

## **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-11**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Councillor Woodburn  
**LEAD OFFICER:** Chief Executive  
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**Summary and Recommendation:** This report seeks the approval of the Executive for the Local Area Agreement for Cumbria 2008-11.

It is recommended that the Executive recommends that the Council endorses the Local Area Agreement for Cumbria 2008-11.

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Cumbria Strategic Partnership has been negotiating with the Government on behalf of partners in Cumbria to develop a Local Area Agreement to last for three years.
- 1.2 Partner agencies are asked to endorse formally the Local Area Agreement and to agree to work together to try to achieve the targets set in the Agreement.

### **2. ARGUMENT**

- 2.1 The first Local Area (Cumbria) Agreement came into effect in 2007 and had a life span of 12 months. The new version has a three year currency and has been drawn up under the new arrangements for LAAs.
- 2.2 The 35 National Indicators selected for particular attention in Cumbria reflect what the Partnership regards as the priorities for Cumbria. These are supplemented by additional statutory educational targets, local PIs and legacy stretch targets .
- 2.3 In refreshing this Council's Corporate Plan for 2008-12 the LAA indicators have been included and cross-referenced to Copeland's priorities within each section.

### **3. OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 The Council as a partner of the Cumbria Strategic Partnership should be able to sign up to the final draft, as representatives of Copeland Borough Council have been involved in the work to develop the LAA. West Cumbrian and Copeland's priorities are reflected in the document.
- 3.2 However it would still be possible not to sign up to the LAA, if Members felt that the strategy did not adequately reflect the Council's position and Copeland communities' needs. If this option was selected, it would be necessary to identify

the areas of dissatisfaction which the Council wished Cumbria Strategic Partnership to address in order to gain this Council's endorsement.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1 The experience of working within the Cumbria Agreement framework in 2007/8 has provided opportunities for learning and improvement, besides for more joined up working across Cumbria. This will prove to be valuable in meeting the challenges of making an impact on the priority areas outlined in the LAA 2008-11 and meeting the communities' needs
- 4.2 It is therefore recommended that the Council endorses the final draft LAA for Cumbria.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)**

- 5.1 Partners in Cumbria are expected to contribute to the achievement of the objectives and targets from within their resources, since the targets are mainstream work for those partners.

#### **6. PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 For the Local Area Agreement for Cumbria, this is being undertaken by the Cumbria Strategic Partnership.

#### **7. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN**

- 7.1 It is important that the next edition of the Corporate Plan recognises the links between the Local Area Agreement priorities and targets and the Council's own objectives. There are many areas of similar agenda, and therefore opportunities for Copeland Borough Council to contribute to the achievement of the LAA.

#### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – LAA

#### **List of Background Documents:**

**List of Consultees:** Cllr E Woodburn, Corporate Team

#### **CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES**

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	The LAA for Cumbria contains targets for reducing Crime and Disorder
Impact on Sustainability	The LAA for Cumbria contains targets for increasing sustainability
Impact on Rural Proofing	The LAA contains no targets for improving inclusion in rural areas, however there is recognition of the special needs of rural areas.
Health and Safety Implications	The LAA for Cumbria contains targets for improving health and safety in the community
Project and Risk Management	See para. 6 above
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	The LAA for Cumbria contains targets for equalities and diversity
Children and Young Persons Implications	The LAA for Cumbria contains targets relating to Children and Young People
Human Rights Act Implications	Many of the LAA targets impact on rights in the Human Rights Act
Monitoring Officer Comments	
Section 151 Officer Comments	

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision    YES