

## GO NETWORK LAA UPDATE NOTE: July 2009

*In this report we aim to capture any new information (since the January review) regarding LAA delivery focussing on strengths, barriers, risks and innovation. This report has been commissioned by the LPF Delivery Board (via the LAA Project Board), to whom it will report. It has been co-designed with the local sector, with whom we will share the analysis. The report primarily consists of questions that require a Yes or No response and those that require a short answer. Please answer all of the questions in this report. Please provide your answers in the white boxes.*

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South East

**Area**

Buckinghamshire

### Overview

#### 1. Summary of developments since LAA review

1.1 Please provide a summary of new developments in LAA delivery since reporting in the January LAA review. Please include any changes to LA circumstances for example political control, intervention action. Where any difficulties in making progress were reported in January please provide an update.

Buckinghamshire continues to make good progress delivering the LAA within a firm partnership structure.

There continues a strong performance culture and ethos of joint commissioning with partners. The 5 council areas will produce an integrated 'family' of Sustainable Community Strategies based on common interpretation of the evidence base. The LAA Delivery plans have undergone a robust equalities impact assessment; the outcome will lead to enhanced targeting and communications across groups including Gypsy & Roma Travellers, ethnic minorities and older people.

1.2 *In order to draw up a national picture of emerging LAA performance it would be helpful to draw on a limited set of LAA target data. The intention is to use this data for the purposes of aggregated trend analysis (rather than focus on any particular local area).*

Please list all national indicators in the LAA that are either **at risk** of not meeting the year-three target or those that have **no data** to inform them. Please give the area's current self-assessment of the indicators' performance (this should be the latest LSP assessment, rather than that of sub-partnerships).

The comments section is an opportunity to highlight any key barriers and anything government may be able to do to help.

NI (Please enter 'NI' and 3 digit number eg NI 016)	At Risk (R) or No Data (N)	Data source: National (N) Local (L)	When was this data collected? (if known) (mm/yyyy)	Please list any issues, actions or other relevant comments
NI 001	N	N	2009	Place survey data sets baseline.
NI 008	N			Data not due till Oct 2011. Pilot activity taken place.
NI 021	N	N	2009	Place survey data sets baseline.
NI 102	N			School data due after summer exams.
NI 111	N			Added at refresh. The basis for the measurement of this indicator has changed - whilst local data readily available, it is not compatible with the data required for the new indicator definition - for which Bucks will receive data from government. National Data awaited.
NI 121	N			Data due Summer after ONS verification. Activity in place, to review following Health Overview &

				Scrutiny findings.
NI 156	R	N		Continued efforts to reduce numbers in temp accommodation, possible link to recession. Property roundtable held with business to consider more use of empties and rent/rates.
NI 163	N			Concern Train to Gain funding restrictions may affect future delivery. Employer skill survey plus increased delivery.
NI 171	N			National data awaited. Co-ordinated business pre-start support in development with partners and targeted event held for unemployed.
NI 175	N			Data due soon.

## The Economy and Worklessness

### 2. Impact of economic conditions

*Given the current economic conditions it is important for government to understand how this is affecting LAA priorities and to inform refresh discussions early next year.*

2.1 Beyond the risks to targets you have highlighted in section 1.2, please summarise any major new impact the economic downturn has had on the local area.

Concerns on affordable housing provision securing HCA funds and developers not bringing sites forward, informal discussions with HCA started for Aylesbury Growth area.

<b>2.2 Future Jobs Fund</b>	Please place 'Y' where the statement is correct	If known please list any supporting data
The partnership has or will bid for <b>Future Jobs Fund (FJF)</b> by 30 June 2009.	Y considering	
If yes, has the third sector been involved?		
The partnership is developing a <b>FJF bid</b> for the future.		
If yes, has/will the third sector be involved?		
<b>2.3 The Partnership has.....</b>	Please place 'Y' where the statement is correct	If known please list supporting data
signed up to a <b>Local Employment Partnership (LEP)</b> .		
recruited through the <b>partnership / LEP</b> .		
recruited through <b>Apprenticeships</b> .		
recruited through <b>Graduate Interns</b> .		
taken action on <b>prompt payment of bills</b> .		
used <b>procurement processes</b> to develop skills and jobs.		
2.4 Does the partnership detect any signs of the recession easing in the local area? (please answer Y/N)		
No.		
2.5 If yes, please describe these signs		

## Strengths and Barriers

### 3. Partnership Arrangements

Major Strengths <small>(Please place 'Y' where there is a major strength)</small>	3.1 Please identify if there are any <b>major strengths and barriers</b> to achieving the delivery of LAA priorities in relation to the following <b>partnership arrangements</b> categories.  NB There is no expectation of what should be ticked for each area: some areas may have several ticks, others few. As stated above, the aim is to get an overall picture – we won't be looking at individual area results.	Major Barriers <small>(Please place 'Y' where there is a major barrier)</small>
	Partnership relationships	
Y	Performance management arrangements	
Y	LSP structure/ governance	
Y	Data sharing	
Y	Partnership communications	
	Other (please describe in this box)	
3.2 Please briefly describe what the barriers are		
3.3 What actions have been put in place to address barriers?		
3.4 Are the partnership arrangements facing risks or regimes which present a specific problem to LAA delivery that could be removed or covered by Government? (Please answer Y/N)		
No.		
3.5 If Yes, How?		
3.6 Briefly describe any major strengths/outcomes at this stage.		
Partners have collaborated successfully in a joint review of the Sustainable Community Strategies at county and district level. There will very shortly be an integrated 'family' of Community Strategies. These will all work to a common timeframe of 2026 and have been developed from a collaborative consultation and interpretation of the evidence base. This is a significant step in bringing clarity for the public and partners to community planning in Buckinghamshire.		
The <b>information sharing tool</b> which allows users to understand data about their local area <b>!:on Bucks</b> will be launched shortly, focussed on community safety information in the first instance. For partners, further development of the tool will help to inform understanding and planning for services. BSP website will be used as repository for shared evidence base for data.		
3.7 Has the LSP now signed off delivery plans for each of the LAA targets? (please answer Y/N)		
Yes.		
3.8 If No, why? (NB the reason may be due to some wider issue, or it may be simply that a single delivery plan has yet to be approved).		

### 4. Individual Partners

Major Strengths <small>(Please place 'Y' where there is a major strength)</small>	4.1 Please identify if there are any <b>major strengths and barriers</b> to achieving the delivery of LAA priorities in relation to the following <b>individual partners</b> categories.	Major Barriers <small>(Please place 'Y' where there is a major barrier)</small>
	Clarity of role	

	Incorporating LAA priorities in business plans	
Y	Third sector engagement	
	Business sector engagement	
	Duty to have Regard	
	Other (please describe in this box)	
4.2 Please briefly describe what these barriers are		
4.3 What actions have been put in place to address barriers?		
4.4 Are individual partners facing risks or regimes which present a specific problem to LAA delivery that could be removed or covered by Government? (Please answer Y/N)		
No.		
4.5 If Yes, How?		
4.6 Briefly describe any major strengths/outcomes at this stage.		
<p>Buckinghamshire has developed a strategic approach to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). The ChangeUp Consortium is the strategic body for the VCS across the county, having the aim of improving support to the sector. The Consortium's Infrastructure Development Plan identified how support for frontline organisations will be modernised to improve the quality and reach of support services including training, advice, volunteer recruitment and promotion, and was used in the development of a single voluntary sector infrastructure contract led jointly by the County and District Councils. This will all help the sector contribute to the partnership and service delivery.</p>		

5. New ways of working including innovation and efficiency	
5.1 Please identify any <b>new ways of working</b> that have come about or been significantly supported/accelerated by the new LAA.	Please place 'Y' where there is a major success
New service design (eg personalisation)	Y
Whole systems approach	
Technology	Y
Joint Commissioning	Y
Preventative approaches	Y
Joint appointments	
Pooled budgets	Y
Aligned budgets	Y
Shared buildings	
Mapping of funding	
Anticipating a possible slow down in public sector funding	
Other (please describe in this box)	
5.2 Please briefly describe what these new ways of working are	
<p>Joint commissioning has become well established across a range of services plus the development of pooled budgets to improve outcomes for residents. For example, the County Council and PCT have recently entered into pooled budget and joint tendering arrangements for a countywide community equipment service across health, social care and children services which will meet all community equipment needs as well as being the main vehicle delivery for Telecare and telemedicine. Joint commissioning strategies for learning disability, mental health, and older people are in place and a leadership conference to identify opportunities for joint working took place in May 2009. The Safer and Stronger Bucks Partnership has worked with a pooled budget and has improved commissioning and value for money as a result.</p>	

CAMHS development with a pooled budget and new model for delivery via a new contract has significantly improved outcomes for young people with mental health.

Partners will pilot the new 'Delivery Chain analysis' on 2 themes (likely obesity and offender management), utilising IdEA support workshops (Autumn) will review in detail how to achieve difficult outcomes.

## 6. Accountabilities to citizens

*Using the NI4 'assurance framework' please give your assessment of the following.*

6.1 Please identify any initiatives relating to <b>accountabilities to citizens</b> that have come about or been significantly supported/accelerated by the new LAA.	Please place 'Y' where there are initiatives.
Duty to Involve	
Translating the LAA to local people	
Commitments made in partner strategies	
Engagement with the community	Y
Engagement with marginalised people and communities	Y
Neighbourhood level agreements	
Developing local outcomes with local people	Y
Assessing outcomes with local people	
Other (please describe): Equality Impact Assessments process.	Y

6.2 Please briefly describe what these initiatives are

**Equalities Impact Assessment process (EIA)** – This was a thorough and very productive exercise carried out for the second year. A workshop to review delivery implementation plans comprised a mix of target owners, officers with equalities "expertise" and community and sector representatives with particular expertise in race, faith and disability issues. Delivery Plans were distributed randomly across groups except where there seemed to potential for synergy or logical links. The approach provided a more robust and thorough evaluation of the delivery implementation plans which has helped to inform the equality impact assessment. Assessment for relevance was carried out both on the LAA overall and also against each individual indicator to assess potential or actual differential impact on groups of people such as Gypsies and Roma Travellers communities. The work then identified improvement actions such as for NI 121 the need to raise awareness of cultural, impairment and gender based attitudes, predispositions and barriers to tackling obesity and smoking, and promoting of healthy eating and exercise amongst NHS staff to achieve the required target outcomes.

The EIA identified the need for improved communications with a range of groups including people with sensory impairments, learning disabilities, Muslim communities, gypsy, Roma traveller communities and students, all will be follow through. Further work is being done to inform the public about the LAA and includes consultation on what people would like to be kept informed about.

Communities and partners are working together to support the prevention of violent extremism (PVE) agenda. Activities to date have included:

- **Radio Ramadan** – For the last three years this project, driven by Bucks DAAT and supported by Wycombe CDRP, has trained volunteers from Asian, Black and White British communities in High Wycombe in basic drug awareness, radio production and interview skills. Over Ramadan, interviews with local substance misuse providers and experts have been broadcast to Wycombe residents in English and Urdu. This has received very positive feedback from the local community and the Communities Co-ordinator for Bucks DAAT received the South East nomination for tackling Drugs Changes Lives Award 2008 awarded by the Home Office.
- **Youth Film Project** – A film exploring how the 2006 anti-terror raids affected young people in High Wycombe was directed, produced and filmed by a group of teenagers through a

County Council Summer Youth Project.

Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) are working well in many parts of the county and have identified areas for community priorities. For example an on-going problem in the Southcourt area of Aylesbury, was resolved as a result of the issue being raised at the local NAG.

## **7. Additional Comments**

7.1 Please provide any additional comments you feel important to this Local Area but that is not already included above. This may relate to help or hindrance deriving from other aspects of the Performance Framework (CAA, REIPS, National Indicator Set).