

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack

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Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)		
Paul Phillipson	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer:- Still concerns over serious inquisitive crime. The latest stats are showing improvement over vehicle crime which is the highest element of serious inquisitive crime and therefore, a downward turn has been noted. However, burglary and robbery are showing an increase.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion:- NI 1, which is the percentage of all people that believe that people from different backgrounds get on well together has achieved an overall rating of 68% within the place survey and as a result of this a new and improved target of 72.5% has been agreed with GoEast. Peterborough is running one of 4 pilot areas of ESOL and this has been recognised as a success.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities:- Neighbourhood management progress is now moving at a pace, with new Neighbourhood Manager job adverts in place and the Neighbourhood Strategic Partnership, joint deliver group and panels are underway.</p> <p>Building Pride in Peterborough:- With regard to Pride in Peterborough the main issues relates to ' How strongly do you feel you belong to your immediate neighbourhood- NI 2'- this indicators has shown a sharp decline. This of course directly overlaps with neighbourhood development. For reason a new work plan for Pride in Peterborough will be produced in May which will feature a strong focus on neighbourhood development work.</p>		

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)		
Trevor Gibson	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>The overall status of this priority remains green and performance is on track to achieve all LAA targets for 2009/10.</p> <p>The Eco-Innovation Centre celebrated its first year of operation with 60% occupancy. The number of Environment Goods and Services businesses has increased to 377 during the year. Both represent strong evidence that this sector is faring better than most in the economic downturn and are key elements of raising the environmental profile of the city. Marketing efforts will continue to ensure as far as possible that the positive trend is maintained.</p> <p>Focused efforts in relation to detritus standards in the "Cleaner and Greener" outcome have seen a positive turnaround in performance. All elements of this indicator are now on or ahead of target. Environmental enforcement is being maintained with particular emphasis on trade waste and duty of care responsibilities. The majority of wildlife site in Peterborough are in positive management. The data will be refreshed following a re-survey of further sites later this year.</p> <p>Targets in relation to environmental education and recycling were met despite, in the case of the latter, negative national media coverage of the impact of the economic downturn on the waste and recycling industry.</p> <p>Department for Transport financial support for "TravelChoice" has now ended although much of the momentum of this important project will be maintained as part of the City Council's core business. The past five years have seen significant, positive impacts on shifts towards more sustainable travel modes with corresponding, beneficial impact on Peterborough's Carbon Footprint. Walking increased by 14%, cycling by 12% and bus travel by 35%. Car journeys showed a reduction in the same period.</p> <p>Future risks in the above areas are currently regarded as low and are actively addressed through the strengthening Environment Capital Partnership as and when challenges arise. The Partnership will focus on developing a wider evidence base in order that a deeper understanding can be gained in relation to each outcome. Links will continue to be strengthened with the health sector to maximise mutual benefit.</p>		



Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)

Denise Radley

March 2009

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities is rated amber reflecting mixed performance with some strong performance and some significant targets met or well on track for 2008/09. Key success areas include stability of placements for looked after children, self-directed support, carers' support, early years, school absence rates, teenage pregnancy, sport participation, mortality rates around circulatory diseases and smoking quit rates. Performance is challenging around child obesity (currently with the Solution Centre), alcohol related admission to hospital, emotional health of children, children's social care assessments and educational attainment. Clear plans are in place in these areas to address under-performance and monitor closely. There are improvements in the availability of data this month with baselines now available for NI187 and NI139. In some areas data is still being worked on (including skills) and expected during the first six months of 2009/10. Aside the data gaps, key risks relate to the economic downturn (especially NI153) and the need for the neighbourhood work and approach to be fully effective - GPP are co-ordinating efforts to address these cross-cutting risks. Overall there has been some strong performance in 2008/09 particularly in relation to major priorities such as teenage pregnancy, self-directed support, smoking and circulatory diseases

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)

Steve Compton

March 2009

The sharp economic down turn experienced during the course of 2008/9 has had a significant effect on achieving our targets within certain key indicators within this priority, especially in the Economic Prosperity Outcome. So far we do not have the final data on the year end out-turn of private sector housing but it is anticipated this will meet the revised target whereas the out-turn on affordable housing has surpassed the targets by 20%. As far as economic performance is concerned there is a lag on availability of data so the true picture is not yet known however it is likely to be a deteriorating picture relative to the previous 6 months. The infrastructure outcome has performed well and has generally achieved the targets set this year although the changing basis of measurement of Congestion by DfT will require a revision to the baseline for this indicator. In the meantime key highways infrastructure projects are progressing to plan and therefore the assumption is that this is performing to target. In terms of the city centre the transformation of Cathedral Square is progressing according to plan and proposals for Carbon Challenge are progressing well.

There is still a lack of data on foot-fall in the city centre and funding is being sought to undertake a survey to provide this base data and also to utilise foot-fall data from Queensgate. The key risk going forward to this priority is largely based around the ongoing economic recession and the increased impact this will have on housing and employment outputs in the next two years. These impacts are also manifesting themselves through changes in financial and staffing resource availability in partner organisations critical to the delivery of this priority's outcomes.

Various initiatives are being put in place to counteract the impact of the recession including a programme of direct economic interventions and the provision of a strong coordinated lead for economic development in the city, exploration of alternative delivery and funding mechanisms to maintain the momentum of growth and progressing key projects with secured funding which are fundamental to meeting targets and outcomes. The take up of business support programmes is also low in the city and again this is a key area for improvement over the coming year through closer working with these support service providers such as Business Link, Train to Gain, Job Centre+, etc.

A key objective for the year ahead is to ensure that all partner organisations engaged in this priority recognise the importance of achieving the stated outcomes/targets and dedicate the appropriate level of resource to facilitate successful and effective delivery including closer working with PCC Neighbourhood teams on establishing baselines and action plans as well as cultural department and voluntary sector.



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Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)		
Steve Welby	March 2009	
<p>Only Serious Acquisitive Crime (NI 16) is performing as red. This continues to be a concern for the partnership and be the main focus of attention. Vehicle crime was given the main focus over the past year and it is noted that this is now falling. The new action plan (2009-2010) has been approved by the Delivery Board and both robbery and dwelling burglary have increased profile within this plan. These are the areas that are most affecting the performance on Serious Acquisitive Crime.</p> <p>There are three other targets within Serious Acquisitive Crime all of which are performing as green.</p> <p>A startling rise in secondary fires has pushed the performance for secondary fires and overall arson above the target. A problem solving meeting has been arranged to consider this area and will report back to the Delivery Board in May.</p> <p>Road safety performance is on track and a very comprehensive action plan has been drawn up which sees a local Task and Finish Group formed to oversee work locally.</p> <p>Action plans for 2009-2010 have been approved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Acquisitive Crime • Domestic Abuse • Anti Social Behaviour • Violent Crime <p>Further plans will be approved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual violence • Road safety • Arson • Sex Work 		

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)		
Jawaid Khan	March 2009	
<p>General tension in the community needs to be monitored very closely with recession and its impact in particular on young people. This needs to be taken in context with the rising number of young people in unemployment, NEET and lack of job opportunities in the coming summer holiday as well as hate crime. This area needs to be highlighted for proactive work at cross partnership including volunteering, sports, arts, apprenticeships and other up-skilling opportunities. Role of third sector, faith communities and schools in providing better support safety net may need to be strengthened.</p> <p>GPP Executive and Cabinet can provide strategic leadership role in these key areas as urgent action is needed prior to the summer holiday.</p> <p>Single gateway to receive registration from those who are interested to improve English language skills is being explored. This is intended to be a holistic process so better information as to skills available among the migrant population and their wider needs can be better assessed. New Link are working to commission a feasibility study. Result is intended to be reported at an ESOL summit in mid-year.</p> <p>Home Office has recently reviewed PVE action plans of local authorities and responded most positively to the Peterborough plan. Result is being incorporated in the action plan which will be taken to Cohesion Board.</p> <p>A process to conduct second round of self-evaluation in terms of NI 35 has commenced and report is due by end of April.</p> <p>Training to raise PVE awareness among local authority statutory sector has been provided to Head of Services, Managers and follow up session with Councillors and front line staff are to be delivered over the next month.</p> <p>Impact of recent Counter Terrorism arrest in North West England and its wider implications will need to be monitored.</p>		



Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)		
Adrian Chapman	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>The targets for this outcome in the refreshed LAA are based on the outturn from the latest Place Survey which has been used to establish an accurate baseline against which future years performance will be measured.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made on developing the neighbourhood management model which will co-ordinate effective delivery of this outcome – new neighbourhood manager posts are soon to be advertised, the new Neighbourhoods Strategic Partnership meeting date has been set, the new Joint Delivery Group meets for the first time shortly, and a steering group has been formed to drive the outcome forward. We have also developed work on a new Peterborough Volunteering programme targeting those made recently unemployed in the city.</p> <p>Neighbourhood management requires the absolute buy-in from across the GPP and therefore early commitment to doing things differently needs to be demonstrated by all partners. An additional risk is the requirement to rapidly develop the new data observatory. However this is being mitigated following the identification of a new lead officer who will drive this forward.</p>		

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)		
Kevin Tighe	<i>March 2009</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The majority of the targets will be achieved by the year end • The team is successfully working with partners initiating a refresh process for Pride in Peterborough • The main areas of risk is running out of momentum • To address those risks the team is creating a new set of actions through a refreshed 'fish bone approach'. • Assistance from partners will be integral to the refresh, for all views to be captured. 		



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)

Paul Pace

March 2009

All the designated indicators have achieved or slightly over performed in this priority outcome.

Overall the waste and recycling indicators have performed well throughout the year, despite some bad coverage of the recycling industry and the dramatic fall in commodity prices globally.

Residents affecting climate change – a productive year’s work, the baseline figures from the initial survey work carried out through the Citizen's Panel in May 2008, will help shape the coming year’s work in this area with the residents of the city. The Your Footprint Counts roadshows will continue again this summer coming 2009, further educating and raising awareness to residents on climate change issues.

Natural Resources - This current indicator now monitors the number of schools that have received “natural resource education”. It is pleasing to see that all the hard work by the partners has been successful and we have been able to achieve this year’s target. A new measure has been compiled from April 09 in the refreshed LAA dictating the number of schools who will have taken up the eco schools framework. This follows a huge amount of work carried out by various partners over the last year ensuring this key piece of work progresses in 2009-10.

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)

Teresa Wood

March 2009

New bus shelter and bus infrastructure has been installed at three further locations across the city. In addition infrastructure improvements have been made on the Dodds cycle route. Presentations promoting the benefits of the Travelchoice project have been delivered at both regional and national conferences. Officers have also had exchanged visits with two local authorities keen to learn from the Beacon and Travelchoice initiatives.

31 March 2009 saw the end of the Department for Transport funding for the Travelchoice project. The five year project has seen significant results with a relative changes as follows:

Walking +14% Cycling +12% Car as a drive -9%

Car as a passenger -7% Bus travel +35%

The success of Travelchoice has ensured that ‘smarter choices’ and the Travelchoice team are embedded into the council’s core business.



Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

March 2009

A new company called Geopolymers has been created in the Eco Innovation Centre by CSEng which takes the total number of LCEGS businesses and organisations to 377.

It has been a hugely successful year for the LCEGS sector in Peterborough as the Eco Innovation Centre has now been open for exactly a year and has helped stimulate innovation and enterprise in the city which has led to the creation of new businesses, jobs, and has helped to boost the local economy. The EIC is now over 60% full but we are hoping to have 100% occupancy by the end of the year. To do this, we will continue to market Peterborough as a centre of excellence for Eco Innovation and the services on offer by the EIC and EnviroCluster.

We are also planning further knowledge exchange and networking events for the sector this year, as well as study tours, and an expo-type event which will boost Peterborough's green profile further still.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

March 2009

NI 195 – the third and final tranche for this indicator has been submitted to and accepted by DEFRA, the results being as follows:

Third Tranche	Average for Year
• Litter – 3%	• Litter – 7%
• Detritus – 7%	• Detritus – 13%
• Graffiti – 2%	• Graffiti – 2.7%
• Fly posting – 0%	• Fly posting – 0%

This result means that we are within the targets set which is particularly pleasing in respect of detritus which the first tranche had indicated that there were difficulties that needed to be addressed and this appears to have been done successfully. The results of the questionnaires on the bulky collection forms also indicate that the public perception of the service reflects the inspections carried out.

NI 196 – Investigations are still averaging 100 per month. Monthly meetings between Street Cleansing and Enforcement are focusing on issues such as reporting/clearance of fly tips and solving long term situations as hot spots and trends of regular fly tipping. Liaisons with local businesses continue to ensure Duty of Care responsibilities are maintained to a satisfactory level for storage/disposal of trade waste, with over 290 visits since April 2008 we are currently conducting yearly revisits on a few businesses. We are currently holding a Very Effective Performance level in Fly capture.

NI197 - Efforts through working in partnership with the Wildlife Trust and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Biological Records Centre (BRC) have been successful in delivering this target and it is therefore possible to report that 64 out of the 107 sites in the Peterborough Unitary area are classed as being in positive management. Efforts to bring sites into positive management will continue in 2009/10 and will be focussed using survey reports for these sites and the analysis carried out by the BRC. Re-survey of a number of County Wildlife Sites is also planned for 2009 to assess if sites continue to be of nature conservation value as well as being in positive management.



Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)		
Claire Higgins	March 2009	
<p>The current status of this outcome is amber. There has been progress on baselining for NI187 where following analysis of the private house condition survey, baseline data will be utilised from April 2009 onwards. Target performance for NI 153 is being marginally underachieved however the data is based on the latest available data from NOMIS as at August 2008 before the effects of the economic downturn were impacting significantly. The target therefore is unlikely to be achieved, but as previously agreed was not amended as part of the refresh. The establishment of the JDG and NISP for neighbourhood management is a positive step but the achievement of truly regenerated neighbourhoods remains a long way off unless swift and meaningful action to deliver is commenced. Neighbourhood profiling is key and has not really begun although a lead officer has been identified. These remain the main areas of risk towards full and comprehensive achievement of this outcome. The GPP board held a useful debate at its March meeting and is due for a follow up discussion shortly. This will be key in ensuring that previously indicated buy-in is translated into cross functional action across the whole scope of the SCS and LAA.</p>		

Improving Health (OI02)		
Christine Bellairs	March 2009	
<p>The status is amber. We have achieved our year end target for NI 112 (under 18 conceptions) although the target for 2010 of 55% reduction from 1998 baseline is challenging because Peterborough rate remains above national and regional averages. Target for NI 123 (16+ smoking prevalence) is predicted to be green once the final data is available (end May 09) . The main areas of risk are against NI 008 (alcohol-related hospital admissions) and the targets for childhood obesity . The Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for Pboro is being refreshed and we are pursuing opportunities to improve the baseline data, in partnership with the acute trust. The Obesity Solution Centre has identified key programmes of work to implement during 2009/10, and working on care pathways to ensure that these measures are sustainable over the longer term.</p>		



Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)		
Neil Greenfield	March 2009	
<p>March figures continue to improve in most areas and maintain the amber status. A scoping exercise is underway to determine data capture for services for disabled children. The percentage of initial assessments for children in social care carried out within 7 working days is proving problematic, made worse by a surge in referrals. Additional actions have been outlined.</p> <p>There has been improvement in the percentage of core assessments for children in social care carried out within 35 working days, however target not yet achieved.</p> <p>We are working to be able to provide figures for the numbers of people with mental health problems who are supported in employment.</p>		

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)		
Mel Collins	March 2009	
<p>The current status of this outcome is amber. The Early Years team met all of their targets and Peterborough is the only LA in the country RAG rated dark green. However, KS1 and KS4 results were disappointing in 2008, matching 2007 results, but well below national average figures and statistical neighbours. KS2 results are now validated and show a slight improvement on 2007 in English and a slight decline in maths and science. However, KS2 contextual value-added data (CVA) looks much more positive and, alongside Dudley LA, Peterborough ranks top for improvement in LA ranking between 2007 and 2008 - increasing by 63 places in the LA league table. 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 could 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 quarter, 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 but one secondary attendance outcome; 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 achieve their educational potential. Inadequate resources and a lack of capacity in specialist teams and core subjects within schools are key risks for this area.</p>		



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>This outcome has not reached its end of year targets due to the economic downturn. Although the measures are within tolerances, the outcome has been RAGged red as the reporting period is at least 6 months behind so a further downturn is to be anticipated.</p> <p>The overall employment rate (NI151), however, has stayed within tolerances. The average weekly wage, whilst having fallen below the baseline set a year ago, is still within 10% of its target.</p> <p>For VAT business registration rates the baseline will be set in 2009. A Business Support Group has been formed to carry forward with lead agencies and providers the actions contained in the PREP's sub-regional economic strategy relating to business support services in the Peterborough sub-region.</p>		

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)		
Rosemary Woodland	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>NI154 – the final net additional homes provided figure will not be available until June. However, it is anticipated that the refreshed 2008/09 target of 900 will be achieved.</p> <p>NI155 – 446 affordable homes were completed in 2008/09, exceeding the target of 372 by 20%.</p> <p>In March funding was secured for 2 new affordable housing schemes totalling 82 units. A draft Stock Condition Survey Report has been received from the consultants and finalisation discussions are ongoing. The data will give a robust picture of decent homes in the city and the findings of the report will be used to direct financial resources for the improvement of housing stock using the neighbourhood based approach.</p>		

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)		
Phil Harker	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>Have successfully achieved level 1 of NI 188 (target level) Adapting to Climate change through the completion of a Local Climate Impact Profile study and launch presentation. Steering group is mapping out level 2 priorities against existing action plan.</p> <p>As DfT has changed the baseline and measurement methodology for NI 167 Congestion – we remain unable to generate an up-to-date baseline or set quantified targets and so have deemed to make a general target of “no decline” set against the backdrop of continued growth. Currently attempting to secure additional financial resource to enable monitoring and calculation of baseline with new DfT guidelines.</p> <p>Whilst this makes reporting on this NI 167 more difficult; the actual actions to mitigate congestion – including several major junction improvements and the continuation of TravelChoice – continue to be delivered successfully; therefore it is considered that this NI is being met.</p>		

Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)		
Steve Bowyer	<i>March 2009</i>	
<p>In Q4 of LAA 08-11, there have been significant moves to provide key data – this will be available for Q1 of coming year. Therefore AMBER proposed.</p> <p>The city centre has been impacted by the economic crisis with a significant number of vacant units appearing. Work is progressing to ameliorate this through alternative uses. At district centre level, closer integration with the neighbourhood regeneration teams will facilitate the creation of baselines.</p> <p>Of the individual projects, the first key delivery item, the enhancement of Cathedral Square's public realm is running to programme. Good progress is being made on the other strategic development sites, notably Carbon Challenge residential site.</p> <p>One of the key risks for this outcome is undoubtedly the impact of the economic crisis – certainly in terms of development coming forward. Alternative mechanisms for encouraging investment will be developed.</p> <p>There is, however, potential that other areas can offer the opportunities to mitigate the economic crisis: eg markets (interests from stall providers has increased); events and tourism.</p>		



GPP Overview & Update

GPP Executive	The terms of reference for the GPP Executive and Board were agreed. The approaching CAA inspection was considered. John Richards has been invited to give his input on the Children's Trust.
GPP Team	The GPP Team met to review the work of the individual partnerships and discuss their future development.
Volunteering Scheme Project Proposal	Naomi Jones has been appointed as GPP PCVS Involvement Officer, to support the involvement of the voluntary sector with the partnerships. Beth Collins has been appointed for 3 months to begin the convention of the Volunteering into Employment Project. Funding to continue the project for 2 years is being sort.
Adult Learning and Skills	We have now began our search for an Adult Learning and Skills Champion. The Skills pledge is to be signed on the 29 April.
GPP Forum	The GPP Annual Forum is to be held on the afternoon of 25 June at the Bull Hotel, from 1200 – 1730. The theme is 'Peterborough and Our Neighbours'. We are very pleased that Alex Plant from Cambridgeshire Horizons will be delivering the keynote address. Initiations shall be issued shortly.

GPP Dates for your Diary

Meeting	Date, time, place
VCS	6 May, 1400 -1630, Bourges Room
GPP Executive	13 May, 1400 – 1600, PCAE
Environmental Capital	14 May, 1400 – 1600, Viersen Room
GPP Cohesion Board	18 May, 0930 – 1600, City Club
Health & Wellbeing Partnership	19 May, 1400 – 1600, PCAE H1.5
Children's Trust Board	20 May, 1400 – 1600, Viersen Room
GPP Outcome Lead Officers Group	20 May, 1230 – 1500, ASBAH
Performance Development Group	28 May, 1400 – 1600, PCAE

