

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton & Bedworth Area
Committee
Date of Committee 20th September 2006
Report Title Development of the Warwickshire
Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Summary This Report summarises progress made to date in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA. Much work is currently in progress and it is anticipated that a verbal report will be made to the meeting and that the first draft LAA will be distributed to Committee members for comment on or about 8th September 2006.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? [please identify relevant plan/budget provision] No

Background papers Powerpoint Presentation to full Council on 18th July 2006

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Members Cllr Peter Fowler
Cllr Chris Saint
- Chief Executive Jim Graham, Chief Executive
- Legal Greta Needham

- Finance David Clarke and Chris Juckes
- Other Strategic Directors William Brown – Community Protection
Marion Davis – Children Young People & Families
John Deegan – Environment & Economy
Graeme Betts Adult Health & Community Services
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION **No**

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS: Details to be specified

- Further consideration by the Cabinet On 13th October 2006
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

**Nuneaton & Bedworth Area Committee – 20th September
2006**

Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement

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

Recommendations:

1. That Committee notes the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA
2. That Committee makes such comments as it considers appropriate in relation to The first draft LAA (to be distributed on or about 8th September 2006)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This Report gives an overview of the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement and aims to summarise the progress that has been made to date.
- 1.2 At the time of preparing this Report, a considerable amount of activity is taking place within the LAA Theme Groups, the purpose of which is to develop draft LAA Outcomes. This intensive development phase will continue until the end of August 2006.
- 1.3 Following the completion of the work of the Theme Groups by the end of August, we will prepare the first draft LAA during the first week of September. We will be in a position to give a verbal update to the Committee Meeting and should be able to distribute shortly in advance of the meeting that document for initial comment.

2. Recent Progress

- 2.1 Since mid July 2006 (when a formal Presentation was made to full Council regarding the development of the LAA) we have:

- a) Coordinated and supported the work of the six LAA Theme Groups namely the Groups in respect of:
- Children and Young People
 - Stronger Communities
 - Safer Communities
 - Healthier Communities and Older People
 - Economy and Enterprise
 - Environment and Sustainability

Excellent progress has been made within these Groups, involving the enthusiastic engagement of a wide range of stakeholders and partner agencies. Particular thanks should be expressed to the LAA Block Leaders for their enthusiastic commitment and the leadership that they have shown all of which augurs well for the future.

It should be noted that the Voluntary and Community sector is actively involved in all of the Theme Groups.

The first phase of the work of the Theme Groups will continue until the end of August, by which time they will have completed their initial task of identifying the draft LAA Outcomes for each of the six Themes of the LAA.

- b) Continued our initial work (through the Senior Officer / LAA Servicing Group) in relation to funding issues. This has involved a detailed exercise through which partner agencies have been asked to identify funding streams that they receive which are of relevance to the LAA. At the time of preparing this Report, we have been able to obtain most of the relevant information and are beginning to process this, with an emphasis on identifying the potential for the pooling and alignment of resources in support of the outcomes that will eventually appear in the LAA.
- c) Begun our work on the development of a Performance Management Framework for the LAA building on our existing processes and systems and, in particular the arrangements that have been established for LPSA2. We are particularly mindful of the need to ensure that these arrangements are:
- Mutually acceptable across our partnerships
 - Provide for partners holding each other to account
 - Accessible and appropriate to all partners
 - Proportionate to the range of activities included within the LAA
- d) Planned the Second Partnership Summit which will take place on 26th September 2006 when 150 or more individuals will come together with a view to considering and commenting on the first draft of the LAA

- e) Through the establishment of a Task and Finish Sub Group of the LAA Steering Group, begun to explore with our partners the range of governance options that could apply to the LAA and our partnerships generally from April 2007. The Task and Finish Group is committed to concluding its work by the end of December 2006.

- f) Agreed with the Leaders' Liaison Group, a programme that ensures the ongoing engagement of the Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committees, and the Area Committees in relation to the LAA, culminating with a report to full Council on 20th March 2007, when the final LAA will be submitted for endorsement on behalf of the County Council. This programme is attached as Appendix One to this Report.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Committee will note that there is, at the time of preparing this Report, a considerable amount of work in progress.

- 3.2 As stated in Paragraph One (above) a verbal report will be given to the meeting and, in addition, every effort will be made to distribute the first draft LAA to Committee members in advance of the meeting.

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 nd 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 st 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

