

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee
Date of Committee 23rd January 2007
Report Title Development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Summary This Report summarises recent progress made in relation to the development of the Warwickshire LAA following the submission of the 'near final' draft to Government Office West Midlands on 8th December 2006. The Report seeks to inform the Area Committee of the likely outcomes to be included within the final LAA and requests the views of the Area Committee on its priorities for delivery.

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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 LAA (near final draft) dated 8th December 2006 – a paper copy was sent to all elected members on 12th December 2006
 Powerpoint Presentation to elected members seminars / meetings on 18th July and 30th November 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 Jukes
- 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 Further drafts to be considered on 1st February 2007 and 8th March 2007
- To Council Final draft to be considered by the Council on 20th March 2007
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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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 near final draft LAA as submitted to Government Office West Midlands on 8th December 2006
- 3 That a further Report is brought to the Area Committee meeting on 8th May 2007 describing the progress made by the County Council and its partners in making arrangements for the local delivery of LAA outcomes

1 Introduction and Context

1.1 This Report gives an overview of the current position in relation to the development of the Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA) and aims to summarise the progress that has been made to date.

1.2 The development of the LAA was last considered by the Area Committees during the September meeting cycle. Subsequently, and in line with the timetable for the production of the LAA we have:

- Submitted a first draft of the LAA to GOWM on 29th September 2006
- Between October and November worked with Block Leaders and all key partners to refine and define the draft LAA
- Prepared the near final draft of the LAA for consideration by the LAA Servicing (Officer) Group and LAA Steering Group
- Held a Seminar for all County Councillors on 30th November 2006
- Ensured the adoption of the near final draft by the LAA Steering Group at its meeting held on 1st December 2006
- Submitted the near final draft to Government Office on 8th December 2006.
- Convened a further meeting of the LAA Steering Group (held on 21st December 2006) when the proposed governance arrangements for the LAA were broadly endorsed

- 1.3 The near final draft of the LAA has been enthusiastically received by both Government Office West Midlands and all key partners. Our progress since September has been described as ‘ excellent’ with every confidence being expressed about our capacity to complete and deliver the LAA within the timetable. A copy of the near final draft was distributed to all Councillors on 12th December 2006. Copies are available on request and may be viewed on the Committee Administration System/Warwickshire Web.
- 1.4 The timetable applying for the remaining period of the LAA development phase is:
- Conclude negotiations with Government Office West Midlands and central government departments by 29th January 2007
 - Consideration of final draft of the LAA by the County Council’s Cabinet on 8th February and 8th March 2007
 - Completion of the arrangements for delivery planning of the LAA by the end of February 2007
 - Endorsement of the LAA by full Council on 20th March 2007
 - Endorsement of the LAA by the governing bodies of all key partners by 31st March 2007
 - Implementation of the LAA delivery plans from 1st April 2007

2. Current priorities

- 2.1 We have prepared a further LAA Development Plan to take matters through to the end of March. This is attached as **Appendix 1** to this Report. - in essence this will be concerned with:
- Further work on resources - including the allocation of mainstream budgets as aligned funding
 - Financial Management Arrangements and taking forward Governance Arrangements
 - Negotiations and Discussions with GOWM and central government departments - i.e. further refining of the baselines, indicators, and targets
 - Delivery Planning - which must be completed by the end of February 2007 - especially local differentiation.
 - Interpreting current public consultation exercises and, where necessary, carrying out in a coordinated manner new surveys and questionnaires to establish baseline information
 - Endorsement of the LAA by all partners during February and March
- 2.2 One of the key issues for Area Committees will be to ensure that appropriate actions are taken by partner agencies in respect of LAA outcomes that will respond to priorities in the local area. At the time of preparing this report, delivery planning is yet to be completed

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Committee will note that much progress has been made in taking the LAA forward with the Council's partners and that the current focus for partnership activity is on delivery planning.
- 3.2 The views of the Committee on the near final draft of the LAA are sought and it is suggested that a further report is brought back to the May meeting of the Committee describing the arrangements made for the local delivery of LAA Outcomes.

David Carter
Strategic Director for Performance & Development
2nd January 2007

Key

Overall Timeline for task	Red
Key tasks	Light Blue
Sub Tasks	Orange