

Select Committee on Community Safety and Community Services
6th November 2008

Report of the Chief Executive on the Next Generation Local Area Agreement (NGLAA) community safety related targets and initiatives.

Purpose of Report

1. To inform select committee of the community safety related targets agreed in the recently negotiated NGLAA, and of some of the initiatives planned to deliver against them.

Background

2. The Dudley Borough NGLAA was negotiated between the Dudley Community Partnership (DCP) and the Governments representatives from the Government Office of The West Midlands (GOWM). It runs from 2008 until 2011.
3. The basis of the negotiation is that the DCP select indicators appropriate for Dudley Borough from the National list of indicators, and, once they are agreed, they then agree targets for each indicator, again, suitable for Dudley Borough's situation.
4. In addition to the selected national Indicators, the NGLAA allows for the inclusion of any number of local indicators intended to drive up performance in Dudley Borough in those areas not readily identifiable through the National Indicators.

The NGLAA indicators and targets.

5. The safe and sound partnership have responsibility for five of the agreed national indicators and one locally agreed indicator.
6. The indicators together with the lead partner, the baseline and the annual targets over the life of the NGLAA are listed overleaf in tabular form.

A. National Indicators.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Nat. Ind.No</u>	<u>National Indicator</u>	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Year 1 Target</u>	<u>Year 2 Target</u>	<u>Year 3 Target</u>	<u>Lead Partners</u>
Reducing Crime	16	Serious Acquisitive Crime rate (per 1000 population.)	17 (2007/8)	16.3	15.6	15	Police safe and sound.
Improving respect	17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	27%* (2006/7)	26%	25%	24%	DMBC/Police ASB task group of safe and sound.
Reducing crime	20	Assault with injury crime rate (per 1000 population)	8.7 (2007/8)	8.4	8.0	7.7	Police safe and sound
Reducing the use of substances	115	Substance misuse by young people	20%**	19%	18%	17%	DMBC safe and sound
Reducing the Use of Substances	39	Alcohol harm related admissions to hospital	1412 per 100,000 population (2006/7)	1748 ***	1910 ***	2047 ***	Dudley PCT Alcohol strategy group of safe and sound. Health and well being

* The % of people who felt that one or more of the seven strands of antisocial behaviour (e.g. youths hanging around, graffiti, etc.) was a problem in their locality.

** The % of children under 16years of age who had become drunk at least once in the 4 weeks subject of the questionnaire.

*** Although these figures represent an increase in harm related admissions, these targets are in fact less than the current predicted numbers for the years in question, therefore the targets represent an ambition to slow the rate of increase of them.

B. Local Indicator.

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Nat Ind. No</u>	<u>National Indicator</u>	<u>Baseline</u>	<u>Year 1 Target</u>	<u>Year 2 Target</u>	<u>Year 3 Target</u>	<u>Lead Partners</u>
Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders aged 10-17	19	Reducing crime	+				Dudley Youth Offending Service Safe and sound partnership

+ Being established by the Youth Justice Board, and therefore, not yet available.

Delivery Initiatives

7. In accordance with their three year plan, safe and sound have established that they want certain proven initiatives and projects to remain active for the duration of the three years. These projects have been seen to deliver targeted crime reduction in a sustained manner, and resources will be sought to maintain their effectiveness throughout. These projects include the Prolific Offenders Scheme (PPO), Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA's), the Home Security Initiative (HSI), and the Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme (DBAARS). All of these initiatives will contribute to delivering against the LAA targets, as well as the objectives of the three year plan.
8. The DCP instituted new working groups called 'Task and Finish' groups to collate and devise interventions, projects and initiatives to deliver against the objectives and targets of the NGLAA. The Task and Finish Groups concerned have not yet concluded their work and the final actions plans are due to go before the steering group in mid-October.

Finance

9. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report at this stage.

Law

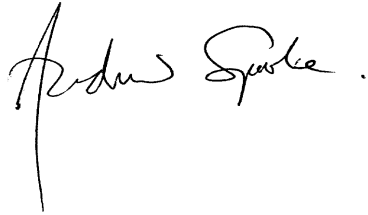
10. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the borough

Equality Impact

11. This report is in accordance with the council's equality and diversity policy.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that the committee note the information contained in this report.
 13. That a further report is brought before the committee following the final agreed action plans from the Task and Finish groups responsible for each indicator.
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