

## **LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA)**

1 This paper summarises progress in the delivery of the first generation Local Public Service Agreement (PSA) and preparation and negotiation of a second generation Agreement. The paper builds on information previously reported to the Cheshire Partnership.

### **First Generation LPSA (April 2002-March 2005)**

2 The first generation LPSA continues to do well. Nine of the thirteen targets have had their outturn figures confirmed with the remainder due over the coming months. Of the thirteen targets, twelve are delivering improved performance over what otherwise would have been expected. The exception concerns the target to increase the percentage of fourteen year olds at or above the standard of literacy, science and ICT for their age. This was known early in the life of the LPSA and the difficulties experienced in Cheshire mirror the national picture on educational attainment PSA stretch targets – very few are expected to meet the targets. Appendix 1 sets out a summary for the first generation LPSA.

### **Second Generation LPSA (Summer 2005- March 2008)**

3 Development of the second generation LPSA has been undertaken by the Cheshire Partnership Extended Strategy and Monitoring Group which comprises representatives from Police, Fire, Health and the County Council as well as the District Councils and district LSPs. Twelve targets were identified for negotiation with government departments under the overarching theme of helping vulnerable people through; improved life opportunities, safe and healthy communities, sustainable communities. The twelve outcomes cover areas of common interest identified from a mapping exercise across the Cheshire Community Strategy and six district Community Plans.

4 At the time of writing this paper (10<sup>th</sup> June), six targets have been agreed by government departments, with a further three making steady progress with expectancy that these will be agreed in the coming weeks. Recent discussions with ODPM, Home Office and Cheshire Police have agreed an action plan to move forward the youth nuisance and fear of crime targets with the aim to complete negotiations this month. Unfortunately the waste recycling target has had to be deleted from the LPSA - the issue being value for money on a narrow target. A position statement of the current progress of the negotiations with government departments is attached to this paper as Appendix 2.

5 Arrangements for the official signing of the Agreement have yet to be confirmed but an option being investigated is link this to the annual LGA conference at Harrogate on 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July to bring together a senior Government Minister and many of the Cheshire partners in one venue. The Chair of the Cheshire Partnership will be a key signatory to the Agreement.

## LPSA1 – EXPECTED OUTTURN

Target	Actual or Expected Outturn
1 – Increase the percentage of 14 year olds at or above the standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for their age.	Failed to deliver stretch target
2 – Early identification of pre-school children with SEN (outturn to be confirmed in July)	Projected to achieve 60% of stretch target
3 – Improvement in attendance in a target group of primary schools. (outturn to be confirmed in September)	Projected to achieve 100% stretch target
4 – Increase the take up of direct payments by adults, older people, disabled children and their carers.	Achieved full stretch target.
5 – Welfare benefits take up campaign, including in-work benefits for those of working age	Achieved in full one sub target but failed on second target.
6 – Increase social cohesion and strengthen social capital in rural communities (Sub measures 2 and 3 outturn to be confirmed in July)	Achieved full stretch of Parish Plans but uncertain of survey outcomes regarding remaining measures
7 – Waste minimisation – reducing the growth of household waste	Achieved full stretch target.
8 – Halt deterioration in the condition of local roads	Achieved full stretch target.
9– Reduce rate of re-offending of young offenders	Achieved full stretch target.
10 – Older people helped to live as independently as possible	Partial achievement of stretch target.
11- Reduce numbers killed and seriously injured in road accidents in Cheshire	Achieved full stretch target
12- Maximise the contribution adoption can make to providing permanent families for children in care	Partial achievement of stretch target
13 – Improved cost effectiveness (outturn to be confirmed in August)	Projected to achieve 100% stretch target