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## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT BRIEFING**

### **SEPTEMBER 2007**

Welcome to the September 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](http://www.nottinghamshirepartnership.org.uk)

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### **Future LAA Priorities**

The 2006 Government White Paper, "Strong and Prosperous Communities" has set out a new arrangement for Local Area Agreements. From 2008 the newly negotiated Agreement will have a maximum of 35 negotiated targets; plus 18 mandatory government targets relating to children and young people.

The Nottinghamshire Partnership wants 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. These core ambitions are based on both the county and district community strategies.

Councillors met in July to explore the LAA outcomes that would reflect their vision and ambitions for Nottinghamshire.

The outcomes of the July meeting will be fed back to the next meeting of the LAA Management Group on 19<sup>th</sup> September for consideration.

The results of all of these considerations will be pulled together for the Strategic Partnership Board. The Board will decide on a focussed set of partnership priorities, to form the basis of the negotiations with the Government Office in the autumn.

### **Development of Partnership Working**

The 2006 Government White Paper “Strong and Prosperous Communities” has presented the Partnership with a number of challenges around the LAA. These include:

- Renegotiating a more focussed LAA with fewer targets
- Managing a “single pot” of pooled LAA funds with far greater discretion on how it is spent
- Developing partnership working arrangements that cover all aspects of joint working and a shift from “blocks” to “themes”
- Establishing a robust governance structure that has the support of partners, can provide leadership and determine issues
- Enabling the LAA to foster innovation and to initiate partnership action.

Following recommendations from the LAA Management Group in July The Strategic Partnership Board has established a series of working groups to advise the partnership on a number of 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 on 11<sup>th</sup> September and was chaired by Alan Mellor Chief Executive of Ashfield District Council.
- 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, chaired by the leader of Nottinghamshire County Council David Kirkham, met on 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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 chaired by Ruth Marlow Managing Director of Mansfield District Council and comprised of members of the LAA Management Group met for the first time on 7<sup>th</sup> September in Mansfield.

## Nottinghamshire Partnership Meeting

The Nottinghamshire Partnership is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Lakeside Hotel near Arnold.

The agenda of the meeting will include feedback on the ambitions and targets for the new Local Area Agreement and a range of presentations on safer and stronger communities including business crime, alcohol problems and helping former prisoners to find work.

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