

**Report of: Corporate Director Business Services, Stockport Council**

**Subject: Local Area Agreement (LAA) – Final Submission**

**Purpose**

1. This report presents the final list of indicators and targets for Stockport's new Local Area Agreement that must be submitted to Government Office for the North West on 30<sup>th</sup> May and seeks delegated approval to the Chair of the Partnership Board to approve any amendments between this meeting and the submission date.
2. Following submission on 30<sup>th</sup> May, the Local Area Agreement will be signed off in June by the Minister.

**Background**

3. The Local Area Agreement is made up of the following stages
  - a. The 'Story of Place';
  - b. Designated indicators – those indicators from the National Indicator Set for which targets will be agreed with and monitored by Government Office;
  - c. Local indicators – those indicators that are deemed important to Stockport but for which targets are locally set.
  - d. Statutory DCSF Indicators
4. The development of the new Local Area Agreement comprises the following stages:
  - a. Production and submission of the 'Story of Place' which sets out the key challenges for the borough which the LAA will seek to address – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007;
  - b. Submission of a long-list of relevant designated indicators – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008;
  - c. Submission of a final draft list of designated indicators – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008;
  - d. Negotiation on a final list of indicators – completed 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008;
  - e. Identification of baselines and negotiation of targets against designated indicators – ongoing up to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008;
  - f. Final submission of designated indicators and targets – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008
  - g. Agreement of local indicators and targets
  - h. Refresh process – opportunity to make some adjustments as additional baselines become available – no official timescale as yet but likely to be towards the end of the calendar year.
  - i. Work is also underway to identify appropriate indicators for which disaggregated targets may be set either on a geographic (for example, priority areas) or diversity group basis (race, disability, gender, age, sexuality, faith, religion and belief) These will be incorporated as local indicators at the refresh stage. An Equality Impact Assessment – Workshop with around 40 delegates was held on 29<sup>th</sup> April to inform this process.

5. The appendix presents the latest position in respect of the indicators and targets as set out in (f) above.
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### **Recommendations**

6. That the Partnership Board:
- (i) Agrees the submission as presented;
  - (ii) Delegates authority to the Chair of the Partnership Board to agree any further amendments between this meeting and the submission date; and,
  - (iii) Notes that arrangements are in place to produce a comprehensive Local Area Agreement document bringing together the 'Story of Place' and the designated and local indicators and targets for general reference.
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