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- Graeme Betts Adult Health & Community Services

District Councils

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Health Authority

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Police

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Other Bodies/Individuals

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**FINAL DECISION**

**Yes**

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:**

Details to be specified

Further consideration by the Cabinet

To Council

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To Cabinet

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To an O & S Committee

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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**The Cabinet – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

**Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Performance and  
Development**

**Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA
2. That Cabinet endorses the Draft LAA as submitted to Government Office on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This Report summarises key developments since the last report to Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and submits, for endorsement, the Draft LAA that was submitted to Government Office on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**2. Draft LAA and Key Developments**

- 2.1 Since 7<sup>th</sup> September, the key task has been the production of a Draft LAA and submission in accordance with Government Office guidelines.
- 2.2 The Draft that was submitted to Cabinet on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2006 was considered by the LAA Servicing and Steering Groups on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006. As a result amendments were made to the document and wider consultation took place after 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006. The document was formally considered by the Partnership Summit on 26<sup>th</sup> September and finally approved by the LAA Steering Group on 28<sup>th</sup> September before submission to the Government Office the following day.
- 2.3 Due to the slight incongruence between Cabinet reporting deadlines and the development of the LAA, it will be necessary to forward the Draft LAA in due course and update verbally on developments.

2.4 In addition to work on developing outcomes, indicators baselines and targets separate workstreams are also in existence for developing the processes that will underpin the delivery of the local area agreement. A Task and Finish Group has been set up to look at Governance arrangements and the first meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the second meeting took place on 10<sup>th</sup> October . Significant progress has also been achieved in progressing issues relating to performance management and the resources that will be required to deliver the agreement.

### 3. Future Developments

3.1 The timetable below demonstrates the work that remains to ensure that an LAA is in place for Warwickshire from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

Date	Event / Action	Matters to be addressed
End August 2006	Produce draft LAA	To be agreed by Servicing Group and Theme Groups  To be distributed to Steering Group prior to its third meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Meetings of the LAA Servicing and Steering Groups	Agree draft LAA document and consultation arrangements  Agree timetable and meeting arrangements September 2006 to March 2007
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Second Partnership Summit	Discuss and consult on draft LAA and amend as necessary
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2006	Submit draft LAA to GO-WM	GO-WM assess draft LAA and liaise with central government departments and the County Council
October 2006 – February 2007	Develop final LAA	Final agreement to be complete by 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2007 and submitted to GO-WM
October 2006- January 2007	Public Consultation via BMG and the Citizens Panel	To ensure 'resonance' between draft LAA Outcomes and the Citizens of the county
February – March 2007	Further discussions with GO-WM, between all partners and stakeholders and with central government departments	Further discussions to lead to agreement and the signing of the Agreement in late March 2007

3.2 The engagement of members at County and Borough/District level is a crucial component of the development and implementation of a Local Area Agreement. In recognition of this importance a table is attached outlining the engagement of County members during the developmental phase.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 As iterated in the introduction, the key focus for September has been the production and submission of a Draft LAA that is agreed by all partners in Warwickshire.
- 4.2 To achieve this task key governance groups within the LAA structure have been consulted and a second partnership summit was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 to ensure that submission took place in accordance with GOWM deadlines.
- 4.3 Further work remains to be done in defining and redefining the Local Area Agreement to ensure that it addresses the needs of the County and focuses on those areas that would benefit from partnership working. Processes underpinning the agreement are also examined and it is envisaged that further update reports will be brought to the Cabinet to ensure that a Local Area Agreement becomes operational from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

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Appendix One

Warwickshire LAA – Four Key Steps for the LAA & WCC Member Engagement  
July 2006 – March 2007

Step No	LAA Milestone	Date	WCC Member Engagement	Date	Deadline for Papers	Comments/ Further information
1	Work To lead to the production of First Draft LAA  NB1 LAA Steering Group to meet on 8 9 06 28 9 06  NB2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Partnership Summit 26 9 06	Required by GO-WM by 30 9 06	Full Council	18 7 06	N/A	General Presentation
			Leaders Liaison Group	27 7 06	20/7/06	Approval of the member engagement arrangements for the LAA
			Cabinet	7 9 06	10 08 06	To note /comment on Preliminary First Draft LAA
			O & S Coordinating Group	21 9 06	14 08 06	To consider O & S role in development & scrutiny of the LAA
			Leaders Liaison Group	21 9 06	14 9 06	To share first draft LAA
			All Area Committees	By 21 9 06	23 08 06	To gain area by area feedback on Preliminary Draft LAA
			Cabinet	13 10 06	14 09 06	To endorse 1 <sup>st</sup> draft LAA on behalf of the Council

Step No	LAA Milestone	Date	WCC Member Engagement	Date	Deadline for Papers	Comments/ Further information
2	Production of Final Draft LAA  NB1 LAA Steering Group Meetings fixed for  2 11 06  21 12 06  and further dates to agreed in early 2007.	Required by GO-WM by 10 2 07	Cabinet  All Area Committees  Cabinet	11 01 07  By 31 1 07  1 02 07	14 12 06  27 12 06  4 01 07	To consider latest available revised draft of the LAA plus verbal update  Ditto  To receive and comment on Final Draft LAA on behalf of the Council
3	Production of Final LAA	By end March 2007	Cabinet	8 03 07	8 02 07	To report on outcome of final negotiations and recommend final LAA for endorsement by full Council
4	Final report on LAA Development	20 3 07	Full Council	20 3 07	20 02 07	To receive and endorse the final LAA on behalf of the Council