



meeting	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
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Report of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Refresh of Targets (Local Area Agreement)

Purpose of the report

1. To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to consider information on the Refresh of the Nottinghamshire Local Area Agreement (LAA).

Background

2. On 12 May 2008 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a report informing Members that the number of statutory indicators had been reduced, from approximately 1200 to 198. The new indicators, National Indicators (NIs), aim to strengthen the incentives for closer partnership working to deliver joined-up outcomes because they will apply (where relevant) to other local partners.
3. The Local Area Agreement was signed off in June 2008 by the Secretary of State. At the time of agreement, it consisted of 34 agreed targets from the national indicator set, three local targets and sixteen statutory education targets.
4. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received further details of these targets at the meetings on 16 June 2008 and 14 July 2008. At that time Members expressed concern that a number of indicators did not have clear targets and questioned how these would be delivered.

Issues

5. Detailed negotiations have taken place between GOEM and the Nottinghamshire Partnership to agree a refreshed LAA. In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, all named partners have given consent to the amendments through their own processes. The County Council's Cabinet endorsed the refresh on 4 March 2009.

6. As six definitions for the national indicator set were not in place at the time of sign off, those indicators were classed as 'place hold', which meant that baselines and targets would be set when the definitions had been agreed. This has taken place as part of the LAA refresh process.
7. In addition to this, baselines and targets for other indicators have been re-negotiated with the Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM). Reasons for this include recent data availability, new perception survey sources, definition changes and the economic downturn.
8. A copy of the LAA Refresh is attached as an appendix to the report. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive an analysis of the differences between the original LAA and the refreshed LAA.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
consider the information provided and identifies any further information required, including considering any issues arising for inclusion in a future work programme.

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Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Background Papers: LAA June 2008