

Environment Partnership, 26 March 2010

Agenda Item

Progress report on LAA2 target, NI 188 Adapting to Climate Change

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of progress on the LAA2 targets for climate change adaptation (NI 188) during the third and final quarters of 2009-2010. A summary of performance for the third quarter was submitted to the meeting of the Environment Partnership meeting on 15 January 2010.

2 Progress on LAA2 targets in Q3 and Q4

NI 188: Adapting to climate change:

- 2.1 The previous report outlined the work to date by the delivery group to achieve the majority of scheduled actions in its 2009-2010 programme (see Annex 1.2, updated). One of these actions was to hold a workshop event for LSPs and thematic partnerships; a requirement to reach NI 188 target level 2 is for councils to engage with partners by working through the Local Strategic Partnerships.
- 2.2 The workshop, on 20 January, designed and hosted jointly by all local authorities, was attended by over 35 representatives from across the partnerships. The papers are published at www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk under the heading, "Preparing for a Changing Climate".
- 2.3 The aim of the workshop was to work with organisations such as the health service to develop their awareness and to determine the level of responses to weather events by different organisations across the county.
- 2.4 The emphasis in the last quarter for individual local authorities has been on ensuring that they can meet the necessary target levels for level 2 of NI188; this includes identifying key risks for the organisation. The delivery group has continued to develop working relationships with new partner organisations. In addition delivery group members are jointly developing funding proposals which would enable them to broaden the impact of their work with other organisations in the county during 2010/2011 and beyond.
- 2.5 It is not possible to provide a complete report on the year's activities, as local authorities are still collating the evidence required for the self-assessment against the NI 188 target level, to be reported by May 31. It is proposed that an overview of the self-assessment is reported to the next meeting of the partnership in July. This could also include examples from individual local authorities.
- 2.6 The RAG rating for progress on NI 188 was reported as amber for the second and third quarters. It is proposed that this should remain on amber until the results for the self assessment have been collated in May 2010.

3 Challenges and risks

- 3.1 The risks to delivery of each target are summarised in Appendix 1.1. No additional risks or issues have been identified.

4 Recommendations

- a) To approve this report
- b) To request a more detailed report or presentation to the next meeting on work by local authorities to implement NI188

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Appendix 1.1 : Background notes: LAA2 climate change targets

The following two climate change targets are part of the Local Area Agreement 2:

- NI 185: CO2 reduction from local authority operations
- NI 188: Adapting to climate change

National Indicator	Target	Timescale	Baseline	Progress against target
NI 185: CO2 reduction from local authority operations Target lead: Vickie Cossins	6% reduction on 2008 baseline by 2011	Final reporting date, July 2011	93,206 tonnes CO ₂ in 2008/09	Target reduced during refresh from 8% to 6% reduction.
NI 188: Adapting to climate change Revised guidance published in January 2009 Target lead: Susie Ohlenschlager	All local authorities to have reached level 3 by 2011 Interim targets: level 1 by April 2009 Level 2 by April 2010	Report on year 2 to data hub by 31 May 2009 "Comprehensive risk assessment"	Self assessment by all local authorities as Level 0 in 2008 "Getting started"	The assessed target level for Oxfordshire on 29 May 2009 was Level 1, "Public commitment and impacts assessment"

NI 188 target levels:

- 0 Getting started
- 1 Public commitment and impacts assessment
- 2 Comprehensive risk assessment
- 3 Comprehensive action plan
- 4 Implementation, monitoring and continuous review

Risks to delivery of NI 188 targets

1. Lack of engagement by services in implementing risk assessments.
2. Lack of engagement by LSPs.
3. Lack of resources to enable sufficient staff support and implement measures.

Risks to delivery of NI 185 targets

1. Lack of funding for projects to reduce Carbon
2. Lack of support from contractors in reducing their footprints
3. Cold winters and hot summers mean any savings are negated by increased energy use
4. Lack of support from key buildings, schools, or staff to install energy saving measures
5. Lack of staff to implement projects

Appendix 1.2: LAA2 Delivery Group for NI 188: Forward plan for 2009-2010

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Quarter	Action	Link to target level	Meeting date/milestone	Comment	RAG
Q1	Submit Year 1 self assessment	0, 1	29 May	Level 1 achieved	G
	Developing working process: Set up Moodle site	2	2 July Oxford Launch of UKCP 09	Moodle site set up	G
	Planning priorities for 2009/10 Planning for level 2	2	8 July: Meeting	Project plans prepared (see moodle)	G
	Event planning	2 f	UKCIP national events	Autumn event withdrawn	A
	Funding bids: 1) LAA1 2) SE IEP	2,3	6 July, 2 Sept PSB decision SE IEP	1) Successful bid but no CCA 2) Unsuccessful	G
Q2	Engage LSPs and other partners	2 d, f	8 July LAA2 meeting	Approach agreed	G
	Build on LCLIPs: evaluate findings for Oxon	2 a, c, f	Further action to be decided.	Projects under way in Ox City and OCC	A
Q3	Present to LSP officers group	2 f	Date tbc	Plans for event presented	G
	Invite Health reps	2 f	Nov 18 , health	Presented to Jan 20 event	G
	Workshop with LSPs/thematic partnerships	2 f	January 2010	40 attended; results on website.	G
	Collect real examples of experience in Oxfordshire for presentations, websites etc	2 c, d, e	November 18 2009/ongoing	Work ongoing	A
	Resubmit funding bid to IEP	2 f	November 2009	DH, SO lead Work ongoing	R
	Extra meeting re risk assessment	2 a	December 2009	Done	G
Q4	Invite Police rep	2 c, d, e	January 2010 meeting	Attended Jan 20 event.	G
	Start self-assessment and planning for year 3	2	February /March meetings	All – in progress	A

