

GPP/ LAA Reporting Pack
September 2008



Priority Comments

Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)		
Paul Phillipson	September 2008	
<p>Making Peterborough Safer: Marketing and Communications package for the Safer and Stronger Peterborough Partnership is progressing well with a formal review by the PSP checking all the hallmarks of effective partnership receiving an excellent review. The serious acquisitive crime sub element of Vehicle crime is currently being worked through the Solution Centre with excellent buy-in from partners.</p> <p>Empowering Local Communities: New outcome lead will give renewed drive and vigour within this area along with a restart of the Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership. There is excellent work being conducted on the roll out of street leaders and the continued weeks of action.</p> <p>Building Pride In Peterborough: Perception Peterborough event went extremely well with broad participation and the results of the event will continue to inform this area of business. It has also brought all parties closer together to drive forward on this agenda.</p> <p>Building Community Cohesion: excellent progress on the Prevention of Extremism (PVE) agenda, ESOL and Inter-faith working group. The street level task force has concluded its interim work with MANERP and lessons learnt will assist in progressing matters across the city and helping to further empower communities.</p>		

Creating the UK's Environment Capital (EC)		
Trevor Gibson	September 2008	
<p>Positive progress has continued on all four outcomes in the Environment Capital priority.</p> <p>"Travelchoice" week, aimed at encouraging local residents to shift to more sustainable travel modes, received widespread coverage in the local media following exhibitions and a Peterborough City Council (PCC) staff car-free day. It is intended to encourage wider commitment from partners to Department for Transport targets and there is a very encouraging shift away from children travelling to school by car.</p> <p>Action planning is nearing completion with regard to promoting the Eco-Innovation centre and Enviro-Cluster which, despite the economic downturn, is increasing at target levels. Public perception of the councils waste management services is improving. The Environment Capital Partnership focussed on sustainable transport at its September meeting and also approved the allocation of £75K LPSA reward grant to a range of prioritised projects aimed at achieving LAA outcomes.</p>		

Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities (OI)		
Denise Radley	September 2008	
<p>The process of finalising action plans for the delivery of the outcomes has helped to critically review each target and our delivery plans. The delivery challenge session provided further clarity with an overview of risks and issues for the block overall. Follow up discussions to the delivery summit resulted in the Lead Director and Outcome Lead Officers estimating a 70% confidence level overall in relation to delivering this block with a 40% to 100% estimated confidence range across the targets. There are still significant risks attached to targets without proxy measures. A session with the Executive Members for Children's Services & Adult Social Care and Health has ensured better political oversight of the delivery plans and risks. RAG ratings have shifted in September, regenerating neighbourhoods has moved from green to red reflecting concerns around the neighbourhood agenda, improving health has moved from amber to red as targets with no data available have now been recategorised. Skills and education has however improved from red to amber reflecting updated data received.</p>		

Substantial & Truly Sustainable Growth (GO)		
Steve Compton	September 2008	
<p>The effects of the credit crunch and the deepening recession are beginning to manifest themselves in the market place with the inevitable consequential concerns on the deliverability of economic and housing targets set in the LAA 2008/11.</p> <p>Despite this, key work is progressing in completing the necessary research to underpin some of the targets although further work is still needed and will be dependent upon availability of funding resources to support this.</p> <p>OP continues to recruit and grow its team and is busy finalising the overall strategic growth framework with Peterborough City Council to set a clear and responsive growth delivery function in the city.</p>		



Creating Strong & Supportive Communities (SSC)	
Paul Phillipson	
Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)	Green
Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)	Orange
Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)	Red
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)	Red
Improving Health (OI02)	Red
Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)	Orange
Improving Skills in Education (OI04)	Orange

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



Outcome Comments

Making Peterborough Safer (SSC01)		
Steve Welby	September 2008	
<p>Serious Acquisitive Crime remains a challenging area of business for the partnership. It is currently showing amber on the RAG scale with the reductions required only just being met. The risk of maintaining performance in this area was the basis of a referral to the GPP Solution Centre to examine vehicle crime – the most significant proportion of Serious Acquisitive Crime. This 13 week process started on 06 October with a partnership team working together to define the problem, the performance gap and enable a clear picture of the issues. The team includes representation from YOS, Children’s Services, drugs and alcohol, Police (including analysis investigation and intelligence), Probation, Neighbourhood Management, Community Safety and the outcome lead for Making Peterborough Safer. The focus was established as Theft from Motor Vehicle which represents 52% of all recorded Serious Acquisitive Crime. A Practitioner Event took place on the 22 October, where front line staff from different organisations was invited to be briefed on the work so far and encouraged to contribute and enrich the picture of vehicle crime. A further 8 days have been diarised for the team week commencing 10th November to finalise the definition of the problem and move to the solution stage of the process. A significant proportion of the agenda for the next Safer Peterborough Partnership Delivery Board on the 13th November has been set aside for the team to brief the Board and encourage Board members to contribute. This is a new and innovative way to examine a long standing problem for the city that will develop a solutions package to effectively manage this problem.</p>		

Building Community Cohesion (SSC02)		
Jawaid Khan	September 2008	
<p>Positive development has been made in relation to NI 1 in particular the Millfield and New England Project which has completed Street Level Task Force between April and October, 2008. Visual improvement to the neighbourhood situation in the area has been reported. Detailed work to take multi-agency partners coordinated action against the problematic landlords is to be followed by the Action Group which meets regularly. In order to enhance inter-faith dialogue: a Faith, Culture and Identity course has been successfully delivered between June and October, 2008. 18 participants from different faith background have completed the course. The next stage is for the new ‘champions’ to organise inter-faith activities and this will be followed up over the next months.</p> <p>In terms of NI 13, an ESOL workshop has been organised with assistance from DIUS and has brought focus to the language needs of migrant workers and women in settled communities. An action plan is being prepared with assistance of a multi-agency ESOL Operations Group. The action plan is intended to be tabled at the next Cohesion Board in December 2008.</p> <p>Regarding NI 35, a draft report by the consultant has been produced. The focus on actions which fit in the 5+2 objectives of the Prevent Strategy met with positive support at the Regional PVE Seminar organised by GO-East on 14 October 2008 when the efforts led by Peterborough in relation to PVE work were also positively show-cased in the Region.</p>		

Empowering Local Communities (SSC03)		
Adrian Chapman	September 2008	
<p>A new, permanent Outcome Lead Officer has now been identified for this outcome and Adrian Chapman, Head of Neighbourhoods at Peterborough City Council (PCC) is taking forward this forward with immediate effect. As part of senior management changes at PCC, a focused transformation programme is underway to review our approach to delivering neighbourhood services and reaching our communities. This will deliver recommendations by Christmas 2008 with implementation taking place from January 2009. A high level workshop has been arranged for mid-November to discuss the future delivery and governance of neighbourhood management. The workshop will include OLOs with a connection to neighbourhood/ community activity as well as other key partners, and will also focus on the future of the Neighbourhood Investment Strategic Partnership (NISIP). The successful Street Leaders scheme is being rolled out to other areas in Peterborough. The scheme, which recruits local volunteers to report environmental decline and ASB before it becomes a deep rooted problem, has been trialled in a number of areas already and we have recruited over 100 volunteers across the city. The 10th Week of Action is being planned for an October start – to cover Woodston/ Fletton: Weeks of Action provide an excellent response to community calls for action, and should help to engender a feeling of responsiveness and local pride. PCC continue to support the Peterborough Council for Voluntary Services (PCVS) infrastructure with a view to ensuring closer connectivity between this outcome, PCVS and other agencies.</p>		

Building Pride in Peterborough (SSC04)		
Kevin Tighe	September 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 for Building Pride in Peterborough. Invitations will be sent out in October 2008. Perception Peterborough is on target with the specialist consultants delivering four days of creative workshops during September 2008. The City Marketing Plan is on target with new PR consultants in place to coordinate the cities marketing plans.</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). 2008 Place Survey being posted out to a random section of Peterborough citizens. This replaces Best Value and will provide valuable information to the CLG for assessment purposes. 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. International Theatre Group NIE has conducted a number of walk abouts along Lincoln Road and interacted with residents, and has made contact with a number of venues and schools in the area.</p>		



Overall Consumption of Natural Resources (EC01)

Paul Pace

September 2008

Designated indicators under this outcome are all performing well.

In the first six months of this year, we have seen our recycling performance hit over 50% recycling across the city which is excellent news for the city and the partnership.

Currently work is ongoing to co-ordinate and record all the environmental educational work that is carried out across the city. This will help us maximise the effect this work under "Natural Resources Focused Education" will have on local schools.

Increasing Use of Sustainable Transport (EC02)

Teresa Wood

September 2008

It is Travelchoice Week from 15 September 2008 – events include a photo competition, a School Run Challenge, and a poster competition for schools.

Also, as part of Travelchoice Week, a Sustainable Travel Exhibition in Cathedral Square was held on Saturday 20 September and a Car Free Day for Peterborough City Council staff on Monday 22 September 2008.

The Department for Transport released NI 198 Mode of travel to school data and this evidenced excellent results for Peterborough.

Growing our Environmental Business Sector (EC03)

Gareth Jones

September 2008

We are now finalizing our action plan which hopes to build upon the work of the Eco Innovation Centre, EnviroCluster and the E5xpo which will help promote Peterborough as **the** location for environmental businesses to relocate to or start-up in.

It is predicted that there may be a period of slow growth through these tough economic times when businesses may be reluctant to set-up or relocate, though we are currently on-target.

Making Peterborough Cleaner & Greener (EC04)

David Denson & Martin Baker

September 2008

The first six months of this year show a significant forward travel in satisfaction levels in Street Cleansing through the survey results collected by Peterborough Direct via the Bulky Waste Collection service.

Measures on the improvements to street and environmental cleanliness have on the whole performed well. A lower than anticipated performance on levels of detritus locally is still higher than the national average. In addition the cleansing regime has been reviewed and changed to help improve performance with additional resource deployed. By the end of the year it is anticipated that this figure will reach the target of 17%.



Regenerating Neighbourhoods (OI01)		
Claire Higgins	<i>September 2008</i>	
<p>In strategic terms, in order to progress this outcome and in common with other outcomes, we are in need of a reinvigoration of the neighbourhood agenda which is clearly high on the list of priorities for Paul Phillipson and Adrian Chapman. A workshop to kick-start this has been arranged for mid November. In the meantime the impact of the present economic downturn will undoubtedly also have an effect on the achievability of NI 153 in terms of the availability of employment (this will also impact on the adult skills agenda and work is underway to address this jointly and in conjunction with large employers). The availability of data is another fundamental issue both in terms of individuals seeking work and their location. NI187 is more achievable at present and there is a detailed action plan in place although some of this is reliant on grant funding. Work is underway to finalise action plans for both indicators together with resourcing requirements. The Priority Lead Director and OLO's for Opportunities & Inequalities are meeting Councillors Goldspink and Lamb in late October to brief them on progress with the priority to date.</p>		

Improving Health (OI02)		
Sue Mitchell	<i>September 2008</i>	
<p>Overall the performance of the Improving Health target indicators has declined since August. 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.</p> <p>Training for the CVD risk register software (NI121) for the analysis of patient lists (32 -74 years) was completed in September. The Department of Health Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team undertook a review of the teenage pregnancy strategy and partnership (NI112) in September. Their recommendations will be incorporated into future activity. The Healthy Towns Bid, which will impact on a number of Improving Health target indicators, reached the second stage of the bidding process. Final outcome of the £6m project bid (£3m matched funding) will be announced in October.</p>		

Supporting Vulnerable People (OI03)		
Jo Wright-Lakin	<i>September 2008</i>	
<p>September performance continues to reflect an amber status. We have established that delivery of Individual Budgets is fundamental to the success of this outcome area, as the increased awareness and choice of services through the Hub will improve access and support for a number of vulnerable groups. This will therefore be a key area of focus in achieving numerous indicators, and the high level of staff resource committed to this work reflects this.</p> <p>Indicator Leads have been compiling information in advance of the LAA Delivery Summit, which should ensure that partners are aware of the ongoing work and how they can be involved. Engagement with the voluntary and community sector is ongoing, as the level of engagement to date has been varied across the indicator set, and their contribution is critical to successful achievement. There are some risks to delivery of this outcome area which cannot be mitigated against, including demographic pressures and the national review of adult social care funding and eligibility. We will however monitor national developments and their impacts on delivery.</p> <p>There is a need to amend the trajectory for numbers of mental health service users in employment, as the new lead in this area does not consider the trajectory to be reasonable. We have reviewed submissions from other Local Authorities which supports this view, and work is ongoing to develop a revised trajectory using this data.</p>		

Improving Skills in Education (OI04)		
Mel Collins	<i>September 2008</i>	
<p>Foundation Stage Profile (FSP) results for 2008 show that the NI72 target of 40% was exceeded by 2%. Peterborough has achieved a 3% increase from 2007 compared with the national increase of 4%, but over a 3-year period Peterborough has seen an improvement in the target of 9%, exceeding the national increase over the same period of 4%. Although Peterborough did not achieve the target of 29% for NI 92 (narrowing the attainment gap), the gap was closed by 2.6% moving from 35% in 2007 to 33% in 2008. Peterborough exceeded the national closure of 1%. For the first time in 4 years there are some improvements in KS1 results overall, although standards at KS1 remain below the NA and our SN. At L2, Reading and Writing results improved by 0.8% and 0.9% respectively, closing the gap with NA, as national results remained the same as 2007. Boys' performance has improved in nearly all areas, most noticeably in reading (+2.5%) and writing (+3%), whereas national results again remain static. L3 results overall are up on last year in speaking and listening, reading, writing and maths; boys have done particularly well in reading (+3.8%), writing (+2.7%) and maths (+2.9%). Girls' results have decreased in comparison with last year, except in L3 maths. KS2 data is still incomplete especially for Maths. Early un-validated data for English shows a 1% increase on last year (with reading up by 1.6% and writing up by 2.5%) although Maths and Science show a decline. KS2 data for Maths is still very incomplete which impacts on the combined English and Maths scores. Currently data still shows 20 absent pupils for English and 75 absent pupils for Maths. Un-validated and incomplete KS3 data reveals increases in L5 English and Maths on last year although the results remain well below the NA. Outcomes are broadly in line with 2007, but at level 5+ the gap between LA and national results has been closed in 5 of the 6 indicators. Significant improvement in writing outcomes showing a 4% increase.</p>		



Increasing Economic Prosperity (GO01)		
Will Spinner	September 2008	
<p>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.</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.</p> <p>The draft delivery action 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.</p>		

Creating Better Places to Live (GO02)		
Rosemary Woodland	September 2008	
<p>The delivery of affordable homes is performing strongly with the continued expectation that it will exceed the target. It is less easy to assess the trend with regard to private sector housing, despite the anticipation that building rates will slow as a result of the credit crunch, as the 2008/09 overall housing start on site and completion figures to date are not markedly at variance with those for 2007/08.</p> <p>Work commenced on 17 September 2008 on a Housing Stock Condition Survey commissioned by Peterborough City Council. The final report is due by end January 2009. This will provide a robust baseline for vulnerable households in Peterborough living in non-decent homes.</p>		

Building the Infrastructure of the Future (GO03)		
Phil Harker	September 2008	
<p>A number of resource issues remain which need to be managed to ensure continued progression of this outcome. Key progress relative to the two primary indicators are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NI 188 – Funding secured for the UK CLIP assessment work and an active project has been initiated that will complete February 2009. Negotiations with PCC and PCT will commence to commit resources to pilot climate change adaptation into business/service plans. b) NI 167 – targets still require additional work to complete which need funding to achieve. This is now a key priority that needs to be resolved by end November 2008. <p>Overall, it is considered that this outcome is on target relative to the 1st year, however, some resource issues need to be addressed.</p>		

Safe, Vibrant City & Neighbourhood Centres (GO04)		
Steve Bowyer	September 2008	
<p>Recruitment is currently underway in Opportunity Peterborough (OP) to provide key resources to deliver elements of the action plan. Once these are embedded, key initiatives currently on hold can progress.</p> <p>Progress is being made on the indicator data sets following positive engagement at the recent Challenge session of the Performance Hub. It is anticipated that these will be in place for the next round of reporting.</p> <p>Key deliverables are running to programme (e.g. public realm implementation).</p>		

