

OXFORDSHIRE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD - 23 MARCH 2009

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT “REFRESH”

Update on the progress of negotiations as of Friday 20 March.

1. **Place survey targets**

Oxfordshire performance on the place survey appears strong. GOSE has acknowledged this and has proposed relatively modest improvement targets for indicators in our LAA that are drawn from the place survey. There have been continual delays with data from the Audit Commission so the data we have used to agree targets with GOSE is provisional. Government advice is to agree the targets now with the reassurance that *“if the final published data substantially alters the target levels set in the LAA and you wish to make a reasonable adjustment to the affected target, we would be willing to do so”*

2. **Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children and young people (NI 70)**

Negotiations with GOSE are still progressing on this indicator.

3. **Dealing with local concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour (NI 21)**

GOSE has agreed the Oxfordshire proposal for an improvement target of 3.4% + level of statistical confidence (across the 2008 and 2010 surveys). Whilst this is a challenging target it is more achievable than initial GOSE proposals that wanted to align it a similar target agreed between the Home Office and Thames Valley Police for the BCS crime survey.

4. **Domestic Violence (NI 32)**

GOSE and the Home Office have accepted our evidence that the proposed baseline data is not entirely robust. They have proposed that we set a target in line with other areas and based on the national average, 28% repeat rate. Thames Valley Police still have concerns about setting a target at this level because the data is volatile. However it is likely that this is the best offer we will get from government given the priority domestic abuse has nationally.

5. **Access to services target (NI 175)**

Risks to the ability to deliver the target have been identified. The target is focused on access from rural access. The target agreed is a minimal level of improvement, to ensure delivery a co-ordinated action plan is needed.

6. **Residual household waste per household (NI 191)**

A last minute issue has been identified. The data used to set the baseline is not consistent with data reported to government against the national indicator. A minor adjustment to the figures is being discussed but will not affect the target.

7. **Improved street and environmental cleanliness (NI 196)**

It has come to light that the target set out in the LAA does not fit with the national indicator definition. Reward will still be payable on reducing the number of fly-tipping incidents as previously agreed but the target is being amended to reflect the national indicator in the documentation.

Annex A1 is the refreshed LAA detailing all the targets. Indicators marked in red have been refreshed this year and those highlighted in orange have some issues outstanding.

RECOMMENDATION

- **Agree targets as negotiated by target leads for submission to government.**
- **Delegate agreement of outstanding target negotiations to the LAA Steering Group.**

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