

# Partnership Update for Northumberland

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## LAA Outcomes Special (2)

Welcome to this special partnership *Update*, which outlines the latest position with regard to the emerging indicators being considered for inclusion in the new Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Northumberland.

It also provides details of a NSP briefing event designed to further explain the rationale for the emerging content of the new LAA and outline the next steps in the development process.

### The new LAA for Northumberland

#### *Background*

As reported in the last *Update*, considerable work has been undertaken by the NSP thematic partnerships to translate the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Northumberland into targeted action plans and programmes.

This work has focused on addressing issues that:

- have a cross-cutting impact upon the 28 objectives of the SCS;
- require joined-up, effective partnership intervention to address them;
- matter to local people;
- represent areas of current poor performance;
- reduce inequality or deprivation – particularly in improving the lives of our most vulnerable communities (children and young people; older people; people on no or low incomes; and people who are discriminated against); and
- enhance the sense and quality of place, recognising that it differs across the county.

From this action planning, a number of broad priorities emerged as outlined below.

Northumberland's emerging priorities 2008-11	
Educational attainment and childcare	Sexual health
Worklessness and income deprivation	Mental health
Business growth	Independent living
Anti-social behaviour	Accessibility
Domestic violence and bullying	Pathways to Services
Road safety	Climate change
Affordable housing	Environmental quality
Healthy eating	Tourism
Physical exercise	Cultural participation
Alcohol misuse	Volunteering
Smoking cessation	Community empowerment

### *Defining the LAA's content*

These priorities were subsequently translated against the new national indicator set and the existing Northumberland LAA target framework. From this, a "long list" of 96 prospective indicators for inclusion in the revised LAA for 2008-11 was derived (this was circulated with the last *Update*).

Since then, the NSP Board, as advised by the LAA Coordination and Implementation Group, endorsed the submission to the Government Office for the North East (GONE) of a revised list of the prospective indicators to be included in the new LAA. This list, attached, is coloured coded to reflect the relative strength/likelihood of the indicators forming part of the designated "35" that are reported to Government.

However, in reading the list, it should be noted that **all** of the 77 indicators listed (plus the 16 statutory indicators) will form part of the LAA (subject to any further adjustments resulting from the target setting process).

Equally, it should be recognised that at this stage the list is "Northumberland-based". As part of the next target-setting phase, consideration will be given to the incorporation of further differential targeting relating to particular geographic parts of the county or target communities of identity as subsets of the main county-based targets.

### *Next steps*

Over the coming weeks, the NSP thematic partnerships will be translating the indicators into three-year targets built around robust baselines and trajectories. Details of the stages in this process will be presented at the NSP Briefing (details below) together with the initial feedback from GONE as to whether the prospective list matches the Government's understanding as to the priorities for Northumberland over the next three years.

It is anticipated that a final LAA will be ready for endorsement by the NSP Board and Northumberland County Council in March/April 2008 and be subsequently submitted to Government for sign-off by Ministers by June 2008.

## **NSP Briefing:**

### ***Northumberland's LAA 2008-11 The intended outcomes and priorities***

An open invitation to a short briefing session to outline the rationale for the intended content of the LAA and the next steps to be taken in translating the agreed list of priority indicators into three-year targets.

**Monday 28 January 2008, 2pm to 3.30pm  
Kirkley Hall, Ponteland**

Anyone wishing to attend should register by Monday 21 January with:  
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### Don't forget.....

The **Update** is also supported by a dedicated website which can be used to keep up-to-date on all matters relating to the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA. It is called:  
[www.northumberlandtogether.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandtogether.org.uk).

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## Prospective “designated 35” (39)

### Very strong case (19)

BES019	16-18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	NI 118	
BES029	Working age people on out of work benefits in the worst neighbourhoods	NI 153	
LIVE034	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	N1 19	
LIVE037	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	NI 32	
LIVE038	Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem	NI 41	P
LIVE044	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	NI 155	
FACT048	Prevalence of breast feeding at 6-8 weeks from birth	NI 53	N
FACT049	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	NI 56	
HCWB050	All-age all cause mortality rate	NI 120	
HCWB051	Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75	NI 121	
HCWB053	Under 18 conception rate	NI 112	
HCWB055	Alcohol harm related hospital admission rates	NI 39	
HCWB058	16+ current smoking rate prevalence	NI 123	
HCWB062	People supported to live independently through social services (all ages)	NI 136	N
HCWB063	Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	NI 130	
EXEC067	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	NI 175	
EXEC071	Fair treatment by local services	NI 140	P
EE080	Adapting to climate change	NI 188	N
EXEC90	Participation in regular volunteering	NI 6	

### Strong case (13)

BES018	Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19	NI 79	
BES023	VAT registration rate	NI 171	
BES028	Overall employment rate	NI 151	
FACT031	Take up of formal childcare by low-income working families	NI 118	
LIVE036	Dealing with local concerns about anti social behaviour and crime by the local authority and police	NI 21	P
LIVE046	Tackling fuel poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	NI 187	N
EXEC068	Working age people with access to employment by public transport (and other specified modes)	NI 176	
FACT077	Children and young people’s participation in high quality PE and sport	NI 57	N
EE081	Flood and coastal erosion risk management	NI 189	N
EE085	Household waste recycled and composted	NI 192	
EXEC089	Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	NI 4	P
EXEC091	Environment for a thriving third sector	NI 7	N
FACT092	Young people’s participation in positive activities	NI 110	N

### Reasonable case (7)

BES022	Working age population qualified to at least level 2 or higher	NI 163	
LIVE039	People killed or seriously injured on road traffic accidents	NI 47	
FACT057	Substance misuse by young people	NI 115	
HCWB064	Adults with learning disabilities in employment	NI 146	
CT076	Adult participation in sport and active recreation	NI 8	
CT079	Engagement in the arts	NI 11	N
New095	Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	NI 63	

## Strong case for being in the LAA but not in the designated “35” (38)

### From the national set (22)

FACT017	Special Education Needs (SEN)/non-SEN gap – achieving Key Stage 2 English and Maths threshold	NI 104	
BES020	Learners achieving a Level 1 qualification in literacy	NI 161	N
BES021	Learners achieving an Entry Level 3 qualification in numeracy	NI 162	N
BES033	VAT registered businesses in the area showing growth	NI 172	
LIVE035	Assault with injury crime rate	NI 20	
LIVE040	Children who have experienced bullying	NI 49	N
LIVE041	Hospital admissions caused by unintentional and deliberate injuries to children and young people	NI 70	N
LIVE043	Net additional homes provided	NI 154	
LIVE045	Supply of ready to develop housing sites	NI 159	
LIVE047	Overall/general satisfaction with local area	NI 5	P
HCWB056	Drug users in effective treatment	NI 40	
FACT059	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health services	NI 51	N
EXEC069	Non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered	NI 176	
EXEC073	Avoidable contact – the average number of customer contacts per received customer request (local authority)	NI 14	N
CT075	Use of public libraries	NI 9	N
EE084	Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites	NI 197	N
EE086	Municipal waste land filled	NI 193	
EXEC087	Percentage of people who feel they belong to their neighbourhood	NI 2	P
EXEC088	Civic participation in the local area	NI 3	N
New094	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer’s service, or advice and information	NI135	N
New096	Care leavers in suitable accommodation	NI 147	
New097	Rate of permanent exclusions from school	NI 114	N

### Locally defined (16)

BES026	Number of new businesses starting through Business Link and surviving 12 months	LAA/A3/04
BES027	Self employment rate	LAA/A3/05
EXEC072	The number of businesses taking up broadband connectivity	New
BES032	Employment rate of older people (subdivision of BES028/NI 151)	LAA/A4/05
LIVE042	Percentage of older people in fear of personal crime (subdivision of NI 17)	LAA/B7/07
HCWB065	Number of older people suffering a hip fracture	LAA/C12/08
HCWB066	Number of older people who take up benefits – pension credit	LAA/C12/10
HCWB078	Participation of older people in sport and active recreation (subdivision of CT076/NI 8)	LAA/C9/06
EXEC093	Participation of older people in regular volunteering (subdivision of EXEC090/NI 6)	LAA/G26/05
HCWB054	Percentage of sexually-active 15-25 year olds in Northumberland screened for Chlamydia	LAA/C10/07
HCWB060	Number of new organisations attaining the Healthy People, Healthy Business award for the promotion of mental health at work	LAA/C11/01
CT073	The average spend per tourist trip – UK visitors	LAA/E20/02
CT074	The level of employment in the visitor economy	LAA/E20/05
EE082	Number of listed buildings at risk	New
EE083	The percentage of the total length of rights of way that are easy to use by the general public	LAA/F21/01
New098	Proportion of new buildings constructed that meet the BREEM standard	New