

### **UPDATE ON THE WORK OF BRACKNELL FOREST PARTNERSHIP DURING THE QUARTER**

#### **LAA refresh 2009**

The work concluded with the signing of the reviewed LAA in June 2009. The work involved negotiating or amending 24 targets within the LAA where baselines or definitions were missing when the LAA was originally signed in June 2008, or where definitions had changed and the data needed to be presented differently. The 2008/09 refresh therefore contains more information, and is a more comprehensive document, than last year's LAA.

#### **Community TV**

Work has continued on developing more local film content to support the Bracknell Forest Community TV system, which is due to continue for another year. There are now ten 40" screens located in public places around the borough showing silent films and text, plus national news, sports and weather.

#### **Bracknell Health Space**

The development of a new health complex for Bracknell has moved a step closer with the appointment of a consortium made up of Ashleigh House and GSL to develop detailed plans for the Bracknell Health Space. The plans for the facility will bring together a wide range of services under one roof including GP services, urgent care, physiotherapy, out-patients appointments, cancer treatment, diagnostic services including blood tests and scans, and community services.

It is expected that an application for planning permission will be submitted to the Borough Council by September 2009.

#### **Voluntary Sector Compact**

In May, the Voluntary and Community Sector Conference included the formal signing of the Bracknell Forest Partnership Compact. The Compact is an agreement between Bracknell Forest public sector organisations (Bracknell Forest Council, Berkshire East Primary Care Trust, Thames Valley Police, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service, and Bracknell Forest town and parish councils) and the Voluntary & Community Sector represented by Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action. In Bracknell Forest there are now many good examples of effective joint working between voluntary and community organisations and the statutory sector. The Compact will build on these good relationships by developing a formalised partnership.

#### **Partnership Performance Overview Report**

On 17<sup>th</sup> September the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board will receive its performance report to the end of the first quarter (as at the end of June 2009). The following is an extract from the Executive Summary, for full details of the report please go to <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/your-council/yc-bracknell-forest-partnership.htm>.

### **Summary of performance overall (exception reporting)**

#### **Performance**

In summary, out of the 198 indicators, 54 are part of the LAA including 35 designated targets, 3 local targets and 16 statutory indicators from the DCSF. Three of the LAA

indicators are actually broken down into sub-measures giving a total of 60 individual measures within the LAA.

Of the 60 individual measures in the LAA,

- 17 (28%) are 'green' ( or amber i.e. within 5% of target)
- 3 (5%) are 'red' (> 5% adrift of target)
- 26 (43%) are annual indicators or where information will be available later
- 4 (7%) are where data is available but targets are not yet negotiated
- 3 (5%) have no technical definition yet for the indicator or the definition has only just been published.
- 7 (12%) no data provided to date

The 3 'red' measures are:

- NI 117 16-18 year olds that are NEET – the rate at the end of the quarter represents lower performance than in previous years and reflects the increasing difficulties that some young people are encountering in accessing suitable opportunities. Previous representations have been made to the Partnership concerning the progress for this indicator. It is clear that this is a problematic issue that extends beyond the direct control of members of the BFP, and is affecting young people nationally during the current recession.
- NI 136 People supported to live independently – the Government recently changed the definition of this indicator which has meant that current outturn is below target. However there are several opportunities for us to improve our performance against target for this indicator during the remaining quarters of 2009-10.
- NI 020 Assault with injury crime - The TVP have analysed the problems in reducing the assault with injury crime rate. It appears that approximately half of the victims are under 25 and generally the aggrieved are known to the offenders. Compared with other boroughs, Bracknell's night time economy is quieter and this is not impacting on our figures. Operation Lion Cub will hopefully address this problem

On a quarterly basis the BEPCT is reporting on a range of performance measures as part of its usual business across the Berkshire East area (reports available on their website). With performance against the LAA targets being highlighted in the performance reports to the BEPCT Board and monitored routinely at BEPCT internal performance meetings. However this data is not readily broken down into information for the individual three authority areas. Discussions are ongoing between BFC and BEPCT regarding how the data can best be obtained and reported in Bracknell Forest. A meeting between the BEPCT and the three unitary authorities has been arranged to resolve this potentially significant issue.

LAA Indicators which are currently 'green' are:

- NI 051- effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health
- NI 068 - % of referral to children's social care going on to initial assessment
- NI 146 – adults with learning disabilities in employment
- NI 142 - % of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living
- NI 135 – carers receiving needs assessment of review and a specific carers service
- NI 154 – net additional homes provided
- NI 155 – number of affordable homes delivered

- NI 001 - % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together
- NI 193 – percentage of municipal waste land filled
- NI 049a, b, c, d – Number of primary fires and related fatalities and casualties
- NI 047 – people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents
- NI 172 - % of small businesses in an area showing employment growth
- NI 177 – local bus and light rail passenger journeys

## Risks

In terms of operational risks, these have been scored using a system of 1-5 for likelihood and 1-5 for impact (5 being the greatest likelihood and greatest impact). By multiplying the two numbers an overall score out of 25 is calculated.

This quarter six operational risks have been identified with a score of 15 or more, as set out in the table below. Progress for quarter 1 against these high score risks are indicated *in italics* as below:

Target	Risk	Score	Lead	Mitigation
NI 187 – tackling fuel poverty - % of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	Increasing fuel costs	25	BFC	No influence <i>No change to risk in quarter 1.</i>
	Weather Factor	15		Not possible <i>(no change)</i>
NI 051 – Effectiveness of children and adolescent mental health (CAMHS)	Contractor BHFT fails to deliver to an acceptable level - loss of key staff	15	BFC	Monitor and support <i>Monitoring indicates no issues during quarter 1.</i>
NI 069 – children who have experienced bullying	Loss of grant funding from CDRP in 2009/10	15	BFC	Ensure that strategy demonstrates effective delivery in 2008/9 and that the impact of this activity is recognised. <i>Replacement funding for 2009/10 in place following loss of grant funding. Will be raised as a service pressure through the Schools forum in the 2010/11 budget setting cycle.</i>
NI 198 – children travelling to school – mode of transport used	Overall shortfall in resources to deliver measures identified in Travel Plans	15	BFC	Continue with investment in Safe Routes to School programme <i>No change to risk in quarter 1.</i>
	Maintain awareness year on year	15		Build relationships with schools, continue with incentive schemes and Berkshire STEP reward scheme <i>No change to risk in quarter 1.</i>

No new risks have been identified as part of the update of quarter 1.

## **Update from Theme Partnerships**

The Quarter 4 Partnership Performance Overview Report was submitted to the following Theme Partnership:

### **Health and Social Care Partnership**

The Board agreed that Mary Purnell assisted by Angela Snowling would report to the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board on the red indicators for health and social care. (This has subsequently taken place.)

## **Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the BFP Board:**

- **Notes the progress being made to improve performance on the three indicators that are currently 'red'**
- **Notes the comments and proposed actions of the Theme Partnerships.**
- **Notes the actions being taken by BFC and BEPCT to resolve performance reporting issues and requests that the BFP Board is updated on progress at the next reporting period.**

For full details of the Bracknell Forest Partnership Performance Overview Report please go to <http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/your-council/yc-bracknell-forest-partnership.htm>.

## **Forward Look**

For the **next quarter**, the focus of the Board will be on:

- Updating action plans and risks for the refreshed LAA targets
- Analysing the Place Survey results in the national context (when the information becomes available) to assess the areas that may need improvement and draw up an action plan to help the Partnership target problem areas;
- Finalising the annual report for the Partnership;
- Preparations for the Partnerships Annual Conference
- Ensuring the performance data/reports are presented to each of the Theme Partnerships for their relevant areas.