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Local Area Agreement

Performance information for the end of the first year of the LAA (April 2006 to April 2007) is now available. Key points to note are:

- Nine outcomes are on target (compared to eight in September 2006), 17 are borderline (compared to 16 in September 2006) and five are below target (compared to three in September 2006).
- It should be noted that whilst there are now five outcomes below target, instead of three at the half-year review, the additional two outcomes have been flagged as below target, not because of failing performance, but as a result of baselines and targets not being set within the planned timescales. The five targets are:
 - A2 (new outcome)
 - D1
 - E2
 - E6 (deleted in refresh)
 - F4 (new outcome)
- In September 2006, four targets were shown as no data, which has been corrected for the end of year position. Where an outcome does not begin until Year 2, these are recorded as no status, of which there are 4.
- Of the 9 outcomes that are on target, 5 are reward element outcomes. Of the 5 outcomes that are below target, 2 are reward element outcomes (D1 and E2).



Full performance data is available [here](#) or [click here](#) to visit the Worcestershire Partnership's LAA webpage for more information

Decisions

Management Group –23 May 2007

- Heard a presentation from the Worcestershire Partnership Environment Group (WPEG). The group are seeking a high profile chair and champion for their Climate Change work and are planning a Climate Change conference. Management Group endorsed WPEG's efforts to ensure that sustainability and environmental goals are incorporated in all areas of the partnership's work.
- Heard that the current LAA performance position is better than at the six-month point, and that the increase in the number of outcomes below target is the result of Home Office changes and the amendment of other outcomes.
- Noted the partnership's involvement in two projects as part of the LSP/LAA Capacity Building Programme. These involve the implementation of a new performance management framework for LAAs emerging from the Local Government White Paper; and a study into the way in which support is provided to all of Worcestershire's LSPs.
- Supported the ongoing local determination of LAAs and the recommendation to submit a self-assessment review of Worcestershire's LAA to Government Officer by mid-June.
- Were asked to comment on the Community Strategy questionnaire that will be sent to members of the Citizen's Panel.
- Heard about the partnership's involvement as a pilot authority in a programme to look at what leadership and delivery arrangements are needed by partner organisations to deliver excellent LAAs. The programme is being organised by the Leadership Centre for Local Government and carried out in the West Midlands.



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Other News

- ❖ Rob Sykes, Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council, has announced his retirement after 10 years in the job. Rob will remain in post until the end of the year or until his successor starts work. Rob is a member of the Management Group and Partnership Board.
- ❖ Professor Ted Cante, Associate Director of the I&DeA and an adviser to the Government's Community Cohesion Unit has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the Worcestershire Assembly. The Assembly takes place on 22 November at the Worcester Rugby Club.
- ❖ Peter Turvey has started work as the Worcestershire 2012 Olympics Coordinator. Peter works Mondays to Wednesdays and can be contacted on (01905) 728745 or 07795 332508.
- ❖ The Worcestershire Partnership is currently recruiting a Policy Officer to take on the coordination role for Block F (Stronger Communities) of the LAA and to lead on the review of the countywide Community Strategy. Interviews will take place on 5 June.

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