

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet  
Sefton Borough Partnership Executive

**DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
22nd March 2010

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Refreshed Local Area Agreement 2008 -2011

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

**REPORT OF:** Samantha Tunney, Assistant Chief Executive Ext: 2174 / 4039

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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To seek Cabinet approval on Sefton's refreshed Local Area Agreement 2008-2011.

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

There is a requirement to ensure that Cabinet, agree the priorities and targets contained within the refreshed Local Area Agreement for submission to Government Office North West.

**RECOMMENDATION (S):**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i). Approve the refreshed targets for new Local Area Agreement 2008-2011
- (ii). Notes that targets NI 116, NI 153, NI 154 and NI 171 relating to the economic downturn have been renegotiated and agreed with GONW.

**KEY DECISION:** No

**FORWARD PLAN:** No

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following expiry of the call in of the minutes of this meeting.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

There are no alternative options as the Local Authority with its partners has a statutory duty to prepare the Local Area Agreement 2008-2011.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** The Local Area Agreement is a key-planning document to which the Council and relevant stakeholders must have regard.

**Financial:** There are no direct financial implications contained in the report, since the resources required for the achievement of all LAA targets are contained in the respective Portfolio budgets already approved by the Council.

	<b>2009 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** No

**Risk Assessment:** The risks of non-achievement of LAA targets will be addressed through the Sefton Borough Partnership performance management framework.

**Asset Management:** No

**CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS**

Consultation and engagement was undertaken with officers, members and other external partners.

**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability	√		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People	√		

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

Sefton's LAA 2007-2010  
LAA Annual Review 2009/10 – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
LAA Reward Guidance – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

## **1 BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 As Cabinet is aware, as part of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, the Council and the Sefton Borough Partnership have a statutory duty to prepare a Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- 1.2 Over the last few months, discussions in relation to the refresh of the Local Area Agreement have taken place. The refreshed LAA presents an opportunity to understand the challenges of the borough and those links between issues in the thematic areas, which will help improve the quality of life for the people of Sefton.

## **2 PROGRESS TO DATE:**

2.1 Following negotiations between officers, members of the partnership and our Government Office counterparts the negotiations around the refresh of Sefton's LAA 2008-11 have now concluded.

2.2 The document at Annex 1 highlights:

- Priority
- National Indicator Reference
- Baseline
- LAA Improvement target for 2008-2011
- Lead Partner

2.3 Cabinet should be aware that there has been a minor amendment to the following indicator based upon updated performance information:

- NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate

The following indicators due to the Economic downturn have been renegotiated following review and refresh as part of our agreement with Government Office North West:

- NI 116 Proportion of Children in Poverty
- NI 153 Working Age People claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods
- NI 154 Net Additional Homes
- NI 171 New Business Registration rate

## **3 NEXT STEPS:**

3.2 Cabinet should note that the refreshed LAA is entering the final year of delivery from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

3.3 Performance Reward Grant (PRG) will be available for the LAA 2008-11. Sefton has received confirmation that the Performance Reward Grant attributable to the achievement of all these targets is £1,954,636.47p dependent upon our success.

3.4 Cabinet should be aware that the stretch targets agreed in the old LAA 2007-10 continue until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 when a separate Performance Reward Grant will be paid dependent upon our level of success.

#### **4 RECOMMENDATION (S):**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i). Approve the targets for refreshed Local Area Agreement 2008-2011
- (ii). Notes that targets NI 116, NI 153, NI 154 and NI 171 relating to the economic downturn have been renegotiated and agreed with GONW.