



Swindon
Strategic
Partnership



First Six-Month Review of Swindon's Local Area Agreement

The purpose of the six-month review of Swindon's Local Area Agreement (LAA) is to report on progress against outcomes and indicators, and to measure spend against each of the four blocks.

The author of this report is the Swindon Strategic Partnership (SSP) as owners of the LAA.

This report will primarily be supplied to the Government Office of the South West (GOSW), but will be of interest to the Partnership Board, contributing partners of the LAA and elected members of the Borough Council's Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

The report will include details of:

- Performance against outcomes and indicators
- Development of performance management and delivery mechanisms
- Any action needed to address under-performance and a judgement on whether local partnerships are on track to deliver individual outcomes and targets.
- A Statement of grant use for the period with a clear explanation of the differences between profile and spend
- Continued strength of partnership working – demonstrating engagement of relevant partners, including the VCS, and the extent to which they are involved in service delivery.

1. Background:

Swindon's LAA was signed off in March 2006. It was developed by the Swindon Strategic Partnership and associated partnerships to define how public, private, community & voluntary service providers could work together more effectively to deliver local priorities and improve service delivery to the people of Swindon.

The development of the LAA has created greater partnership engagement and is seen as the main delivery mechanism for the Community Strategy. We will shortly be writing a new Sustainable Community Strategy that will have stronger links to the LAA as well as linking to the Council's 50 Promises and Corporate Plan.

In addition the LAA has encouraged an open and co-operative partnership with partners readily sharing best practice and an enthusiasm for innovation.

In July of this year the Swindon Forum conference was held with a central theme of the LAA. The cross-cutting themes of the LAA and the community strategy were discussed in plenary sessions involving around 120 people.

The SSP has undergone significant transformation and the LAA is evidence of a new and dynamic way of partnership working in Swindon that will yield significant benefit for the people of Swindon.

2. Overall Progress

AMBER – there are risks to delivery on some of the outcomes and targets set out in the LAA but there are plans and actions in place aimed at addressing these.

The agreement has been in existence for 6 months and many of the activities are at an early stage of development. However, the availability of the pump priming monies will ensure rapid development of the outcomes in the short-term and a much clearer picture of progress will be available for the next report. There are clear governance arrangements for the Partnership Board, SSP and management groups with defined accountabilities within each group.

The block groups review activity and work streams regularly and remedial action is taken as appropriate.

Due to the age of the agreement it is too early to identify the impact on the community through the LAA outcomes. Feedback and information gathered by the team indicates that our strategic partners in the not-for-profit, public sector and private business community support the LAA. There is a deliberate tactic of investing in long term gains which are sustainable and of benefit to the community rather than quick wins which may do no more than address an immediate short-term issue. Current activity is focussed on:

- Refresh the LAA document
- Developing new mandatory targets
- Re-focusing some of the indicators
- Developing baseline data previously unavailable
- Analysing and using the results of the super survey.

We now have a high-level strategic risk assessment in place for the LAA and are working with partners to ensure that risk assessments and risk registers are in place for all of the blocks.

3. Progress & Highlights:

An explanation of the progress of targets and indicators is attached in Section 7 of this report. The following table looks at the progress within the four blocks.

Economic Development & Enterprise	
Outcome Number & Definition	Progress
<p>Outcome 1:</p> <p>We will establish Swindon as the leading location in the UK for new, relocating and existing businesses and encourage growth and development of existing business.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start up companies – Local organisations (Business Link, University of Bath, the Council and Federation of Small Business) are organising a start up business competition that will run through enterprise week in November, which will include a Young enterprise business person component to it as well. 2. These Start Up Companies intend raising the profile of businesses already established in Swindon by competing in the ‘Best Business in the South West’ Finals in May 2007. 3. An inward investment campaign ‘Make the Connection’ will launch in September backed up by website www.maketheconnection.co.uk for investors. 4. English Heritage is relocating to Swindon. A website www.welcometoswindon.co.uk has been launched especially for them which answers all of their questions about relocating to Swindon. This website will also be used for other prospective companies considering a move to the town. 5. Economic Development vision and framework launched. This document proposes a smart approach to growth, which focuses on the latent potential of Swindon’s people through up-skilling; raising educational attainment; encouraging entrepreneurs; etc. The document is also available at the website www.maketheconnection.co.uk 6. Employment land study being commissioned. This will give a clear understanding of the quality, quantity and location of employment land needed over the next 10 years.
<p>Outcome 2:</p> <p>We will develop a local workforce with the right skills for the economy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A project Board has been set up to deliver the target. 2. The LSC receives returns from the Colleges and are waiting for the final returns from 05/06. 3. Funding has been successfully aligned for this outcome and a contact is being set up with a training provider to deliver the outcome.
<p>Outcome 3:</p> <p>We will be a pioneer in the use of digital technology ensuring that all people have access to the benefits of the internet and IT</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A survey by the research group Point Topic states 51% of households in Swindon now have broadband, the highest proportion in the country. Test site access to Wi-Fi has occurred in the first six months of LAA sign-off. Our partners in the Wroughton Science Museum are working with Swindon company Intel to trial Wi-Max Another IT company in Swindon called Wireless Edge have donated a wireless link to connect buildings within the Science Museum complex. Wireless Edge have been

	<p>running wireless internet across Swindon for a number of years, with plans to upgrade the town to Wi-max in the Autumn – this would make Swindon the first town in the UK to have this technology.</p>
<p>Outcome 4:</p> <p>We will increase the proportion of working age people who are economically active particularly in NRAs</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the process of establishing a Job Centre Plus Programme Centre Provision in the NRAs with activities such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping existing provision and providers • Engaging and consulting with key community providers and groups • Identifying and delivering appropriate training for staff and volunteers to support peers in job search • Plan and deliver recruitment fairs in NRAs 2. In Swindon our aim is to maintain economic activity levels at a minimum of 5% above the national average. The latest NOMIS survey for 2005 gives us a figure of 8.4%.
<p>Outcome 5:</p> <p>We will establish Swindon as a national destination for cultural events and ensure that more of those who work in Swindon also live, shop and socialise in the Borough</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wiltshire & Swindon Destination Management Partnership are organising activities which include production of brochures and marketing materials, a new website for www.visitswindon.co.uk and a new destination management system to increase bed bookings via Swindon Tourist Information Centre. 2. The LAA super survey results indicate that the satisfaction rating of shoppers in the town centre has increased from 42% to 60%. 3. The number of visitors to Swindon attractions between April-September 2006 was reported at 123,500. 4. The 'Destination Swindon Campaign' was launched to promote visits to Swindon.

Children and Young People

<p>Outcome 6:</p> <p>We will increase the number of young people aged 16-19 who are engaged in employment, education or training</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A review of the Children & Families Plus 16 team is being undertaken in partnership with Kent County Council to increase support to care leavers. 2. The NEET Strategy outlining the 5 key aims to reduce the number of young people not in education employment and training is currently being reviewed and updated. 3. Work to develop action plans for vulnerable groups is underway. 4. Additional NEET focused projects funded through ESF and Connexions are now in place and some additional pilot projects are being funded to the end of March 07. 5. Work is being carried out by Connexions and the LSC to develop provision planning based on the needs of the NEET group and potential NEETs. 6. An employer strategy is being developed to engage effectively with employers with the aim of increasing the employer involvement in the 14-19 Strategy and employment opportunities for 16-19 year olds. 7. The 14-19 Team is now in place with 2.8 staff working to implement the strategy and action plan, linking closely with Connexions and other key partners. 8. A feasibility study to develop the 14-19 curriculum model is underway and the partnership has submitted an Expression of Interest to be a pilot to deliver five Diploma lines from 2008.
<p>Outcome 7:</p> <p>We will increase the no. of children who enjoy and achieve stretching educational standards by offering additional help and support to parents and carers.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A*-C GCSE grades have improved in 2005/06 from a baseline of 49.8% in 2004/05. Data is currently not validated and will be published as soon as this has been released by DfES. A*-G GCSE grades have moved from 86% in 2004/05 to 88% for 2005/06. 2. Four children's centres are operating providing support, advice and child care for parents with children under 5. 3. Working group established to identify a small number of evidence based parenting programmes for Swindon to be used by children's centres and multi-agency teams. 4. Reduction in the number of smoking amongst pregnant women from 16% in 04/05 to 13.5% in 05/06.
<p>Outcome 8:</p> <p>We will increase the no. of children and young people who are safe from maltreatment, violence and abuse and improve health, education and stability of looked after children.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good progress has been made in progressing multi-agency working, leading to improved early identification and support for vulnerable children and young people. The common assessment pilot and allocation of lead professionals has been evaluated positively and the common assessment started to be fully implemented across Swindon in September 2006. 150 young people have had a lead professional since January 2005. 88% of parents have expressed satisfaction with the plan and the allocation of a lead professional. 2. Virtual teams are now in place in four geographical areas in Swindon. A project board has been established for co-locating staff in five multi-agency teams including one team for disabled children.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Improvements in the number of core assessments completed by Children and Families from 67.6% in 2004/05 to 78% in 2005/06 (target 75%) 4. Increase in the long-term stability of looked after children who have stayed in the same placement for more than 2 years from 51% in 2004/05 to 75% in 2005/06. (target 58%) 5. 100% of children on the Child Protection Register allocated to a qualified social worker. (on target)
<p>Outcome 9:</p> <p>We will increase the no. of young people who engage in law abiding and positive behaviour.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase in the number of looked after children participating in their review from 75% in 2004/05 to 84% in 2005/06. (Target 2009 90%) 2. Youth Forum has been in place since April 2006, young people now participate in the development of policies and strategies for children's services. Three young people participate in the Children & Young People's Partnership Board providing policy advice to the Council. 3. The Every Child Matters Task Group has established a sub-group that is progressing the development of a Core Offer under Youth Matters.
<p>Outcome 10:</p> <p>We will improve the health of young people in the Borough.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 90% of schools participating in new Healthy Schools status (73% of schools achieved previous standard). 2. Services for disabled children will be co-located at Saltway from Spring 2007, plans for this have been agreed with the Primary Care Trust. Plans for a further development of four geographical teams providing services for vulnerable children have also been agreed. This will include mainstreaming plans for Children's Fund services 3. Monthly meetings of SNAC (School Nutrition Action Committee) have: scoped a development plan; £5k has been invested into sustainable food supply research at Ridgeway Secondary School with a best practice guide being developed; 5 a day fruit and vegetables publicity pack entitled "Funky Five" has been sent to all KS2 pupils with guidance on health lunchbox

Safer & Stronger Communities

<p>Outcome 11:</p> <p>We will establish front line partnership teams to increase capacity of local communities so that people are empowered to participate in local decision making and are able to influence service delivery.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First public meeting as part of community engagement at neighbourhood level was held at Broad Green and priorities were identified. 2. Police team established.
<p>Outcome 12:</p> <p>We will overcome disadvantage and social exclusion in Swindon's NRAs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The family stability project has been initiated with a pilot during the holidays in August that involved 7 families and 21 children. Feedback from families in the pilot will inform the shape of the project. Funding opportunities are currently being sought. 2. Swindon Stronger Communities Forum has been established. 3. Recruitment has taken place on a joint post managed by SBC and Voluntary Action Swindon to build capacity in the voluntary and community sector.
<p>Outcome 13:</p> <p>We will reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of posts have been recruited to the Community Safety Partnership Team providing additional resources/support. These are: Joint Commissioning Manager, Adult Substance Misuse Manager, Data Analyst, Partnership Board Co-ordinator, Crime Reduction Officer and Domestic Violence Co-ordinator. 2. Alcohol Disorder Zones in place. These are areas where drinking outside is designated to a restricted area. 3. Priority and Prolific Offenders (PPO) referrals to Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) have now been made an automatic process. 4. The Borough council have joined forces with Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service to fit fire alarms, carry out electrical safety tests and ensure fire procedures are in place in buildings such as sheltered housing schemes.
<p>Outcome 14:</p> <p>We will make our public spaces cleaner, greener, safer and more accessible for local people and visitors to the Borough.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thirty-two Neighbourhood wardens deployed within Swindon to help maintain public areas in a safe, clean, green condition. 2. Junior Good Citizen, a multi agency event was held for Y12 pupils to develop good citizenship, 3. Eight Safe and Clean days organised which have resulted in the removal of significant quantities of litter, fly tipping, graffiti and abandoned vehicles. These have also resulted in the identification of a crack house, recovery of stolen property, giving of fire safety advice including installing smoke alarms and the identification of untaxed and uninsured vehicles. 4. Successful joint enforcement action to tackle roadside car sales.

Healthy Communities and Older People

<p>Outcome 15</p> <p>We will improve the overall health of local people particularly in relation to heart disease, cancer and STDs.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A project plan with priorities and an audit of sexual health, contraception and genito urinary services has been completed. The May 2006 audit from Health Protection Agency identifies 83% of patients were seen within 48 hours. This compares favourably against 41% in May 2005 and 54% in February 2006 2. Interpretation of survey on physical activity in Swindon is still to be concluded, with a Physical Activity Alliance visioning day scoped for end of September. Baseline statistics from Swindon LAA survey shows average take-up of sports activity within the borough, but this conflicts with a National Active People survey, which indicates Swindon is in the bottom 25% of local authorities in physical activity participation levels. 3. Reduce smoking prevalence in Swindon from 29 % down to 21% by 2009. Initial indication from super survey suggests a smoking prevalence of 19%, with a 34% prevalence in NRA. 4. Increase the number of Black & Minority Ethnic smokers who successfully quit at 4 weeks from an estimated 45 quitters to 117 over the 3-year period. Figures now available for the first quarter (April, May June) 2006/06, 8 quitters against a pro rata target of 6. The figures for quarter 2 (July Aug Sept) will be available at the beginning of December. We are actively targeting this audience by posters and leaflets available in other languages and also campaign activity e.g. Mela Festival 5. Increase the number of successful 4-week quitters in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas (NRAs) from 882 to 1017 in the 3-year period. The successful 4 week quitters for first quarter 2006/07 was 284 against a target of 280. At this stage we are unable to identify how many were from NRAs – this data will be available October/November. We are actively targeting this audience by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding awareness stands and running onsite groups with local employers e.g. Honda • Pharmacy activity focused in NRA e.g. Cavendish Square • Promoting smoke free agenda through the Children's Centres and ensuring trained advisors available at all centres
<p>Outcome 16:</p> <p>We will reduce health inequalities in the Borough.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Health Inequalities network met in the spring to scope strengthening community initiatives around Learning Academy, Health Ambassadors, and Supporting volunteering. There is a further meeting of the network planned for October 06 to move these actions forward.
<p>Outcome 17:</p> <p>We will increase Swindon's contribution to tackling climate change and fuel poverty.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A central heating programme is on going during 06/07 and a top-up loft insulation programme is currently on-site. 2. 36 schools have travel plans. Target is 84 schools. 3. First meeting of the Renewable Energy Task Force (multi-sector) held and Interim Report Framework drafted. They submitted a bid to the EU for funding to develop a Community Renewable Energy strategy for Swindon. This will cover the costs of some overseas

	<p>site visits and conferences and help with the cost of undertaking a carbon footprint of the Borough.</p> <p>4. Interim Framework submitted to Cabinet in October.</p>
<p>Outcome 18:</p> <p>We will increase the no. of people who are emotionally and mentally healthy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since April 2006 both CMHT's and the Primary Care Psychology Service have been recording the employment status of all people that are seen by the service. This is to establish a baseline of people with mental health problems and their work status. As we receive the full figures for a six-month period we will project this as full year figures for employment status of people with mental health problems. The aim is to improve each year on the number of people who are able to retain work (if employed) or find work (if unemployed and seeking work). 2. We now have the number of people in Swindon claiming Incapacity Benefit with a mental health problem direct from the local Benefit Agency. The plan is to reduce this number by 5% over the period of the LAA, accounting for the growth in the Swindon population 3. Qest as the main agency for support into paid work have provided some baseline figures for the number and names of agencies offering return to work placements. 4. Exercise on prescription is a regular feature of the Primary Care Psychology Teams portfolio of services for people with common mental health problems. For people with severe and enduring mental health problems there are a number of exercise programmes that are available through both AWP trust's physiotherapy team and MIND's activities programmes, working both individually and together. 5. Baseline now established with Great Western Hospital and will be used on an annual basis to measure the number of para-suicides in the NRAs. Linking the psychiatric liaison service into repeat attendees may be a way of preventing cyclic para-suicide attempts. Increasing access to Primary Care Psychology Services in NRAs should have impact of number of para-suicides. 6. This target is being led by Swindon Carer's Centre who have generic young carer's groups and services. Carer's of parents with mental health problems are a high percentage of the current group. Increasing carer's assessments should lead to further young carer's being identified and directed towards the young carer's support services in the Carer's Centre.
<p>Outcome 19:</p> <p>We will encourage older and disabled people and their carers to maintain their independence and have increased choices about the care and support they receive.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two additional Community Matrons have been appointed and are working up an evaluation plan to reduce emergency bed days 2. A business case on developing telehealth/telecare systems for people with long term conditions was presented to the PCT Board, with a project plan due to be adopted at the end of September 2006

4. Areas for continued development

Economic Development & Enterprise	
Outcome 1:	Swindon Chamber of Commerce went into administration in 2006. However, the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce will expand to cover Swindon in the interim. A new business organisation focussing on bigger employers is being developed.
Outcome 3:	Digital City Programme. First Bid submitted on time but was not successful. We aim to seek a partner to take this project on and move it forward.
Outcome 5:	There are plans to start a 'Destination Swindon' partnership that would just deal with the marketing and promotion within the Swindon area.
Children & Young People	
Outcome 8:	The percentage of half days missed by young people in secondary school increased from 7.3% in 2004/05 to 7.54% in 2005/06. Additional Education Welfare Officers have been recruited and local preventative groups have shown an increase in school attendance by children with an allocated lead professional.
Outcome 10:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of conceptions by young women under 18 increased from 48 per 1000 in 2003 to 56 per 1000 in 2004. Data for 2005 expected in February '07. Teenage pregnancy management action plan in place to monitor improvements in performance and quarterly review meetings with DfES have been set up. 2. Unable to appoint a School Food Manager, despite two advertisements. This has delayed the inspection of school kitchens, the monitoring of the nutritional quality of school meals, and the evaluation of setting up kitchens in schools without an existing facility. A partnership with Cirencester Agricultural College and Ashlyns Organics is still being scoped to provide training for school kitchen staff with a start date now scoped for school year 2007/08. 3. Working with new Swindon employer National Trust, to establish vegetable and fruit gardens in schools – with a target to schools in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas delayed until 2007
Safer & Stronger Communities	
Outcome 13:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Town Centre alcohol disorder zone and patrol strategy (including the use of fixed penalty notices & conditional cautions) has been in place since June 2006. Performance review, assessing the use made of the full range of measures and the impact they have had on levels of disorder over the summer, and the changes needing to be made to the patrol strategy, if any, to be completed by end of October 2006. Effectiveness of Night Bus in reducing disorder to be evaluated by end of March 2007. 2. Alcohol Strategy Working Group to be re-convened by 30/11/06 to review progress to date and agree next steps in light of the alcohol needs assessment. 3. Workshops delivered by 31 October to agree detailed action plans on BCS Comparator crimes. This is now possible following recruitment of key posts to Community Safety Partnership Team.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Detailed action plans now being established following recruitment of Domestic Violence Co-ordinator to tackle domestic violence and ensure a co-ordinated approach across agencies. 5. Comprehensive needs assessments being progressed to inform drug treatment plan and related services. 6. Discussions currently underway regarding LAA refresh requirements across the whole of the block.
Health Communities and Older People	
Outcome 15:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A survey to gather missing baseline data was received in August but not populated into the Healthy Block yet. There has been no progress on targeting fruit and vegetable boxes in neighbourhood renewal areas. 2. The Chlamydia Screening Co-ordinator job description is complete and the recruitment process in place. The screening of 100% of pregnant women for chlamydia is not seen as an effective use of time. This indicator is to be re-negotiated as party of annual refresh. 3. Setting an action plan on Blood Bourne Virus strategy was not completed in June 2006 as originally scoped, but should conclude by end of October 2006.
Outcome 18:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meetings have been made direct with the Job Centre Plus staff in Swindon and a number of service users with mental health problems have been identified who are seeking work. A number of these people do not appear to be receiving appropriate services to support them back into work through the Swindon Occupational Partnership (SOP) or statutory Mental Health Services. Discussions direct with Service users have shown a genuine 'gap in trust' in supporting people back into work. Many service users see this as a way of getting them off Incapacity Benefit and onto Job Seekers Allowance to save the Benefit Agency money. There will be an awareness day for the Mental Health service users showing them how they can work without losing benefits and how this can lead to moving from welfare to work, this is planned for October 2006. 2. Many of the primary care and secondary care mental health services are provided universally across Swindon and not targeted into NRAs. Data collected does not always identify if individuals are from NRAs. 3. Carers Assessment recording is a problem within the local mental health trust as carers assessments have not been part of the national mental health minimum data set, so this has traditionally not been data that was required to be recorded by Mental Health trusts. Mental Health Performance Group is aware of the problem and is insisting that this information is made available during the autumn of 2006 and then regularly recorded on a monthly basis to establish an accurate baseline of assessments to improve upon. 4. Qest as the main agency for support into paid work have provided some

	<p>baseline figures for the number and names of agencies offering return to work placements. The information does require some further analysis as it does not contain sufficient information about how successful or not contact with potential employers is.</p> <p>5. Paper in preparation for Swindon PCT to undertake Mindful Employer status which would give a commitment to the PCT as a major local employer to supporting both people with mental health problems into work in the NHS and to support employees who may develop mental health problems to retain work within the NHS.</p>
Outcome 19:	<p>The Primary Care Psychology Services is well supported and has been since its inception by the main GP surgeries in the NRAs. Their data on access to the services is broken down by GP practices not by home address or community area. Agreement will need to establish which GP practice numbers will be accepted as NR areas.</p>

5. Performance Management Framework

Progress against targets and indicators is captured using the Council's existing Performance Management System (Compass).

Outcomes

Blocks Outcomes Partners Home

LAA Outcomes

Indicators - Economic Development & Enterprise

- Outcome 01 - Leading Business Location
- Outcome 02 - Local Workforce
- Outcome 03 - Digital Technology
- Outcome 04 - Economically Active People
- Outcome 05 - Culture and Leisure

Indicators - Children & Young People

- Outcome 06 - Employment, Education & Training
- Outcome 07 - Educational Standards
- Outcome 08 - Looked After Children
- Outcome 09 - Positive Behaviour
- Outcome 10 - Health

Indicators - Safer & Stronger Communities

- Outcome 11 - Participation in Local Decision Making
- Outcome 12 - Neighbourhood Renewal Areas
- Outcome 13 - Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Outcome 14 - Public Spaces

Indicators - Healthy Communities & Older People

- Outcome 15 - Health of Local People
- Outcome 16 - Health Inequalities
- Outcome 17 - Climate Change
- Outcome 18 - Emotional and Mental Health
- Outcome 19 - Older and Disabled People

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The system view of the LAA is under development with our partners and the system will go live to the public via the LAA website at the end of October 2006.

Progress reports will be submitted bi-monthly to the Strategic Partnership, bi-monthly to Chairs of the LAA Blocks, and twice a year to the Partnership Board and Borough Council Scrutiny Committee. A full report will be submitted to the Swindon Strategic Partnership Conference each summer.

6. Funding

At the time of sign-off, 12 indicators within the LAA were awarded pump priming so that they could achieve stretching targets.

There were some problems with the initial allocation of pump priming from the Government and because of this delay there is little to report at this six-month review. Funding has not been pooled apart from some in the Safer & Stronger Communities Funds. However it is envisaged that by April 2007 all funding will be aligned.

7. Performance Information for the Swindon LAA

Performance Reward Grant Targets

We have 19 high level outcomes and 12 Performance Reward Grant Targets (PRG) contained in Swindon's Local Area Agreement.

The following pages outline the specific progress of the 12 Pump primed indicators, to view full progress of the whole LAA outcomes and indicators see the website:

www.swindonlaa.org.uk

Other Indicators:

It is too early to show movement and changes in data during the first six-months of the agreement. We intend to go live with our electronic system at the end of October and we will then have a 'snap-shot' of how things are going.

There are no great changes in data, although our partners are working very hard and have begun to tell the story of how things are going with milestones and comments.

PRG TARGETS UPDATE

Block Title	No:	Outcome Description	Progress to date
Economic Development & Enterprise	2	We will develop a local workforce with the right skills base for our economy	Funding is in place to deliver this target. Discussions are underway with New College and Swindon College to plan delivery
	4	We will increase the proportion of working age people who are economically active, particularly in the NRAs	<p>In the process of establishing a Job Centre Plus Programme Centre Provision in the NRAs with activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping existing provision and providers • Engaging and consulting with key community providers and groups • Identifying and delivering appropriate training for staff and volunteers to support peers in job search • Plan and deliver recruitment fairs in NRAs <p>In Swindon our aim is to maintain economic activity levels at a minimum of 5% above the national average. The latest NOMIS survey for 2005 gives us a figure of 8.4%.</p>
Children & Young People	6	Reduce the number of young people aged 16-18 not in education or employment.	NEET Strategy in place
	7	<p>% of pupils in yr 11 achieving 5 GCSEs at A*-C or equivalent.</p> <p>% of LAC in yr 11 that achieve 5 GCSEs at A*-G or equivalent.</p>	Targeted support offered to all schools by Quality and Standards Directorate.

	8	<p>Reduce number of half days missed through authorised and unauthorised absences in secondary schools.</p> <p>Increase % of core assessments completed on time</p>	<p>Early indications suggest an increase in absence for 2005/06. Revised absence coding will affect this area from September 06</p> <p>Improvements in the number of core assessments completed by Children and Families from 67.6% in 2004/05 to 78% in 2005/06 (target 75%)</p>
	9	<p>Reduce year on year the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System.</p> <p>Reduce the % of young people who re-offend within 24 months.</p>	<p>Liaison with the LEA, external and partner agencies ensuring history and related education information is shared in accordance with data protection guidelines.</p>
	10	<p>We will improve the health of young people in the Borough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in teenage pregnancy 	<p>Teenage Pregnancy Strategy Group has been reviewed with the establishment of a new Teenage Pregnancy Strategic Board that will drive the implementation of the Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan.</p>
Safer & Stronger Communities	12	<p>We will increase the number of residents in NR areas who feel they can influence decisions.</p> <p>We will increase the number of residents in NR areas who feel that their local area is a place where people can get on well together.</p> <p>We will increase the number of residents in NR areas who affirm they have taken part in voluntary work in the last year.</p>	<p>Community Forum is now in place. Sub-group structure, reporting mechanisms and terms of reference to be agreed.</p> <p>Post-holder to boost capacity in voluntary & community sector in post.</p> <p>4000 postal surveys distributed with boosters in neighbourhood renewal areas. Analysed report expected soon.</p>

	13	Increase reporting of domestic violence incidents either directly to the police or through a third party.	<p>Domestic Violence Steering Group began consideration of options for measuring victim satisfaction, in collaboration with the Hate Crime Theme Group, by 31/10/06. Preferred option to be agreed by 22/12/06. Method/s for measuring victim satisfaction to be in place by 31/03/07.</p> <p>There has been support for the implementation of the Sanctuary Scheme</p> <p>The Group intends to develop a Partnership framework for the implementation of domestic homicide reviews</p>
Healthy Communities & Older People	15	<p>Reduce smoking prevalence in Swindon from 29% to 21% by 2009</p> <p>Increase number of BME smokers who successfully quit at 4 weeks</p> <p>Increase the number of successful 4 week quitters in the NRAs.</p>	<p>Awaiting confirmation of specific details relating to smoke free areas e.g. including stadiums, bus stops etc. Actual implementation date of legislation to be confirmed by government, summer 2007.</p> <p>Figures are now available for the first quarter 2006/06, (8 quitters). The figures for quarter 2 (July Aug Sept) will be available in December.</p> <p>We have identified the need for a specialist advisor to work in this area, will look to recruit April 2007</p> <p>The successful 4 week quitters for first quarter 2006/07 was 284 against a target of 280. At this stage unable to identify how many were from Neighbourhood renewal areas</p>
	17	Reduce fuel poverty in vulnerable households in the Borough.	The central heating programme is ongoing during 2006/07. A top-up loft insulation programme is currently on-site.
	19	We will reduce the emergency bed days through improved primary and community care for people with long-term conditions.	Two additional Community Matrons have been appointed and are working up an evaluation plan to reduce emergency bed days

8. Equalities Statement

Our LAA has an ambitious equalities statement contained within it. Work has started to deliver the actions contained in this statement. We hope to commission one of our partners in the voluntary sector to help with equalities update sessions for partners and stakeholders.

We have also recently appointed an Equalities and Diversity Manager who is committed to taking the equalities statement in the LAA forward.

We have also been involved in setting up Age Equality training by commissioning a local solicitor Thring Townsend to run some sessions on the new legislation for our partners in the public, private and voluntary and community sectors.

9. Conclusion

As commented upon in the introduction the development of the LAA has created a strong culture of partnership working. It has laid a firm foundation for all involved to create significant benefits for the community and help fulfil the ambitious agenda for Swindon's future growth and regional status.

The progress detailed within this document (although at an early stage) indicates the LAAs on-track to deliver its objectives and the partners are confident that the next report will exhibit strong achievement and delivery of outcomes.