

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

Report of the Corporate Director – Business Services, Stockport Council

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Partnership Board on the preparation of the new Local Area Agreement.

2.0 Stockport's Local Area Agreement

- 2.1 To date, an initial submission outlining the key challenges facing the borough (the 'story of place') and a long-list of indicators have been submitted to the Government Office for the North West. These are attached to this brief covering report for information.
- 2.2 The next step in the process is to submit a final list of indicators to Government Office on 19th March, following consideration by the Partnership Board on 18th March. Subsequently, negotiations will be carried out on the setting of improvement targets for each of the indicators before the agreement is due to be formally agreed in June 2008.
- 2.3 As Board members will appreciate, the timescale for agreement is very demanding. In an ideal world LAA reports would be placed on agendas of all thematic partnerships as it is crucial that they are closely involved. However, due to timetabling issues it is unlikely that this will be possible. Consequently it is proposed that the new LAA should be a standing item on thematic partnership agendas as well as for the Stockport Partnership Board, thereby ensuring ongoing discussion. As part of their role lead negotiators are being asked to ensure that they keep the relevant partnership chairs up to date with developments.

3.0 Recommendation

The Stockport Partnership Board is asked to:

- 3.1 note the final initial submission to Government Office for the North West on 21 December.
- 3.2 note the long-list of indicators submitted to Government Office for the North West on 15th January.
- 3.2 agree to place the new LAA as a standing item on the agendas of the Partnership Board and thematic partnerships.

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