

**Report by the Community Wellbeing Manager**

**West Sussex Local Area Agreement**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report contains the information on priorities for inclusion by Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council in the second generation West Sussex Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- 1.2 Priorities were submitted to West Sussex County Council on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 following consultation and training with Members On January 14<sup>th</sup> as requested by Policy and Strategy Committee on December 4<sup>th</sup> 2007.

**2.0 Recommendations**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the submission (attached as Appendix 2);
- 2.2 Agree any pressing issues they feel should be part of the second generation LAA, that are not part of the list already submitted.

**3.0 Background**

- 3.1 At Policy and Strategy Committee in December 2007, a training session was requested by Members to learn more about the LAA, as an issue of emerging importance and of potential large resources for improving the Adur and Worthing areas.
- 3.2 Training took place as a joint event with Worthing Borough Council Members because both Councils now share joint corporate priorities.
- 3.3 The purpose of the training was to better inform Members about the LAA in order to make an informed submission of priorities to the second generation LAA which will be in place from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.
- 3.4 This training took place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and consisted of:
  - § a presentation of the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 as background to issues in the District and Borough
  - § the current LAA that we are in (2006-2009)
  - § how this is changing in the second generation LAA (2008-2011)

§ an exercise to pinpoint specific issues which Adur and Worthing Councils consider should be in the second generation LAA. From a list prepared by West Sussex based on research with Districts and partners, the exercise asked Members to consider which issues Adur and Worthing wanted to see definitely included. Joint corporate priorities were also mapped to see where there was overlap with LAA priorities.

3.5 Appendix 2 gives the outcome of the training. A 'List A' was prepared (in bold) which are the fundamental issues that Adur and Worthing Councils think should be included in the second generation LAA. The table also makes it clear where there are issues that meet joint corporate priorities, and these are also supported for inclusion.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

West Sussex LAA (full copy in Members room)

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## **Appendix**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

- 1.1 1,2,3,4,5 - Delivery of the LAA will enable our own objectives to be met in a more efficient, cost-effective way.

### **2.0 Specific Targets**

- 2.1 Addresses specific Outcomes and targets in the West Sussex LAA

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

- 3.1 The LAA is geared towards improving economic, social and environmental well-being. Improving quality of life for local residents now and in the future underpins the aims and objectives of the Adur Community Strategy.

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

- 4.1 Equality and community cohesion issues will be directly strengthened through the delivery of the LAA.

### **5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)**

- 5.1 The LAA directly supports and contributes to crime reduction and improvements to community safety.

### **6.0 Human Rights Issues**

- 6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 Adur District Council will draw down capital and revenue funding from West Sussex LAA annually in 06-08. This funding is ring-fenced for specific LAA Outcomes and interventions. ADC is the direct recipient of funding and also distributes funding to identified partners for interventions.

### **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The LAA is a mechanism which will aid Adur District Council in fulfilling its obligations under the Local Government Act 2000.

### **9.0 Consultations**

- 9.1 The LAA was produced by West Sussex County Council in consultation with other partners including Adur District Council. Action Plans for achieving individual Outcomes have been produced in consultation and collaboratively with relevant partners.

## **10.0 Risk assessment**

- 10.1 If Members do not engage with the interventions and work taking place, particularly in the priority wards, the impact of the interventions will be less for the community and the District Council might be viewed as not working in a joined-up manner. Members are able to support interventions through their work at community-level.
- 10.2 If Members do not advise the Community Planning Coordinator of projects in the priority wards which could be supported by funding from Outcome 22, the community may miss out on potential services.

## **11.0 Health & Safety Issues**

- 11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

## **12.0 Procurement Strategy**

- 12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

## **13.0 Partnership working**

- 13.1 The District Council is involved with extensive partnership work with public, private and voluntary sector organisations in the delivery of the Outcomes.

## Appendix 2

### Adur / Worthing LAA priorities list

## SECOND LAA FOR WEST SUSSEX 2008 POSSIBLE PRIORITIES ANALYSED AGAINST EXISTING LAA.

**Bold text = major priorities from Adur and Worthing ('List A')**

Existing LAA Outcomes	Possible High Priorities	ADC/WBC (joint Corporate Council Priorities)	ADC/WBC justification	NI
1: Children and young people enjoy & achieve the highest possible standards, enjoy their learning and develop a broad range of skills for their adult lives	Educational achievement	Seek to influence educational attainment levels and opportunities for training in the areas	Support both suggested high priorities. The first one because it matches our joint corporate priority. The second one because of community safety impacts	
	School absence			17
2: Children and young people achieve economic well being, are well prepared for work and aspire to achieve their potential in life	Achievement of level 2 at age 19		No direct matches, but could support NEET, NI17 (16-18 year olds) again link across to ASB.	17
	Take up of formal childcare by low-income working families			
	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)			
	Care leavers in suitable accommodation			
3: Increase employment opportunities for adults from a number of hard to reach client groups.	Increase employment opportunities for hard to reach groups	Help educate, support and empower people to improve their quality of life	Matches our corporate priorities in part. Of the 6 suggested NIs, there are no DC ones, with NI 173 being the most general	173
4: Improve workforce skills	Improve workforce skills - county wide focus on all those with low/no qualifications who are in work	Seek to influence educational attainment levels and opportunities for training in the areas	Similar to Outcome 3. None of the suggested NIs stand out.	
5: Build respect in communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime	Perceptions of anti social behaviour	Work in partnership to reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	Important one for us. Support perception of ASB – NI17.	17
	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter detritus and fly posting)	Improve appearance and cleanliness of the area	Improved street scene NI195 & 196	195 196
		Promote investment in the street scene		

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6: Reduce crime and the harm caused by illegal drugs	Serious violent crime rate	Work in partnership to reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	Low levels of serious crime, but second WCSS high priority	
	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders		Reoffending rate is important.	30
7: Tackle domestic violence and reduce the harm it causes	Repeat incidents of domestic violence		Domestic violence, not a corporate priority, but success story of LAA1 & Worthing project based at WASH.	32
8: Children and young people stay safe - being protected from harm and growing up able to look after themselves	Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time		No matches with our corporate priorities.	
	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement			
	Children who have experienced bullying			
9: Reduce accidental death and serious injury	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents		No matches with our corporate priorities.	
10: Children and young people make a positive contribution, participate constructively in their community and being valued for their contribution	Rate of permanent exclusions from school		No matches with Council corporate priorities, but support for both LSPs. NI 110 links to ASB & our leisure provision.	
	Young people's participation in positive activities			110
	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders			
11: Promote health, prevent disease and create environments conducive to health	Tobacco control		Partial match. None of the suggested NIs measure overall health – we could support inclusion of one or more from Nis 119, 120 & 137	One or more of 119, 120, 137
	Alcohol & substance misuse			
	Reducing obesity			
	Sexual health			
	Mental health and wellbeing	Encourage a healthy lifestyle		
12: Increase people's control, choice and independence in the provision of care and support services	Reduce premature mortality		No matches with Council corporate priorities but some support for LSPs. Fuel poverty (NI 187) could be pushed from here, also links to Outcomes 17 & 22.	187
	Improve quality of life, independence and choice			
	Reduce emergency bed days			
	Self directed support			
13: Children and young people be healthy - enjoying good physical and emotional health and choosing to live a healthy lifestyle	Effectiveness of child & adolescent mental health (CAMHS)		No matches with Council corporate priorities but some support for LSPs. Could link childhood obesity (Nis 55,56) also links to Outcome 11.	55 56
	Under 18 conception rate			
	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6			
	Children & young people's participation			

	in high-quality PE & sport			
	Services for disabled children			
<b>Existing LAA Outcomes</b>	<b>Possible High Priorities</b>	<b>ADC/WBC (joint Corporate Council Priorities)</b>	<b>ADC/WBC justification</b>	<b>NI</b>
14: Carers are better supported and enjoy a better quality of life	See 12: Improve quality of life, independence and choice		No matches with our corporate priorities.	
<b>15: Encourage entrepreneurship and increase business start-ups, including social enterprises</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship - to address low levels of enterprise, raise number of new starts, and increase % with longer survival rates</b>	<b>Maximise inward investment to create business and job opportunities</b>	<b>Matches one of our corporate priorities. Support proposed WSCC high priority.</b>	
<b>16: Retain businesses and enable them to grow</b>	<b>Labour market – to raise activity rates, employment rates particularly in those areas of the county where they are lower than the county average</b>		<b>Matches one of our corporate priorities. Support high priority relating to labour market.</b>	NI 166
	<b>Productivity - SEEDA target – increase GVA per head by 3% a year in all districts)</b>			
	<b>Local Produce</b>			
<b>17: A better quality natural and historic environment for all Managing waste</b>	<b>Adapting to climate change</b>		<b>Matches our corporate priorities. Strongest support for high priority about managing waste, and Nis 192, 193. Also include reference to fuel poverty (NI 187)</b>	187
	<b>Mitigating against climate change</b>			
	<b>Managing waste</b>	<b>Improve refuse and recycling service provision</b>		192 193
		<b>Enhance and protect the environment</b>		
18: Reduce congestion on West Sussex roads, improve access to services, and develop more sustainable transport solutions	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling		Outcome links with our corporate priorities, but two high priorities do not relate to issues like EWR/A27.	
	Children travelling to school – mode of transport usually used			
		Seek to influence sustainable transport and infrastructure		
<b>19: Increase the availability of suitable housing for those unable to compete in the market</b>	<b>Land availability and cost</b>	<b>Seek to identify sites and opportunities to increase housing provision of different types to meet the needs of our community</b>	<b>Matches our corporate priorities. Support priority relating to overall housing supply, but push for inclusion of affordable housing targets (NI 155) in deprived areas, not just rural ones. Support high priority in relation to supporting vulnerable adults.</b>	
	<b>Sustainable rural affordable housing</b>			155
	<b>Supporting vulnerable adults</b>			

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20: Better opportunities for sports and cultural activities for all sections of the community	Adult Participation in Sport	Develop a co-ordinated approach to delivering sports, leisure, recreational and cultural activities	Matches our corporate priorities. Support but add NI 57 to NI 8.	57 8
<b>21: Cohesive and capable communities – empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of local services.</b>	<b>Social cohesion</b>	<b>Consult with and listen to our community</b>  Regenerate neighbourhoods, town centres and business areas  Help educate, support and empower people to improve their quality of life	Matches with our corporate priorities. Support.	
	Developing a sense of place			
	Supporting third sector capacity	Work with communities, the voluntary sector and others to deliver general wellbeing		
		Create opportunities for people to participate in the Council's decision making process		
<b>22: Improve the quality of life in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods</b>	Reduce variations in health and life expectancy and improve health and quality life of people and places in most need: - Improve health in LNIAs - Improve health in vulnerable groups *	Target inequalities  Help educate, support and empower people to improve their quality of life  Work with communities, the voluntary sector and others to deliver general wellbeing	Matches our corporate priorities. Push for inclusion of Nis 119 and 137 as well as 120 in respect of first high priority (health & life expectancy). Personal debt highlighted as issue by Adur LSP – we need to identify a potential new measure for financial inclusion.	119 137 120
	Financial inclusion			