

## Agenda Item:

- Report to:** Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Services)
- Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007
- Report from:** Executive Director, Housing, Communities & Neighbourhoods
- Title of report:** **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) – QUARTER 2 & 3  
PERFORMANCE MONITORING**
- Purpose of report:** To provide information on second and third quarter performance of the LAA and to consider progress in respect of Outcome 23 (Mini-LAA for Hastings).
- Recommendations:** 1. To note quarter 2 and 3 performance in respect of the LAA.  
2. To note the achievements and performance against Outcome 23 and action being taken to address areas of concern.
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### 1.0 Report

- 1.1 Under the LAA performance monitoring arrangements agreed for Hastings there is a commitment to report progress on a six monthly cycle to Overview and Scrutiny Committee, mirroring the required reports to Hastings Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and Government Office for the South East (GOSE). The Committee considered LAA Q1 performance at its meeting on 14 December 2006 but at that time information on quarter 2 was unavailable.
- 1.2 A copy of the LAA quarter 2 & 3 progress report to the LSP on 12 March 2007 is attached at Annexe 1. This provides information presented to East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) on outcomes 1-22 (which straddle the whole County). It also includes progress in respect of Outcome 23, the mini-LAA for Hastings on an exception monitoring basis.
- 1.3 As agreed at the previous meeting, for outcomes 1-22 the covering report to ESSP is provided for information without the detailed schedule of activity. This is available for quarters 1, 2 & 3 on the ESSP website at [www.essp.org.uk](http://www.essp.org.uk) if Members wish to look at the detail. Full detail is provided with this report on progress with Outcome 23 targets at Appendix A.

## Policy Implications

Equalities & Community Cohesiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic / Financial implications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights Act	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organisational Consequences	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### Background Papers

'All Together Better' - East Sussex Local Area Agreement - 24 March 2006

(Available at East Sussex Strategic Partnership website: [www.essp.org.uk/LAA.htm](http://www.essp.org.uk/LAA.htm))

<b>Report to:</b>	Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership
<b>Date:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2007
<b>Report from:</b>	LSP Co-ordinator and Neighbourhood Renewal and Partnership Manager, Hastings Borough Council
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>QUARTER 2 AND 3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING, LOCAL AGREEMENT OUTCOME 23</b>
<b>Purpose of report:</b>	§ To ask LSP partners to review Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 progress in respect of Outcome 23 § To provide partners with information on Outcomes 1-22
<b>Recommendations:</b>	1. To note Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 performance in respect of the LAA 2. To note the achievements and performance against Outcome 23 and action being taken to address areas of concern.

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## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report includes information on the second and third quarter reporting of the Local Area Agreement. This information is in two parts. The first part covers outcome 23 and it is important to note that accountability for this part of the Agreement has been devolved to Hastings LSP by the East Sussex Strategic Partnership. The second part is the second and third quarter monitoring for Outcomes 1-22.

## 2.0 Performance Monitoring of Outcome 23

2.1 The statistical information is provided in Appendix A. Many of the indicators in Outcome 23 can only be monitored on an annual basis and the table indicates where annual data is expected for Quarter 4 reporting.

2.2 Using a traffic light assessment Q2 and Q3 ratings are shaded in the R/A/G column to differentiate them from Quarter 1 which were reported to the LSP at the November meeting. Of the 13 indicators reported in Q2 and/or Q3, 11 are green, 1 amber and 1 red.

2.3 Three out of four annual educational indicators have been monitored following the receipt and processing of neighbourhood data from East Sussex County Council. Key Stage 3 results at neighbourhood level will be provided for Quarter 4 monitoring. It

should be noted that whilst these are assessed as green on the basis of the calculations involved in measuring narrowing the gap, underlying the statistics is a more complex story. A brief outline is provided below at 3.3.

### 3.0 **Exception Monitoring Report on Underperforming Targets for Q2 and Q3**

#### 3.1 **Indicator 23.11.1 (Red) Reduce the overall recorded crime rate in Super Output Areas worse than the town average at a faster rate to narrow the gap.**

**Explanation:** The data shows an increase of 4.3% in the overall recorded crime rate for a neighbourhood in Hastings as against a target of a 5% reduction. It is based on Sussex Police data for the performance year ending March 2006 and is compared with the baseline figure from the performance year ending March 2005. Using this data enables us to look at narrowing the gap at neighbourhood level. The failure to meet the target reflects the upward trend of crime figures in Hastings since October 2005 that followed a long period of decrease. However we have been advised that the rolling year to the end of January 2007 shows a downward trend in crime figures overall for the town. We are currently investigating with Sussex Police the provision of rolling year data at neighbourhood level as an interim measure that may be available between the annual performance year updates.

**Solution:** LSP partners together with the Safer Hastings Partnership will continue to work to improve performance at town level. Area Management Boards will review the neighbourhood analysis through their exception monitoring process to develop improvement plans for particular neighbourhoods. The area Multi Agency Tasking Teams will use this analysis together with regular targeted analysis from the Crime And Disorder Data Information Exchange (CADDIE) analyst to inform their on-going work addressing hotspots and taking appropriate preventative action.

#### 3.2 **Indicator 23.9.1 (Amber) Increase breastfeeding at initiation at a faster rate in the 6 NRF priority wards than the County average.**

**Explanation:** The rate for the worst performing wards is running at 61.7% against an annual target of 70.3%. At this stage it seems unlikely that the target figure will be reached.

**Solution:** Ivan Rudd, Primary Care Trust, is looking at the impact of changes in maternity services and is reasonably confident that improvements can be made in the coming year.

#### 3.3 **Indicator 23.2.3 (Green) Narrow the gap in achievement for pupils aged 16 achieving 5 A\* to C GCSEs at grades A\* to C at a faster rate for those living in the worst performing SOAs**

**Explanation:** This target measures the performance of young people who live in Hastings regardless of where they go to school. It should be noted that the baseline year used in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for this indicator is 2004. This is because of problems validating the 2005 data that were not resolved before the sign off of the LAA.

For 5 A\*-C GCSEs (23.2.3) when 2005 is taken as the baseline, the results are as follows for young people living in Hastings:

	2004	2005	2006	Target 06/07	progress	
Hastings average	42.14%	43.89%	43.48%	43%	(0.93)%	GREEN
Worst neighbourhoods	28.05%	34.9%	32.28%		(7.5)%	RED

Since the decrease in achievement for the worst performing neighbourhoods exceeds the dip in performance for the Hastings average, the performance would be rated red. This confirms the impact of the downward trend of the GCSE results in Hastings schools in 2006 with an overall achievement level of 37.9%. It also highlights the fact that some high achieving young people from Hastings are travelling to schools outside the Borough. This is not a choice that young people living in the most deprived neighbourhoods will be afforded.

**Solution:** Philip Halstead, Excellence Cluster will be providing LSP partners with a more detailed analysis of this and other trends that the educational data reveals and outlining the partnership response.

#### 4.0 Outcomes 1-22 Exception Monitoring Report on Underperforming Targets for Q2 and Q3

- 4.1 Please see Appendix B for the covering report that was produced for the East Sussex Strategic Partnership for the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007 which looked at the performance of the LAA for quarters 2 and 3. For the full report please go to the ESSP website: <http://www.essp.org.uk/publications/LAA%20Performance%20Report%20-%20Yr1%20Q3%20pdf.pdf>

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## **East Sussex Local Area Agreement 2006-2009**

### **Performance Monitoring Report**

### **Year One (2006/2007) Quarter Three**

The East Sussex Local Area Agreement is a 3 year action plan for delivering the East Sussex Community Strategy. The Local Area Agreement is delivered and monitored by East Sussex Strategic Partnership, and has four main themes:

- Children and Young People
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economic Development and Enterprise, and
- Stronger and Safer Communities.

Performance against each indicator is classified using a “traffic light” system, which rates progress against the annual target (where there is one) or end of Local Area Agreement target (where no earlier target exists):

- Green (on course to meet the target)
- Amber (the target is not on track to be achieved - remedial action required)
- Red (the target will not be met)

This report falls into three main sections – a cover note; the main body presenting monitoring data and summary comments; and appendices providing more detail on targets rated Red (Appendix A), Amber (Appendix B) and Green (Appendix C).

This means that interested parties can gain a quick overview of performance, and refer to appendices should further explanation of performance be required.

## East Sussex Local Area Agreement Performance Monitoring Report Year One, Quarter 3

### 1. Overview

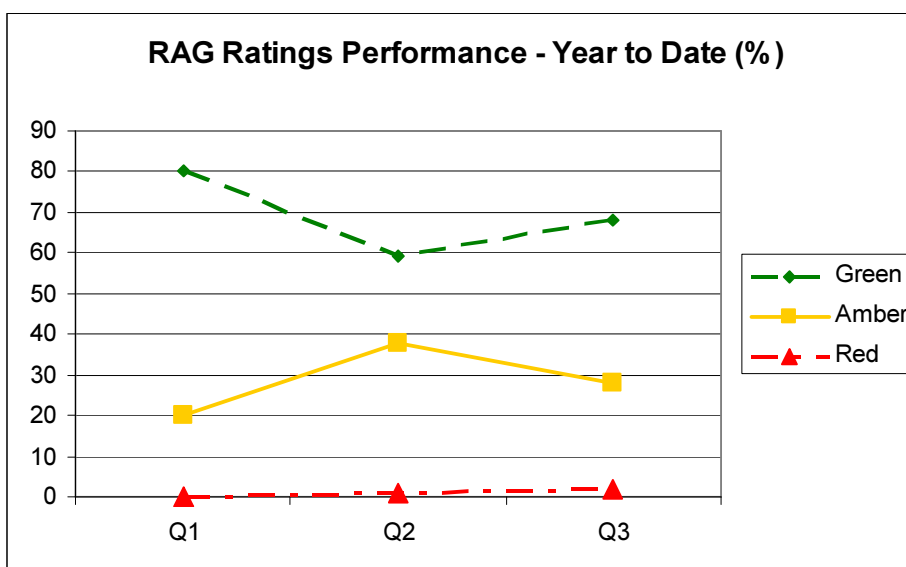
- a The attached report covers Quarter 3 Performance Monitoring of Outcomes 1-22 in the East Sussex Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- b Outcome 23 relates only to Hastings. Reporting to Government Office South East (GOSE) remains within the remit of Hastings Local Strategic Partnership and is reported separately to this report.
- c This report is an 'exception' report, as it is not being formally presented to GOSE. In practical terms this means that the report has minimal commentary for those indicators which are showing as Green. Instead, it is expected that the East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) Executive Board will concentrate their discussions on those indicators which are showing, at this stage, as Red, Amber or where exceptionally good performance has been identified. Details of Red, Amber and exceptional Greens can be found in Appendices A, B and C respectively.

### 2. Summary of performance

- a Quarter 3 covers the months of October, November and December 2006. Performance against each indicator has been classified using a "traffic light" system.

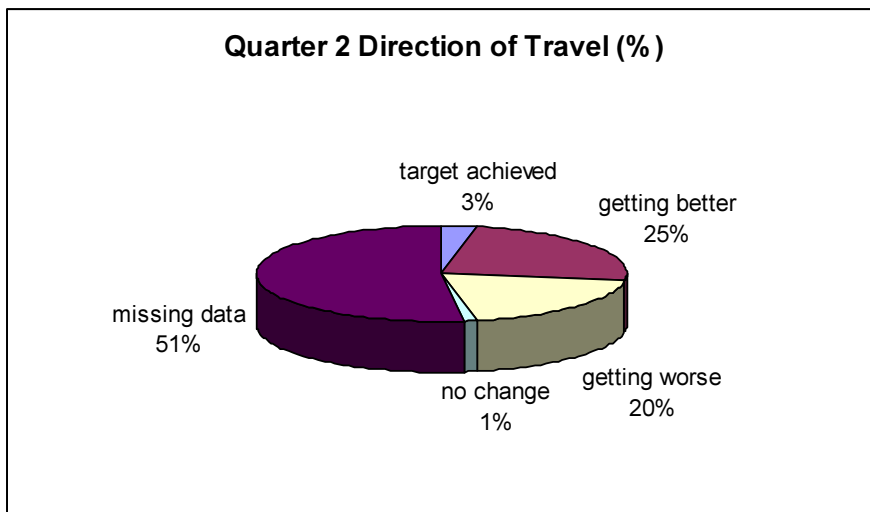
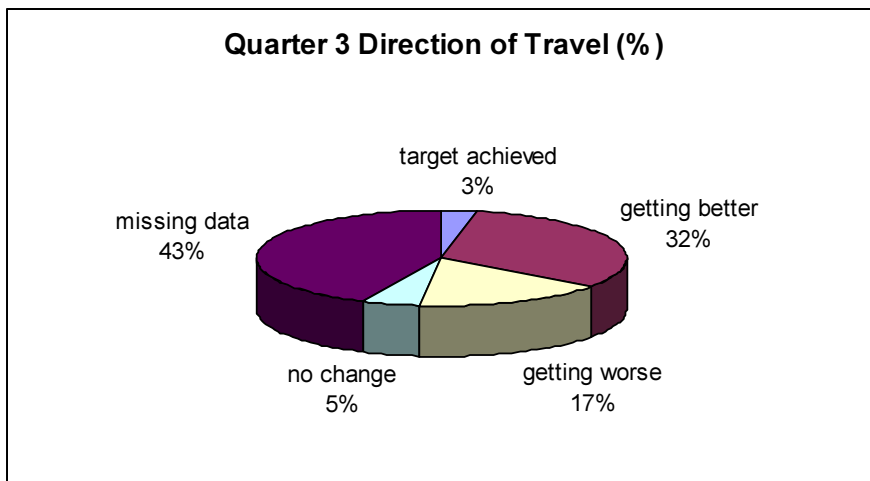
Overall rating <sup>1</sup>	Q1	Q2	Q3
Green (on course to meet the target)	80% (88)	59% (65.2)	68% (74.8)
Amber (the target is not on track)	20% (22)	38% (41.8)	28% (31.2)
Red (the target will not be met)	0	1% (1)	2% (2)
Cannot be rated	0	2% (2)	2% (2)

- b As shown in the graph below, overall performance has improved from Quarter 2 with an increase in Green and a reduction in Amber ratings. However there has been a slight increase in Red ratings this quarter.



<sup>1</sup> Ratings are measured against the total number of indicators (110).

- c Overall, reward target performance is good with 78% (14) of the 18 sub-indicators rated green, 17% (3) rated amber, and 5% (1) being part green and part amber.
- d Overall direction of travel has also improved with more indicators (32%) getting better, fewer indicators getting worse (17%), and less missing data than at Quarter 2.



- e Direction of travel on amber targets remains static from Quarter 2 with 25% heading in the right direction (i.e. getting better) and 21% heading in the wrong direction (i.e. getting worse).
- f Despite more data being available in Quarter 3 than Quarter 2, a key issue in accurately assessing performance and direction of travel is missing quarterly data - often due to data being collected annually e.g. annual surveys or academic year reporting cycles, rather than a lack of data per se.

**3. Performance monitoring arrangements**

- a Information on each indicator, including an action plan on how it will be delivered, is set out in the Project Initiation Documents (PIDs).
- b A review of LAA performance monitoring processes has been undertaken to help identify areas for improvement in advance of Year 2 monitoring.



East Sussex County Council has agreed to phase out the use of Performance Plus, the Council's performance management system, following a comprehensive review which highlighted that the system has a number of limitations which could not easily be overcome. It is therefore unlikely that East Sussex County Council will use Performance Plus to monitor progress of the LAA, as agreed in the LAA performance management arrangements (See Appendix E of the LAA, Governance of the LAA).

- c A user-friendly and cost-efficient alternative e.g. excel based system will be investigated with a view to providing the type of performance management information it was hoped Performance Plus would provide.

#### **4. Summary of Notable Achievements at Quarter 3 - 2006/07**

- a ESSP Executive Board will wish to note some examples of the important development work which was undertaken in this quarter:
  - Incidents of violent crime during weekend/evening periods across the county show a 21.6% reduction compared to the same period last year. East Sussex Division of the Sussex Police continues to report strong performance in this area across all five Districts.
  - Cross authority work to develop an East Sussex Empty Homes Strategy has attracted interest from others and, subsequently, scope to develop a pan-Sussex (East & West) and Brighton & Hove Empty Property Strategy is to be considered by East Sussex Housing Officers Group in February 2007.
  - Sussex now has a greater number of Quality Local Councils than any other County area with 12.5 % of all local councils having achieved the status, a higher proportion than any other County in England.
  - The first 6 months performance of the East Sussex LAA has been rated Amber by GOSE. It should be noted that no LAA can receive a green rating on overall progress where there is a mandatory target (BCS Comparator Crime Target 17.0) showing as amber, however, the overall message is that we have made a positive start with good progress.
  - Following considerable investment by Block Heads (time and expertise) and negotiations with GOSE, the final annual refresh submission has now been sent to Communities and Local Government.
- b These examples demonstrate some of the work that is being undertaken but only represent a small proportion of the ongoing development of partnership working in connection with the LAA.