

CHESHIRE LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENTS - UPDATE

1 This paper updates the Cheshire Partnership on the progress of the current Local Public Service Agreement and development of the second generation Agreement which is due to commence in April 2005.

2 The first generation LPSA finishes at the end of this month and is continuing to do well. The projected reward grant partners will receive is £10 million. However this projection needs to be treated with caution. For a number of targets it is a fine line between the achievement of the 60% trigger point for reward grant and a nil reward grant position. Of the 13 targets, twelve are delivering improved performance over what otherwise would have been expected. Details of the targets are listed in Appendix 1.

3 As reported previously, the Cheshire Partnership Extended Strategy and Monitoring Group have undertaken the development of the second generation LPSA under the theme of “helping vulnerable people in the community through: improved life opportunities, safe and healthy communities and sustainable communities”.

4 The second generation LPSA process is well underway and it has seen robust and productive partnership working. The process of negotiation with the ODPM is ongoing with the completion date for negotiations currently set at the 22 March with an official signing ceremony sometime in May/June. There is still a significant shortfall between the pump priming funding awarded by Government and the costs that will be incurred. The Cheshire Partnership Extended Strategy and Monitoring Group meet on 15 March to make a final decision on targets to be included. Details of the current targets being negotiated are listed in Appendix 2.

APPENDIX 1

LPSA 1 POSITON STATEMENT – JANUARY 2005

Target	Traffic Light
1 – Increase the percentage of 14 year olds at or above the standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for their age.	Red
2 – Early identification of pre-school children with SEN	Amber
3 – Improvement in attendance in a target group of primary schools.	Green
4 – Increase the take up of direct payments by adults, older people, disabled children and their carers.	Green
5 – Welfare benefits take up campaign, including in-work benefits for those of working age	Sub Measure 1 Red
	Sub Measure 2 Green
6 – Increase social cohesion and strengthen social capital in rural communities	Sub Measure 1 Green
	Sub Measures 2 and 3 Amber
7 – Waste minimisation – reducing the growth of household waste	Sub Measure 1 Green
	Sub Measure 2 Green
8 – Halt deterioration in the condition of local roads	Green
9– Reduce rate of re-offending of young offenders	Sub Measure 1 Amber
	Sub Measure 2 Green
	Sub Measure 3 Green
10 – Older people helped to live as independently as possible	Sub Measure 1 Red
	Sub Measure 2 Amber
	Sub Measure 3 Green
	Sub Measure 4 Red
11- Reduce numbers killed and seriously injured in road accidents in Cheshire	Green
12- Maximise the contribution adoption can make to providing permanent families for children in care	Amber
13 – Improved cost effectiveness	Green