

## **Herts 2021 and LAA2: Bulletin 6**

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### **This Bulletin**

The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and new Local Area Agreement (LAA2) processes are particularly fast-paced and complex. These weekly bulletins will be emailed to partners to bring together the latest news and developments. If there is anything you would like to change about its format or content please contact [stewart.martin@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:stewart.martin@hertscc.gov.uk).

### **Sustainable Community Strategy**

Well over 50 separate organisations and partnerships responded to the consultation, as well as numerous individuals and other views captured via workshops. Generally the draft was well received and given a great deal of support – acknowledging that the draft addresses most of the key challenges the county faces both now and in the future.

The SCS consultation report appended to this bulletin highlights those responses, summarising the headlines and key points raised for further discussion. Please note this summary does not capture the detail of all that was said however a copy of all the feedback is available upon request – please contact the SPU team (details [below](#)).

### **Local Area Agreement 2**

Please note this week's enhanced contact list also included with this bulletin.. Please fill contact [anna.black@hertscc.gov.uk](mailto:anna.black@hertscc.gov.uk) to help fill the gaps as appropriate.

### **This week (w/b 21 April)**

<b>21 April</b>	GO 'checkpoint': Herts submitted proposed LAA2 baselines and targets. Hertfordshire Forward Reference Group met to discuss the expenditure of LAA1 performance reward grant (PRG) as well as SCS/LAA 2 processes.
<b>22 April</b>	HIC meeting to establish the alternative to or inclusion of NI 6 – proposed that 'NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector' be used instead.
<b>23 April</b>	NI 40 (Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment) went before the Joint Commissioning Team.
<b>24 April</b>	<i>(cancelled)</i> Further meeting between GO housing expert and Housing strand representatives to discuss NI 154 and NI 155 – contact <a href="mailto:anne.freimanis@eastherts.gov.uk">anne.freimanis@eastherts.gov.uk</a>
<b>25 April</b>	SCS consultation response report circulated to HF & Bulletin recipients.

The current status of a number of LAA2 measures is described below:

- **Children and Young People**

Baselines, targets and leads identified for all indicators.

#### ***NI 54: Services for disabled children***

No methodology available until 2009, but happy to commit to the target in principle – a key priority for Hertfordshire.

**NI 56: Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6**  
Countywide target, but will look to 'hot-spotting' in the action plan.

**NI 116: Proportion of children in poverty**

This measure links across themes, but its definition is similar to NI 152 [Working age people on out of work benefits]. Investing in Communities' evidence refresh this summer will be helpful in identifying hot-spots (to be picked up in action plan), but need to use existing data to meet 23 May deadline for LAA sign-off.

**Statutory Indicators**

Still no view from GO-East as to whether for inclusion in LAA2 these need to be 'stretched' beyond targets already agreed via relevant plans/strategies.

- **Jobs, Prosperity and Skills**

**NI 13: Migrants English language skills and knowledge**

A lead for this target area has not been forthcoming (in addition it is very hard to capture accurate information) – therefore suggested for removal from 'up to 35' and pursued as a local target via the SCS – linked closely to the cohesion work. To be cleared via Herts Forward Core Group.

**NI 152: Working age people on out of work benefits**

Desire to 'hot-spot' this target on districts where the numbers of people claiming benefit are greatest (Broxbourne and Stevenage). On-going discussions are taking place about which organisation is best placed to lead on this target.

**NI 163: Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher and NI 165: Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher**

Figures provided.

**NI 172: Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth**

Business Link have concluded the data to support this target is not sufficiently robust and that **NI 171: New business registration rate** would be more appropriate. Therefore requires further discussion with Malcolm Tilling (GO-East rep).

- **An Ageing Population + Health and Well Being**

**NI 8: Adult participation in sport and active recreation**

Using 05/06 baseline. GO-East placing pressure to locally differentiate and set a higher target, but Block Leads wish to pursue it as a countywide target.

**NI 123: Stopping smoking**

Baseline required for 21 April submission.

**NI 125: Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care**

No data available until October 08.

**NI 135: Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information**

Figures provided.

**NI 141: Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living**

Following discussion with GO-East, this indicator has been proposed for inclusion on the basis of identification as a Supporting People Inspection area for improvement. A project to drive this work has been set up, targets are available and figures were provided for the 21 April submission.

- **Housing, Affordable Housing and Quality Neighbourhoods + Sustaining Hertfordshire's Unique Character & Quality of Life**

***NI 154: Net additional homes provided***

Figures provided. Additional proposal to include ***NI 159: Supply of ready to develop housing sites as a local indicator*** – helping to demonstrate our commitment to the supply of land for housing, even if the market fails to deliver.

***NI 155: Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)***

Definition relates to provision in terms of absolute numbers, which we cannot work with. Therefore Herts Forward Core Group agreed to pursue as a percentage local target, but submitted for June sign-off to ensure the 'duty to co-operate' applies.

- **Safer and Stronger Communities**

***NI 1: % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area*** and

***NI 4: % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality***

These are both Place Survey indicators and confirmed priorities for Hertfordshire. Discussion over potential to establish a proxy measure for NI 4 based on percentage turn out at local elections (district/county) – recorded in Quality of Life Report. Proxy measure to be discussed with GO-East.

***A measure of VCS (as a substitute for NI 6: Participation in regular volunteering)***

All still in agreement that volunteering is an important aspect of community engagement but NI6 does not sufficiently measure outcomes, therefore suggested that ***NI 7: Environment for a thriving third sector*** be included instead – HF Core to agree.

***NI 17: Perceptions of anti-social behaviour***

GO-East pushing for proxy baseline for 08/09, to be replaced when Place Survey results arrive in Autumn 08. There is resistance to setting a proxy baseline for this target as it is likely to be significantly different from the results of the Place Survey – further discussion required with GO-East (Tim Hughes).

***NI 20: Assaults with less serious injury rate***

Discussions underway between GO and Safer Stronger leads to withdraw NI 20 due to concerns over baseline, given last year's exceptionally good performance in this area. ***NI 16: Serious acquisitive crime*** suggested as replacement - but will need to focus upon local hotspots (as originally planned for NI 20).

***NI 32: Repeat incidents of domestic violence***

No methodology available until 2009. GO-East pushing for a proxy measure in advance of formal introduction of indicator in 2009. Regarded as a key priority for Herts – Police leading on this and working on an agreed approach – establishing a proxy measure now would be unhelpful. Feedback is awaited from Tim Hughes (GO-East). Maintain stance to resist proxy measure in favour of waiting until data available in 2009.

***NI 40: Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment***

Trajectories will be available for submission, but new baseline data will not be available until after 23 April.

- **Transport and Access + Promoting Sustainable Development**

Baselines, targets and leads identified for all indicators.

**Coming up next week (w/b 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008)**

**29 April** Jobs, Prosperity and Skills theme meeting to discuss detail of proposed measures – contact [ben.wood@hertsscc.gov.uk](mailto:ben.wood@hertsscc.gov.uk)

**Further dates to note**

**20 May** Hertfordshire County Council Full Council, 10:30am, Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford: LAA sign off as the 'accountable authority'.

**23 May** Submission of final LAA to GO-East.

**6 June** Hertfordshire's LAA2 submitted by GO-East to Whitehall.

**17 June** Hertfordshire Forward sign-off redrafted SCS.

**Summer** Development and publication of SCS short-term measures (beyond national indicators).

**LAA2 Shortlist – as of 25 April** (including statutory education indicators – *in italics*)

<b>Block</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>Measure</b>
CYP	45	Young offenders engagement in suitable education, training or employment
CYP	51	Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services
CYP	54	Services for disabled children
CYP	56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6
CYP	59	Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral
CYP	60	Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement
CYP	66	Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales
CYP	69	Children who have experienced bullying
CYP	72	<i>Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy</i>
CYP	73	<i>Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold)</i>
CYP	74	<i>Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 (Threshold)</i>
CYP	75	<i>Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)</i>
CYP	83	<i>Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3</i>
CYP	87	<i>Secondary school persistent absence rate</i>
CYP	92	<i>Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest</i>
CYP	93	<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>
CYP	94	<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2</i>
CYP	95	<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3</i>
CYP	96	<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3</i>
CYP	97	<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4</i>
CYP	98	<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4</i>
CYP	99	<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2</i>
CYP	100	<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2</i>
CYP	101	<i>Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)</i>
CYP	116	Proportion of children in poverty
EDE	13	Migrants English language skills and knowledge
EDE	152	Working age people on out of work benefits
EDE	163	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher
EDE	165	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher
EDE	172	Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth
HCOP	8	Adult participation in sport and active recreation
HCOP	123	Stopping smoking
HCOP	125	Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care
HCOP	135	Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information
HCOP	141	Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living
Housing	154	Net additional homes provided
Housing	155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)
SSC	1	% of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
SSC	4	% of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
SSC	6	Participation in regular volunteering <i>[or NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector]</i>
SSC	17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
SSC	20	Assaults with less serious injury rate <i>[or NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime]</i>
SSC	32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence
SSC	40	Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment
Transport	175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling
Transport	178	Bus services running on time
Transport	186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area
Transport	193	Municipal waste land filled

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