

**REPORT TO:** Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 09<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Corporate and Policy

**SUBJECT:** Local Area Agreement Refresh and 2008-09 Performance Report

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To report on progress towards meeting Local Area Agreement targets at the end of the first year of the Agreement.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION THAT:**

- i. The report is noted.
- ii. The Board considers whether it requires any further information on the actions being taken to deliver the LAA targets.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The revised Local Area Agreement (LAA) was signed off by the Secretary of State in June 2008. The purpose of the LAA is to agree a set of targets for Halton with government and local partners. Named partners have a duty to co-operate in striving to achieve these targets. There were 34 indicators in the LAA, together with statutory education and early years targets. The agreement covers the period April 2008 to March 2011.

3.2 The Agreement was "refreshed" in March 2009. The indicators and targets were reviewed with Government Office. There were a number of gaps and estimates in the original agreement, and the principle changes were to fill these gaps using information that had become available between June 2008 and March 2009 such as the results of the Places Survey. A summary of the changes is attached as appendix 1. It is not expected that there will be many further changes, except in one area. The economic downturn will inevitably have an impact on the likelihood of achieving some targets relating to the economy and housebuilding, and the government has identified a list of indicators for which targets will be reviewed before the end of March 2010, by which time the impact of the downturn will be clearer.

3.3 A report on progress over the first year of the Agreement is attached at Appendix 2, covering those indicators which fall within the responsibilities of this particular Policy and Performance Board. This is based on the targets in the refreshed agreement.

3.4 In reading the report members should bear in mind that:

1. All the national indicators are built into the quarterly service plan monitoring reports. The intention of this report is pick out the LAA indicators from the different service plans so that it is possible to see a clearer picture of progress overall.
2. Certain indicators are only reported some time after year end, so in those cases no progress report is yet available. There are also some survey based indicators for which no further data will be available until the survey is repeated in 2010.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Local Area Agreement reflects the priorities in our community strategy for improving the quality of life in Halton. It is the main mechanism by which government will performance manage local areas. It is therefore important that we monitor progress, and that members are satisfied that adequate plans are in place to ensure that the improvement targets are achieved.

#### **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Local Area Agreement acts as a delivery plan for the sustainable community strategy and as such is central to our policy framework.

#### **6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Achievement of our Local Area Agreement targets has direct implications for our comprehensive area assessment. Further consideration of any areas of under-performance may give rise to other implications for the Council and its partners.

#### **7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

7.1 This report deals directly with progress and delivering one of our five priorities.

#### **8.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

8.1 The key risk is failure to improve the quality of life for residents of Halton in accordance with the objectives of our community strategy. This risk can be mitigated by regular reporting of performance, and reviewing the action being taken where under-performance occurs.

## **9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

9.1 One of the guiding principles of the LAA is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

## **10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 Document:

Local Area Agreement 2008. Place of inspection 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Municipal Building.  
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## CHANGES TO HALTON'S LAA OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK – March 09

Ref	Description	Reason for Change
NI 5	Overall satisfaction with the area	Targets now agreed, provisional data became available early 2009 following Places Survey.
NI 7	Environment for a thriving third sector	Targets now agreed, data became available early 2009 following survey conducted by Office of the Third Sector.
NI 8	Adult participation in sport	Had used local data, now have national data which became available early 2009 following Sports Participation survey.
NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	Minor typing error corrected.
NI 17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	Small changes to targets as provisional Places Survey data now being used instead of local data.
NI 20	Assault with injury crime rate	Presentation style was changed by GONW, and more up to date data was made available.
NI 30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders.	Presentation style changed.
NI 32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Small changes to targets as national definitions now being used instead of local data.
NI 33	<i>Arson Incidents</i>	<i>No change.</i>
NI 39	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates – Rate per 100 000 admissions	Baseline updated which impacted on targets.
NI 40	Drug users in effective treatment	Baseline updated which impacted on targets.
NI 53	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth	Baseline has been changed, but targets remain the same as previously agree.
NI 56	<i>Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6</i>	<i>No Change.</i>
NI 63	<i>Stability of placements of looked after children</i>	<i>No Change.</i>
NI 80	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	Baseline has been changed, but targets remain the same as previously agree.
NI 111	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17	Small changes to targets as baseline supplied has been revised by GONW.

## APPENDIX 1

Ref	Description	Reason for Change
NI 112	Under 18 conception rate	Updated baseline, targets remain the same.
NI 115	Substance misuse by young people	Survey data now available and being used.
<i>NI 116</i>	<i>Proportion of children in poverty (To be reviewed in 2010)</i>	<i>No change.</i>
NI 117	16-18 year old not in education, training or employment WNF Reward Indicator (To be reviewed in 2010)	National data now available and being used.
<i>NI 120</i>	<i>All-age all cause mortality</i>	<i>No change.</i>
<i>NI 123</i>	<i>16+ current smoking rate prevalence</i>	<i>No change.</i>
NI 139	People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently.	Places survey data now available and being used.
<i>NI 142</i>	<i>Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living</i>	<i>No change.</i>
NI 150 C4	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment	This indicator has been deferred and used as a placeholder due to lack of relevant data available. Will be reviewed in the next refresh.
NI 153	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods WNF Reward Indicator (To be reviewed in 2010)	Minor typing error corrected.
<i>NI 154</i>	<i>Net additional homes provided (To be reviewed in 2010)</i>	<i>No change.</i>
NI 163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher WNF Reward Indicator	Baseline has changed and targets reviewed, taking into account the economic climate.
NI 171	VAT registration rate (To be reviewed in 2010)	National data now available and being used.
<i>NI 175</i>	<i>Access to services and facilities by public transport walking and cycling</i>	<i>No change.</i>
<i>NI 186</i>	<i>Per capita CO2 emissions in LA area</i>	<i>No change.</i>
<i>NI 192</i>	<i>Household waste recycled and composted</i>	<i>No change.</i>

**APPENDIX 1**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT TWO INDICATORS HAVE BEEN DELETED FROM HALTON'S LAA. THESE ARE:-**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>NI 124</b>	<b>People with long-term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition</b>	Data unavailable
<b>NI 173</b>	<b>People falling out of work and on to incapacity benefits</b>	Data unavailable

**Halton Local Area Agreement Annual  
Progress Report  
2008 - 09**

**Healthy Halton**

This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets for Halton Local Area Agreement.

It provides both a snapshot of performance at 2008 – 09 year-end and a projection of expected levels of performance to the period 2011.

The following traffic light convention has been adopted to illustrate both current and projected performance in relation to each of those measures and targets within the LAA.

### **Traffic light convention 2008 / 09**



2008 – 09 target has been achieved or exceeded.



2008 – 09 target has not been achieved

### **Traffic light convention for 2011 projection**



2011 target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.



The achievement of the 2011 target is questionable



2011 target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.

The following indicators are not included within this performance report:

NI	Descriptor	Reason
124	People with a long-term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition	Deleted from LAA from 2009
150	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment	Deferred until 2010 LAA refresh



### **Performance Overview**

Ref	Descriptor	08/09 Target	2011 Target
8	Adult participation in sport	Red	Yellow
39	Alcohol related admission rates	Red	Yellow
120	All-age cause mortality	Red	Yellow
123	16+ Smoking rate prevalence	Yellow	Yellow
139	People > 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support to exercise choice and control to live independently	N/A	Yellow
142	Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living	Red	Yellow



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### NI 8 Adult participation in sport



Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
20.13% (2006)	22.13%	<b>18.5%</b>		24.13%	

#### Supporting information / commentary

Sports Participation and Sports Volunteer & Club Development Projects have achieved the majority of Year 1 targets. These projects will continue in the coming year, they aim to increase participation and are the focus for new community intervention. In addition In Pursuit of Sport programme attracted over 100 applications from community groups/individuals wanting to try a sport for the first time or increase activity within its current membership. (This project will be fully evaluated in the next quarter with a view to making a similar offer over the summer months). The introduction on 1st April of free swimming for those aged 60 and over should have a positive effect on this indicator. The following proxy indicators can be introduced and progress can be measured quarterly against 31st March 09 baseline.

- 1) Increase usage at Kingsway Leisure Centre; Brookvale Recreation Centre and Runcorn Swimming Pool by at least 1%
- 2) Number of free swims for those aged 60 and over &
- 3) Number of Leisure Cards issued.

### NI 39 Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates

Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
2180	2313	<b>2251.98*</b> * 9 months worth of data		2309	




#### Supporting information / commentary

A significant amount of activity is underway to develop the alcohol programme across both LSPs (Halton and St Helens).

Significant increases in funding have been identified from the PCT and supplemented by WNF monies (Halton and Area Based Grant monies (St Helens) to deliver the alcohol strategy across the PCT

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

### NI 120 All-age all cause mortality

Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
Male - 906	805	<b>874</b>		755	
Fem - 603	673	<b>665.7</b> (2008 data)		574	

#### Supporting information / commentary

Jan-Dec 2008 data. The PCT has had a visit by the National Support Team for Health Inequalities and the recommendations are currently being implemented by the PCT & this will include making impact on the 2010 targets for circulatory, cancer and all age all cause mortality. The plans behind the workstreams are being developed and will be implemented throughout 2009/10.

### NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence


Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
914	1038 per 100,000	<b>687</b>		1128	

#### Supporting information / commentary

Still awaiting return of data from GPs, pharmacies, SUPPORT to carry out follow ups etc and smoking cessation service (SUPPORT) have provided a deadline of mid May for these figures. The final 08/09 data should be available in June. Comprehensive tobacco control model developed following NICE and Smoke Free NW Guidance. To be implemented over 4 years.

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### **NI 139 People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently**

Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
30.4% (2008 survey)	N/A	<b>30.4%</b> (recorded in 2009 Place Survey)	Refer comment	32.8%	

#### **Supporting information / commentary**



No target for 08/09, target of 32.8% for 09/10 – Action plan started to meet targets.

It is proposed that it is a stipulation of Voluntary Sector contracts that they must regularly collect data and demonstrate impact in relation to this NI, such as recording of service user feedback, to gain broader spectrum of perception data available.

Action Plan being developed in line with identifying other measures of this indicator

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### NI 142 Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living

Baseline 2007 – 08	2008 - 09			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
98.17%	98.51%	<b>98.09%</b>		99.04%	

#### Supporting information / commentary

Majority of services performing above or to target.

It was agreed by GONW that services within the indicator would be disaggregated to show a more representative picture as there was underperformance in a particular service area, i.e. teenage pregnancy, that reflected in the overall performance.

An action plan was put in place with on going monitoring with new collection and recording methods introduced by Provider with action plan to enable a robust process.

Risk assessment carried out on OP services to identify reasons for increased level of voids and impact on performance data.

Monitoring visits have been arranged to check performance of service and reporting methods for NI 142.

Quarterly training to be provided to maintain accurate data collection and recording - In conjunction with HBC Training Department, external trainers have been engaged to provide a one off complete overview of performance requirements including collection and recording. This along with support from the SP Team should ensure a rise in the quality of information provided. An assessment of further training needs will be made following the first submission after the training.

Monitoring of the performance workbooks is to be stepped up by the SP team. Service monitoring visits to include an audit of performance data collection and recording methods.

Providers have been reminded of Targets for Q4 2008/09. A letter has been sent to all Providers informing them of 2009/10 performance targets, this will be reiterated again during the quarter.