

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE**

**Report of the Policy Unit, 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 19<sup>th</sup> March, following consideration by the Partnership Board on 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Consequently, it is proposed that the new LAA should be a standing agenda item for the Partnership Board and the thematic partnerships.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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