

## **Agenda Item No. 9(a)**

### A briefing note on the Local Area Agreement (Stronger Block)

The stronger block has one mandatory outcome to 'empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and a greater role in public service delivery'. It has a discretionary outcome to 'widen participation, by engaging new learners in a range of informal and formal learning opportunities'.

The block also has a stretch target for increasing volunteering.

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The outcomes are being overseen and performance managed by a multi agency Stronger Communities and Compact Steering Group. Dudley's LAA mirrors its Community Strategy in its overall aim of creating stronger communities. Alongside that it highlights three key aims, community cohesion, community engagement and closing the gap. It is envisaged that the group will have a role to play in helping to meet these underpinning principles