

LANCASHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PARTNER DELIVERY AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

The Lancashire Partnership (“the Partnership”) brings together Lancashire County Council and partner organisations in the public, voluntary, community and private sectors which have an interest in improving the well-being and quality of life of local communities. The Partnership has developed and committed to the Lancashire Local Area Agreement (“LAA”) as a means of co-ordinating planning and delivery to address the key priorities for Lancashire’s diverse communities. The LAA sets a number of improvement targets for the period up to 31 March 2011 and which are subject to annual review by the Partnership and Government Office North West. It is acknowledged that all member organisations and groups in the Partnership are committed to and will use their best endeavours to achieve the objectives, outcomes and targets referred to in the LAA.

The purpose of the Partner Agreement is to identify, in accordance with Section 105 (3) and Section 106 (1) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Operational Guidance for the Development of the new LAA Framework, the targets which relate to the partner organisation. Specifically, *“there must be a clearly identified organisation or organisations responsible for working towards the delivery of each agreed target. In the case of more than one lead it must be clear what each organisation is responsible for working towards attaining. Each of these organisations will be under the statutory duty to have regard to any target it has signed up to.”* In ‘signing up to’ a target the organisation commits to clearly establish the links between the improvement targets and their business planning and performance management processes, proportionately reflect the targets within their resource allocation and make staff aware of the pertinent LAA priorities and where appropriate reflect these in senior staff performance management objectives.

GOVERNANCE OF THE LAA

It is understood that the Partnership will oversee the operation and administration of the LAA, the achievement of the outcomes and targets in the LAA and any other matters referred to it by the thematic partnerships or the County Council. The Lead Officer(s) nominated by us will attend review meetings or other meetings as identified by the Lancashire Partnership and be in position to report on the fulfilment of the contribution being made by the organisation.

It is agreed that the statutory and other constraints on the exchange of information will be fully respected including the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Human Rights Act 1998

We will try to resolve any disagreements amicably at working level. However, if this is not possible then we understand that we will be able to refer the matter upwards through the thematic partnership to the Lancashire Partnership as appropriate.

IDENTIFICATION OF IMPROVEMENT TARGETS

In line with the guidance and requirements in Developing the Local Area Agreement for 2008 to 2011, this organisation will contribute to the following improvement targets:

| | Target Description | Lead Officer in the organisation | Lead or Contributing Partner |
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| 1 | NI 1 - People from different backgrounds getting on well together | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 2 | NI 4 - % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 3 | NI 6 - Participation in regular volunteering | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 4 | NI 7 - Environment for a thriving third sector | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 5 | NI 110 - Young people's participation in positive activities | Chief Executive | Contributing No Lead Responsibilities |
| 6 | NI 156 - Number of households living in temporary accommodation (Local Indicator) | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts As Lead |
| 7 | Number of new awards of attendance allowance, disability allowance, pension credit, housing benefit, council tax benefit and carers allowance made to people aged over 65 as a result of help provided by County Council and District Councils (Local indicator/ LPSA2) | Chief Executive | Contributing No Lead Responsibilities |
| 8 | NI 153 - Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 9 | NI 155 - Number of affordable homes delivered (gross) | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts As Lead |
| 10 | NI 166 - Average earnings of employees in the area | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 11 | NI 171 - New business registration rate | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 12 | NI 152 - Working age people on out of work benefits (Local Indicator) | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 13 | (a) number of new businesses established, (b) above businesses sustained for a minimum of 12 months (Local indicator & LPSA2) | Chief Executive | Contributing No Lead Responsibilities |
| 14 | NI 186 - Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area | Chief Executive | Contributing No Lead Responsibilities |
| 15 | NI 188 - Adapting to climate change | Chief Executive | Contributing No Lead Responsibilities |

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| 16 | NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting) | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts As Lead |
| 17 | NI 192 - Household waste recycled and composted | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 18 | NI 197 - Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 19 | NI 187 - Tackling Fuel Poverty | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts Shared Lead |
| 20 | % of sites surveyed which are below grade B for litter and detritus (Local indicator & LPSA2 – links to NI 195 | Chief Executive | Contributing Districts As Lead |

NOTE

Lancaster City Council will work with its partners within the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership to support the achievement of all the objectives, outcomes and targets referred to in the LAA wherever practicable.

REVIEW OF THIS AGREEMENT

This Partner Agreement may be reviewed following any pertinent changes to policies, procedures and structures of the organisation and/or each annual review of the LAA.

SUCCESSORS

This Partner Agreement shall continue for the benefit of their respective successors and assigns.

THIS PARTNER AGREEMENT is made the 10 day of June 2008

By:- Mark Cullinan,
Chief Executive on behalf of
Lancaster City Council

Signature



Print Name:- Mark Cullinan

Title:- Chief Executive