

**OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD – 10 SEPTEMBER 2008**

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS 1 & 2 PERFORMANCE UPDATE  
2008/09 (QUARTER 1)**

**Introduction**

1. The Public Service Board have assessed performance against our first Local Area Agreement (LAA1) on a quarterly basis. This report provides information on progress against our LAA1 stretch targets and for the first time reports progress (where information is available) for the first quarter of our new Local Area Agreement (referred to as LAA2). LAA 2 comprises 35 priority targets together with a further 16 statutory targets relating to Children and Young people.

**Background**

2. In June 2008, the Oxfordshire Partnership negotiated a second local area Agreement (LAA2) as part of the delivery plan for the Oxfordshire 2030 Sustainable Community Strategy. This does not replace LAA 1 which will run concurrently until 2009, but we will only be monitoring LAA1 stretch targets in future as many of the non-stretch targets have now been superseded.
3. This is also the first time that we have used our new performance management system 'PerformancePlus' to report on performance following the decision of the Public Service Board to acquire the system in March 2008.
4. There is only limited information available on LAA2 indicators at the end of quarter 1. This is due to the LAA itself only being agreed in June (the last month in the quarter) and delays in finalising National Indicator definitions by Government - LAA2 indicators are a subset of the 198 National indicators agreed by Government.
5. Over the next few months we will be developing the capacity of the system to support our performance management needs - including the capacity to drill down below headline performance to identify slippage in planned activity. We will also be working closely with colleagues across the Partnership to ensure we benefit collectively from the new system.

**Headlines**

6. At the end of the first quarter, performance can be summarised as follows:

	Green	Amber	Red	No info	Not expected
LAA 1 stretch	5	4	4	-	2
LAA 2	7	3	2	3	36

7. Of most pressing concern are those LAA1 indicators currently at risk of not achieving target given that these targets need to be achieved by the end of the financial year and the potential reward grant at risk if they are not achieved.

8. Details can be found at annex A which is laid out as follows:

- The report is broken down by Partnership.
- The performance indicators for the Children’s Trust have been separated into those identified as part of our LAA2 and those which as statutory.
- Each partnership report shows the description of the indicator, actual performance for Q1, target for Q1, current performance status (see below), comments (included for red/amber only).

★	Performance on target
●	Performance off target – attention required
▲	Performance below target – action required
»	Indicator not required for reporting this quarter
?	Performance data missing this quarter

- Progress (direction of travel) will become available in Q2.

### Improving performance

9. Given issues that have arisen around the definition and data on some of the stretch targets over the past two years the county council’s audit team will be doing a data quality audit of a selection of targets during September. The aim of this work is to identify any outstanding data quality issues that need to be addressed in the remaining months of delivery and to ensure that we maximise the amount of reward grant achieved. Partners are asked to support this work.

10. Target leads are currently working on action plans to support delivery of the targets. These will be agreed by partnerships in the coming month and will be integrated into the performance reporting of targets from quarter two.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

11. The Public Service Board are asked to note the report and make any recommendations about the format, presentation and content.