

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack
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Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)	
Paul Phillipson	
August 2008	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer – serious acquisitive crime targets still of concern, this is being addressed via solution centre programme looking at vehicle crime which makes up the highest proportion. Good partnership buy-in with 14 week programme which hopefully will bring us back on track.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion –very happy with current work on PVE agenda which is moving in the right direction, all resources and recommendations accepted by the Cohesion Board.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities – local authority restructure will support overview of neighbourhood investment management programme and I anticipate new outcome lead in this area to drive business forward plus additional home office funding for a neighbourhood crime and justice co-ordinator role which I see is pivotal to delivery.</p> <p>Pride in Peterborough – various work streams now starting to come together, this area of business still requires a fully integrated and coordinated approach across the whole of the LAA and as the performance hub identifies a marketing theme across a variety of areas of business this work needs to be coordinated across all aspects.</p>	

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)	
Trevor Gibson	
August 2008	
<p>August was another very positive month for the Environment Capital initiative. Waste reduction and recycling are ahead of target and improvements were introduced to the cities bus network receiving positive feedback from users. There has also been a higher than anticipated take up of the new Concessionary Fares scheme increasing the overall number of bus passengers. Car park ticket sales are down partly as a result of these improvements.</p> <p>Cleanliness standards are performing well against targets for litter although detritus levels need to be improved by year end. The Eco-Expo (September) has provided a much needed push in our efforts to increase the number of environmentally focused businesses in the city.</p> <p>Finally, the Climate Change Roadshow has visited a range of local events. The campaign has recently been singled out as best practice by the Local Government Association (LGA). Partner commitment is strong and improving through the Environment Capital Partnership.</p>	

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)	
Denise Radley	
August 2008	
<p>Data, missing and/or un-validated, plus changes to some of the national indicators continues to provide uncertainty within this priority area. Work on action plans is comprehensive and will be tested by the challenge session later this month. Progress within "Regenerating Neighbourhoods" is improved following the appointment of a permanent outcome lead officer. Progress against targets where data is complete is mixed with some good areas of performance and a clear understanding of contributory performance issues so that challenging areas have clear actions to bring them back on track.</p>	

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)	
Steve Compton	
August 2008	
<p>The outcome leads are now getting a strong set of action plans together. Clearly there are serious challenges with the current declining state of the market which will throw serious concerns over the deliverability of the housing and job targets set out in the LAA. In addition there are issues with available public sector support for the funding of key projects related to infrastructure and delivering the transformational change in the city and district centres as central government initiatives begin to bite into regional budgets. Further research is required to get accurate baseline data on some of the key indicators.</p>	



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Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)	
Steve Welby	
August 2008	
<p>The Serious Acquisitive Crime rate is currently off-target and a significant component of this measure includes vehicle crime. This area has been put forward for Programme 1 of the Solution Centre with work commencing w/beginning 06 October. The Safer Peterborough Partnership have agreed a target of 22% for the outstanding NI30 (re-offending rate of prolific & priority offenders) and this has been accepted by the Home Office. Peterborough has also been selected to receive up to £700K of additional support towards the Youth Crime Action Plan and £90K has been specifically assigned for this financial year (£65K for early intervention and diversion programmes and £25K towards activities for young people on Friday & Saturday evenings).</p>	

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)	
Jawaid Khan	
August 2008	
<p>LAA Action Plan has been discussed at the last Cohesion Board meeting held on 11 September. The Board has discussed resources requirement and supported recommendations. Final queries are being handled. The project is moving ahead in the right direction. Work is ongoing with regard to the PVE 3-year Action Plan and a more detailed update will be provided next month.</p>	

Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)	
<i>to be identified</i>	
August 2008	
<p>Work is ongoing to strengthen Peterborough City Council's overall approach to neighbourhood management and the current functions of Neighbourhood Investment (NI) and Community Safety (CS) will be brought together into a new business unit to be called Neighbourhood Services. One of the ways that the approach will be strengthened will be through the creation of a delivery arm for the Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership (NISP) – called the Partnership Delivery Board. A further more detailed update will be provided in due course as things progress.</p>	

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)	
Kevin Tighe	
August 2008	
<p>Work is progressing well with regard to the targets set. Strategic – a project officer has now been assigned to create a virtual stakeholder group and a steering group. Invitations will be sent out in September 2008. Perception Peterborough is on target with the specialist consultants working towards delivering four days of creative workshops in September 2008. The City Marketing Plan is on target and have issued a brief to selected companies to quote for the marketing plans branding work, the successful company will be appointed during the first week of September 2008.</p> <p>Neighbourhood – Full review of Neighbourhood Investment commissioned in quarter 1 to ensure that it is best positioned to deliver against this outcome (review completion date – 10 October 08)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 Place Survey being posted out next week to a random section of Peterborough citizens. This replaces Best Value and will provide valuable information to the CLG for assessment. • Quarter 2 saw a Week of Action take place in the East area of the city with its usual emphasis on community engagement and participation. Another is planned for the end of October in Fletton/Woodston. • Street Leaders pilot scheme has been reviewed and is due to roll-out on 1 October across all areas of the City. • The Cultural Olympiad project is on target with community workshops being held at the city museum and community centres in the Greater Dogsthorpe area with the GDP. • International Theatre Group NIE has conducted a number of walk abouts along Lincoln Road and interacted with residents, but has not yet produced any outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information is available on Neighbourhood Investments. • Individual – no work has yet been undertaken on the creation of a project team to deliver this work. This will be addressed in the 3rd quarter of this year. 	



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)

Paul Pace

August 2008

I can report again this month that all the designated indicators under this priority are all performing well. Performance on NI 192 and NI 193 is better than expected as more and more waste is being diverted from landfill and sent to be recycled through the Council's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), and composting facilities. This is mostly due to increased public awareness and participation in the council's three bin schemes.

Public roadshows have now been completed across the city. The results from the evaluation process will help inform us of which festivals proved the most effective both in terms of numbers of residents approached and levels of knowledge regarding climate change. Your Footprint Counts booklet will continue to be handed out where possible.

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)

Teresa Wood

August 2008

All three areas are performing well. Positive comments have been received following a change to the commercial network in late August which also saw the introduction of the new Citi 7 service. Officers are working on events for the Travelchoice week, 16 to 22 September, and a programme of activities in schools such as Theatre in Education and Walk to School week.

Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

August 2008

Total number of EGS Businesses: 366

The number of EGS sector businesses has remained constant as we have been working on launching the marketing plan for the Eco Innovation Centre Peterborough at the E5xpo which took place earlier this week. We have now got marketing material for the EIC and are now actively marketing and encouraging new companies to relocate to the city. We have a number of businesses in the pipeline who are looking to relocate to the Eco Innovation Centre.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

August 2008

NI195 (litter) – Green. The first tranche of inspections (April/July inclusive) have been submitted to DEFRA and a result confirmed at 9%.

NI195 (detritus) – Amber. For the same period - 23%. By the end of the year it is anticipated that this figure will reach the target of 17%. (Additional steps have been taken to improve performance)

NI196 – Green. This service continues to meet the targets set.

NI197 – Amber. No change to last report.



Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)

Claire Higgins

August 2008

Claire Higgins (Cross Keys Homes) is in the process of taking over the responsibility as Outcome Lead Officer for Regenerating Neighbourhoods. A delivery group has been established to develop the action plan for NI 153 (Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods) and the action plan for NI 187 (Tackling Fuel Poverty) is nearing completion. DIAL Peterborough are working on a specific project around Energy Conservation for Disabled People that has a direct impact to tackling fuel poverty (key contact: Sandie Burns).

Improving Health (OI02)

Sue Mitchell

August 2008

Overall the performance of the target indicators has declined slightly since July. This is due to a number of reasons: some indicators are only reported annually, a number are still subject to no data being available yet and a routine delay in data return. An issue with regards parental permission to collect data has just been reported with NI056 (childhood obesity) which has impacted on the RAG status of this NI, now red. A recovery plan has been submitted to the Strategic Health Authority to address recent under-performance in NI123 (stopping smoking), currently amber. CVD risk register software was installed in GP practices in August (NI121), training and analysis of patient lists (32 -74 years) will follow in September.

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)

Jo Wright Lakin

August 2008

August performance is positive overall; however there are some areas of concern. There are proposed changes to NI130 (Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support per 100,000 Population) which would require a significant reduction to the target for 2008/09, as the amended calculation would exclude individual budgets for 2008/09 and only count direct payments. We will monitor this as and when the revised indicators are published; however in the meantime work will be undertaken to establish revised trajectories. An engagement and awareness raising event around Self Directed Support will be taking place in October, as well as a Providers event where all of the Supporting Vulnerable People indicators will be discussed. Work is ongoing regarding data robustness for indicator NI142 and therefore performance ahead of trajectory should be taken with a note of caution at this point. Supporting People are working with Providers to ensure completeness and accuracy of data submissions. Consultation on the definition of the deferred indicator NI154 (Services for Disabled Children) is ongoing and trajectories will be set following confirmation of the final method of calculation.

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)

Mel Collins

August 2008

As recent media coverage will testify, there have been considerable difficulties experienced nationally with the collection and processing of end of year assessment data at both Key Stages 2 and 3. These difficulties affect both the coverage and the quality of the data, with significant numbers of results either missing or for which challenge is expected. On this basis, it would be unwise to make specific commentary regarding current performance, both in terms of absolute attainment and in measuring value added or progress. As a clearer picture emerges, we anticipate reflecting this in a fuller commentary in September and October, as the Department for Children, Schools and Families release further and fuller data sets, offering a genuine opportunity for comparison and evaluation. We have an important Standards Meeting on 29th September which may reveal additional data. Currently, school-driven data is revealing 5+A*-C as 60% and 40% with English and Maths - this is un-validated and does not include impact of re-marking or removal of MENA students. NI 117 - Progress on reducing the number of 16 to 18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) is good set against profiled monthly targets and fair towards the annual target. Significant improvements against 2007 performance are still evident.



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)

Will Spinner

August 2008

Against a backdrop of rising unemployment nationally and fragile business confidence, Peterborough faces a significant challenge in meeting the overall employment target where the latest projections show a potential deficit of 2500 people moving into employment. 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 under negotiation with key partners. The next phase of work to December 2008 will be to identify gaps in activity and design appropriate interventions. The Peterborough Business Support and Enterprise group, which includes representatives from many publicly-funded business support organisations, is now engaged in delivery planning for improved business start up, survival and growth rates.

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)

Rosemary Woodland

August 2008

The trend that would appear to be developing is that it is mainly affordable housing that is sustaining the building rate within Peterborough.

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)

Phil Harker

August 2008

The recent Action Planning exercise has identified a number of resource issues that need to be managed to ensure continued progression of this outcome. Key resource issues linked to the two primary indicators are:

- a) NI 188 – staff availability and priority within PCC to enable progression with the risk assessment across the services. OP has secured funding to proceed to undertake the UKCLIP assessment work (this is currently being procured)
- b) NI 167 – establishment of the working target still requires additional consultancy work. Securing funding to achieve this has to be prioritised.

Overall, it is considered that this outcome is on target relative to the 1st year aims.

Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)

Steve Bowyer & Annette Joyce

August 2008

Key projects within the Outcome are progressing well: the Public Realm Implementation is at advanced design stage, and a Consultants' Recommended Option is emerging for the AAP (both to programme). Other initiatives, such as the Living over the Shop scheme to increase residential provision within the city are awaiting recruitment and resource commitment.

Data is still to be obtained on District Centre building vacancy and footfall; this is wholly due to lack of resources and staff. OP recruitment should mitigate that.

Were it not for the missing data, it is considered that this outcome is on target.

