may be reluctant to set-up or relocate, we have already exceeded our year end target by 10.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

February 2009

NI 195 – Street cleansing operations are continuing with all areas receiving their scheduled clean in respect of both litter picking and sweeping operations. Preparations are now in hand for the commencement of Operation Spring Clean on 23 March 2009.

The cleansing of parkways was a problem last year. However, work will now commence on the central reservations in March as will an extra clean on the parkway verges to remove litter. In addition we are also working closely with the Highways Section so as to be allowed access to “coned” off areas on the Parkways to carry out sweeping operations and so reduce inconvenience to the travelling public.

NI 196 – Training continues with the Neighbourhood Environment Officers in evidence gathering (to assist the present enforcement team) which should result in the amount of investigations that can be undertaken slowly increasing.

Monthly meetings are continuing between Enforcement and Street Cleansing and actions are being taken in respect of trade waste, both storage and disposal.

We are increasing our enforcement action in respect of the householders’ duty of care as to both waste storage and disposal. Notices under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 are being served as appropriate.

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	February 2009	
<p>The outcome area is rated amber as in previous months. NI 153 is achieving below target and is subject to further recalculation at LSOA level (previously this indicator was reported using ward stats). It is felt that to ensure alignment with the lowest performing super output areas will be beneficial in the longer term. It is also intended to break JSA claimants into age bandings to further ensure properly targeted action is implemented to begin to develop interventions to address skills and unemployment levels particularly in the current economic downturn. NI187 performance is unavailable because it has not been possible to set a baseline without completion of the private house condition survey which is now not due for completion until 31.03.09. There has been some slippage in the programme for this but the full report complete with analysis is due by the target date. This will enable target setting and action planning as appropriate. In general terms it is accepted that achievement of these two performance indicators alone will not achieve regenerated neighbourhoods hence the broad scope of the action plan to support the outcome which incorporates effective neighbourhood investment, profiling of stock and population together with gap analyses of existing programme already underway. The meeting of the GPP board on 18th March has scheduled a discussion on regeneration and growth and it is hoped that this together with the inclusion of the three relevant LAA outcomes addressing neighbourhoods, will frame the future scope and appetite for regeneration across the city as a whole.</p>		

Improving Health (OI02)		
Nikki Griffiths	February 2009	
<p>The performance of the Improving Health target indicators has been maintained at amber since September. There is no data to report for NI39 (adult participation in sport) this month. The lack of data for NI39 (alcohol-related hospital admissions) was raised at the recent Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting and this will be reviewed by the Alcohol Reference Group. There is good news to report on NI112 (under 18 conception rate) Latest Peterborough rate is 48.5 conceptions per 1,000 15-17 female population. This equates to a 16.7% reduction. LAA Yr 1 target is 8% reduction, and RAG status has turned to green. Regional rate is 33.1 and national rate is 41.7 so still above average rates of conception. 16 /24 wards have rates of TP above national average. Still remains on Minister's TP scrutiny list for areas with increasing or static rates of TP. We are still on track to meet NI123 (16+smoking prevalence) as we are above seasonal average trajectory. However, end of year will not be available until 19 May, so RAG status may still appear amber</p>		

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)		
Neil Greenfield	February 2009	
<p>Indicators around delivering of adult social care services continue to improve towards the targeted levels for 2008/09. The exception to this is with mental health employment targets, where we continue to have no available data, due to national recording issues. The PCT is working closely with the Mental Health Trust to ensure that we begin to monitor employment status as soon as the national care record system is able to collect this.</p> <p>The results from the PLACE survey received in February 2009 show that the PCT performed better than comparator average in providing choice and control to enable people to live independently.</p> <p>The children's social care indicators however, are performing below target and are unlikely to be achieved by year end.</p>		

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)		
Mel Collins	February 2009	
<p>The current status of this outcome is amber. The Early Years team met all of their targets and are RAG rated nationally as dark green for both indicators. However, KS1 and KS4 results were disappointing in 2008, matching 2007 results, but well below national average figures and statistical neighbours. KS2 results are still un-validated but are likely to show a slight improvement on 2007 in English and a slight decline in maths and science. However, progression data and statistical neighbour comparators look more positive. The main areas of risk for Education and Skills centre on this attainment data. Expected 2009 data, based on termly analysis of school's data, suggest that KS1, 2 and 4 results will improve on 2008 figures and that 2009 targets can be reached. The Learning and Skills Team continue to support schools and settings through intensive, targeted support of key schools and cohorts, professional development for leaders and teachers and supporting schools to recruit and retain the best teachers. In the last month, national attendance data for 2007-8 has been released. The data for Peterborough is very pleasing and it is top of its 10 statistical neighbours in all secondary attendance outcomes; and 1st,3rd and 8th respectively for primary attendance indicators. We have already met and exceeded our LAA targets for Persistent Absentees. LAA partners can support the improvement of these indicators by contributing to the Enjoy and Achieve and Economic Wellbeing Partnership groups, recently formed, sitting underneath the Children's Trust, support the development of locality working within and around schools and settings and support the health, safety, welfare and well-being issues for children and families, enabling young people to contribute positively to the economy and future of this city.</p>		



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
Will Spinner	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>As agreed comment from December</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	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>In the first Annual Review & Refresh of LAAS, in recognition of the ongoing downturn in the housing market, GO offered the opportunity to review and refresh NI154 (net additional homes provided) and NI155 (gross affordable housing provision). A survey of sites of 15 dwellings or more and an exercise to contact all national house builders who are active in the Peterborough area on large scale residential developments were undertaken in January. As a result, GO has accepted the revised proposed targets for NI154. These are 2008/09 – 900, 2009/10 – 700, 2010/11 – 730.</p> <p>NI155 as over-performed in 2008/09 and is set to do so in 2009/10 with the 2010/2011 outturn being impossible to estimate at this time. Consequently has been decided not to revise the targets until the next LAA review.</p> <p>Initiatives are being explored to initiate housing schemes, including the establishment of a local housing company and other Special Purpose Vehicles.</p> <p>Stock Condition Survey data should be available at the end March 2009. This will provide an accurate baseline for both Decent Homes and Fuel Poverty.</p>		

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)		
Phil Harker	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>As agreed comment from December</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	<i>February 2009</i>	
<p>As agreed comment from December</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>		

