

ANNEX D

UPDATE ON BRACKNELL FOREST PARTNERSHIP

1 Bracknell Forest Partnership activity

- 1.1 Over the past few months the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board has been concentrating on several areas of work. The Community Engagement Strategy has been agreed, the process of scrutiny for BFP activity has begun and collaborative business continuity between partners has been looked into. Performance analysis against the Local Area Agreement has led to detailed discussions around some of the targets proving to be challenging in the current economic climate including those Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and supporting people to stop smoking.
- 1.2 The Community TV contract extension has also been agreed for a year, to ensure the continuation of the current service until October 2010, and the Board has also been involved with presentations from and discussions/debate with the Audit Commission about Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). This new inspection regime leads to Central Government making a judgement on the Bracknell Forest as a whole, rather than the performance of each of the public service organisations. The Area Assessment for Bracknell Forest will be published online on December 10th 2009.
- 1.3 The Bracknell Forest Partnership Board has also agreed the hosting of the first Partnership Awards, which will be held in November 2009, when we will also launch the first Bracknell Forest Partnership Annual Report.

2 Summary of performance overall (exception reporting)

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Of the 60 individual measures in the LAA,
- 18 (29%) are 'green' (or amber i.e. within 5% of target)
 - 13 (22%) are 'red' (> 5% adrift of target)
 - 7 (12%) are annual indicators or where information will be available later
 - 6 (10%) are where data is available but targets are not yet negotiated
 - 7 (12%) indicators have been deleted from the National Indicator Set.
 - 9 (15%) no data provided to date
- 2.3 The 13 'red' measures are:
- *NI 146 Adults with learning disabilities in employment* - This percentage represents 41 people working out of all the Learning Disability population know to Bracknell Forest. The target is 45, which is seen to be realistic given the current economic climate.
 - *073 – achievement at level 4 or above in both English and math at key stage 2* – The target for this indicator was aspirational and challenging and has not been met. The Council is working closely with those schools where performance in mathematics and/or English at the end of Key Stage 2 was not as strong as predicted.

- *093 – progression by 2 levels in English between key stage 1 and stage 2* - This is provisional data but indicates that the rate of progress for pupils in English Key Stage 2 has not matched the challenging and aspirational targets set by schools and the local authority. Further support is being provided to schools. The results is in line with the national figure of 82%.
- *094 – progression by 2 levels in maths between key stage 1 and stage 2* – This is provisional data but indicates that the rate of progress of pupils is in line with the national figure of 79%.
- *117 – 16-18 year olds who are NEET* – This represents lower performance than in previous years and reflects the increasing difficulties that some young people are encountering in accessing suitable opportunities.
- *136 – people supported to live independently* – Following a definition change in February, work has focused on ensuring that some grants go via Adult Social Care & Health (BFC) to maximise impact. Work is underway with GOSE to amend targets.
- *135 – carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carers service* – This is a cumulative indicator where the total builds across the year. We anticipate that the target will be met. A workstream has commenced to ensure that all carers and joint assessments taking place are correctly recorded within each care group.
- *187 - tackling fuel poverty* – As previously reported the 2009/10 figure for this indicator will not be available until Q3 or 4 2009/10. Data has been requested using a target list of 600 households (on benefits and over-70s random mix) from British Gas of those who have taken up the offer of cavity wall insulation and other insulation benefits. See paragraph 4.5 below.
- *154 – net additional homes provided* – This indicator is monitored annually. BFC is trialling quarterly monitoring, with estimates for Q1 and Q2. The annual housing allocation for the borough in the South East plan is 639 dwellings, but a reduced LAA target of 200 has been negotiated for 2009/10 given the economic situation. With at least 147 dwellings under construction, the 2009/10 LAA target is likely to be met.
- *155 – number of affordable homes delivered* – The annual target of 110 is currently under review with GOSE.
- *193 – municipal waste land filled* – The percentage for the rolling 12 month period to end of Q1 is currently 57.3% as the movement of a significant proportion of the landfill waste will be diverted to the energy waste plant in Q3/Q4. We are expecting to be on target by the end of Q4.
- *016 – Serious acquisitive crime* – Cumulative rate based on mid-2007 population estimates of 113,549. Crime has risen significantly over the last quarter, although the rate of increase is slowing down. The main area of concern remains theft from cars which is a crime type that is historically difficult to detect without key intelligence to enable targeted work. The TVP Priority Crime Team continue to work on this issue.
- *020 – assault with injury crime rate* – Cumulative rate based on mid-2007 population estimates of 113,549. This crime type presents a problem for the Partnership in that it has not been possible to map crime trends against night-time economy or any other similar common denominator. The provision of A&E data and the possible purchase of Mosaic software will greatly assist in analysing and combating the problem.

2.4 Good progress is being made with resolving the issues of sharing performance data with the PCT. Meetings have been held with the other

Berkshire unitary authorities with the outcome of an agreed single timetable, list of indicators and format for reporting which has been shared with the PCT. The PCT are meeting in late October to discuss and a joint meeting between the unitary authorities and the PCT to agree a final resolution is scheduled for early November.

- 2.5 LAA Indicators which are currently 'green' are:
- 051 – Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health
 - 072 – achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years foundation stages with at least 6 points
 - 087- secondary school persistent absence rate
 - 092 – narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years foundation stage profile
 - 142 - % of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living
 - 032 – repeat incidents of domestic violence
 - 177 – local bus and light rail passenger journeys
 - 001 - % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
 - 049a,b,c,d – number of primary fires and related fatalities/casualties
 - 047 – people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents
 - 172 - % of small businesses showing employment growth

3 Delivery Plans and Risks

- 3.1 To ensure that the actions to support achievement of the LAA targets remain relevant, lead officers for each target have been asked to update their Delivery plans with current actions. At the same time, lead officers have also re-assessed the risks associated with the target and have used the revised 'scoring' system, (as detailed below) which ensures that all of the risks monitored by the Partnership are graded in a similar fashion.
- 3.2 Operational risks have been scored using a system of A to F for likelihood and 1-4 for impact. The likelihood assessment ranges from A very high, B high, C significant, D low, E very low, to F almost impossible. The Impact of the risk ranges from 1 catastrophic, 2 critical, 3 marginal to 4 negligible. The combination of the likelihood and the impact are as follows:

A	Amber	Red	Red	Red
B	Amber	Amber	Red	Red
C	Green	Amber	Amber	Red
D	Green	Green	Amber	Red
E	Green	Green	Amber	Red
F	Green	Green	Amber	Amber
	1	2	3	4

- 3.3 This quarter, 7 operational risks are Red. These are set out in the table below. These risks will be monitored closely by lead officers.

Target	Risk	Score	Lead	Mitigation
NI 001 - % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together	1. Limited staff resources	B3	BFC	Careful prioritisation
	2. Demographic and socio-economic changes	B3		Provision of good information
NI 005 – overall/general satisfaction with local area	Economic downturn adversely affects satisfaction (particularly strong link between general satisfaction and shopping facilities)	C4	BFC	Mitigation to be covered by BFP Strategic Risk Work and action plan of economic and skills development partnership. Target set as maintenance of current performance, not improvement on this. Town Centre Regeneration Communications Plan to mitigate effect of delay of improvement of shopping facilities.
NI 111 – First time entrants to the youth justice system aged 10-17	TVP reorganisation of Youth Justice Services i.e. rationalisation of resources into East Berkshire Unit and disbanding Bracknell Community Safety Team.	A2	Youth offending service	N.B. Detailed risks and mitigating actions are incorporated into the YOS plan under section C1.2. Current joint decision making arrangements between YOS and Bracknell Police with regard to first time entrants looking at cases suitable for diversion from CJS will not continue from October 2009. Negotiations with new TVP East Berks Youth Justice Unit will be instigated to consider ways joint decision making can continue as this has been a significant component in achieving a good reduction in 1 st time entrant to the Youth Justice System. Introduction of Youth Restorative Disposal from September 2009 which is a new sanction issued by the Police which can be used to divert youths from the Criminal Justice System.
NI 120 – all age all cause mortality	Service has just closed due to recruitment difficulties since	A2	BEPCT	Locally 200 people were screened and 88 recruited to and completed the 8 week programme since its

	April			inception in August 2008.
NI 154 – Net additional homes provided	Economic recession – happening now in 2009/10, possibly levelling out in 2010/11, before it gets better in hopefully, 2011/12	A2	BFC	Requires significant and effective Central Government intervention. Local authorities can not resolve Global Economic issues.
	Housebuilders slowing completion programmes because buyers not available because financial institutions not lending sufficient mortgages	A2	BFC	Continual dialogue between Local Authority Corporate, Planning and Housing Departments, Sections; developers, housebuilders, registered social landlords and local financial institutions.

4 Update from Theme Partnerships

- 4.1 The Quarter 1 Partnership Performance Overview Report was submitted to the following Theme Partnerships:

Health and Social Care Partnership

- 4.2 The Board received a presentation from the Head of Performance and Partnerships at the Council, on the Local Area Agreement Quarter 1 Performance Report. Following a change in definition of Outcome 6 NI 136 People supported to live independently through social services (all adults) it was proposed that the Council should seek to renegotiate the target. Martin Gilman (BFVA) requested that new definitions should be circulated and Glyn Jones (Director of Adult Social Care & Health, BFC) agreed to do this.

Economic & Skills Development Partnership

- 4.3 A verbal update on the performance was received at the meeting and noted.

Strategic Housing Partnership

- 4.4 The Local Area Agreement Quarter 1 Performance Report had been circulated with the Agenda papers, and this was noted. The Chairman urged the group to keep up the good work in meeting the targets, and the Team Manager in Spatial Policy at the Council indicated that the Partnership is on target to meet the annual targets.

Climate Change Partnership

- 4.5 The progress in Quarter 1 was noted. One of the issues emerging from the Strategic Housing plan is the poor energy performance for people living in mobile homes. Many still use LPG. The Council have registered their intention to apply to the Low Carbon Communities Challenge to fund a project to address this, which would have an impact on indicator NI 187.

Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

- 4.6 The quarter 1 report is due to go to the Executive meeting of this Theme Partnership on 17th November.