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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT BRIEFING

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Welcome to the October briefing on the Nottinghamshire LAA. The briefing is designed to update you on the progress and latest activities around the LAA and keep you informed about forthcoming meetings. Please note that the partnership website now has a contact list of respective block partners as well as diary of 2007 meetings and events, which can be viewed at www.nottinghamshirepartnership.org.uk

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Negotiating Future LAA Priorities

From June 2008 the new LAA will have up to 35 negotiated targets; plus 18 mandatory government targets relating to children and young people. The 12 stretch targets (2006-2009) will also be carried forward as they have the performance reward grant attached.

The Nottinghamshire Partnership has worked extensively to ensure that the negotiated targets in the new LAA reflect the Partnership's ambitions for the County.

Over the summer, there have been a series of workshops involving elected members, officers and partners which aimed to reach agreement on a core set of ambitions for Nottinghamshire. The partnership has also used local intelligence and the results of the MORI survey to ensure the new LAA reflects the needs and opinions of the public.

The LAA Strategic Partnership Board met with Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) on 4th October to discuss the agreed priorities for Nottinghamshire in the new LAA. At this meeting GOEM outlined the general approach it had taken in developing its priorities for Nottinghamshire, the criteria used for inclusion, and a list of priority areas that it thought should be included in Nottinghamshire's new LAA.

Mick Burrows, Strategic Director of Communities, Nottinghamshire County Council, outlined the approach taken by the Nottinghamshire Partnership in determining its priorities for the new LAA. He also presented a number of themes, agreed by the Partnership around which any future LAA measures for Nottinghamshire should be based.

These themes were:

- Health and well being for all
- Children achieving their full potential
- A strong sense of place
- A safe place to live
- Thriving economy
- Sustainability

Following the 4th October meeting with GOEM, the Nottinghamshire Partnership will arrange weekly meetings around these stated themes, using local intelligence, economic and demographic data to “weight” the relative importance of the various ambitions and priorities. This weighting process should enable up to 35 measures to be decided upon and presented to the LAA Management Group on 30th October.

Formal negotiations with GOEM to agree the up to 35 measures will begin in November.

Communities and Local Government (CLG) have recently published a document on negotiating the new Local Area Agreement. The CLG document emphasises the importance of sound economic and demographic data, surveys, consultations and qualitative research in forming an evidence base which tells the “story” of Nottinghamshire. This evidence will form the basis of the negotiations around what measures should be included in the new Local Area Agreement.

The document also gives the perspectives and experience of various partnerships up and down the country in negotiating their respective LAAs.

The complete document can be downloaded in full from the LAA documents section of the Nottinghamshire Partnership website at:

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Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 (CSR 07)

Government’s Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR 07) is announced this month.

As part of the announcement, the 200 National Indicator Set (NIS) was published on 9th October. It is from this list of 200 measures that Nottinghamshire will negotiate with GOEM up to 35 performance measures.

Development of Partnership Working

It was agreed at LAAMG in July that the following working groups would be established to address key issues:

- A working group on finance and commissioning has been established, to advise on arrangements for managing expenditure of the “single pot” and commissioning the activities required to achieve the targets in the LAA. This group met for the second time on 9th October.
- A working group on governance has been established to offer advice on the future role and membership of both the Strategic Partnership Board and LAA Management Group. The working group met again on 4th October. Once both the structure and membership of the partnership bodies has been agreed, the Partnership agreement will be re-drafted, to reflect the changes.
- A working group has also been established to advise on the appropriate delivery arrangements for the targets within the LAA; i.e. delivery at county, district or neighbourhood level. The group met for the second time on 3rd October.

All of the respective working groups will be submitting reports and recommendations on their respective issues to the next LAA Management group meeting scheduled for 30th October in Mansfield.

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