

Report to: Audit Governance and Improvement Review Committee

Date: 20th March 2008

Subject: Wigan's Local Area Agreement – overview and update

Report of: Chief Executive

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Purpose / summary: There will be a presentation to the Committee which will provide an overview of the “new” Local Area Agreement (LAA) process and arrangements, and implications for Wigan and its partners. An update will be provided on the current proposals and outcome of ongoing negotiations in relation to Wigan's LAA priorities and performance indicators. (A brief document will be circulated at the meeting).

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: The alternative of presenting a detailed written report was considered, however, as the LAA process is moving quickly and negotiations are underway with Government Office North West regarding the LAA priorities, indicators and potential targets, a presentation and update papers is more appropriate.

Recommendation / decision: Committee are requested to note the new arrangements and implications along with the emerging priorities and indicators, progress against which will need to be reported to this committee in future.

Risks / Implications:

Financial:	None
Staffing:	None
Policy:	LAA is being developed in line with Council policies, priorities and objectives
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	A full diversity impact assessment will be undertaken of the final LAA once adopted by the Council and then signed by Ministers in June.
Wards affected:	All wards will be affected by the LAA.

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

This update does not, but delivery of the LAA will have significant implications and these will be considered once the LAA is fully developed.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

No

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution? **Yes / No ***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget? **Yes / No ***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **Yes / No ***

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Categorisation of the report: (presentation)	X		X
Discussion leading to a decision		Discussion	
Monitoring		Decision	
Sharing for corporate understanding	X	Information	X

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council



Wigan's new Local Area Agreement

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10 March 2008
Chief Executive's Services

The new Local Area Agreement (LAA)


- Background
- LAA – what is it?
- The old / new style LAA – changes
- Why is the LAA important?
- What it means for us
- Key roles for Councillors
- Our timetable



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In the beginning....a little context

- Spending reviews
- Public Service Agreement targets
- Resources → Outcomes
- Local Government Act 2000 (Well-being / Modernisation)
- Local Government Act 2002 (De-regulation)



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Local Public Service Agreements (LPSA 1 and 2)

- Negotiated priorities and targets
- A shift to prevention
- Innovation and improved delivery
- Partnership working
- Financial reward
- Freedoms and Statements of Intent

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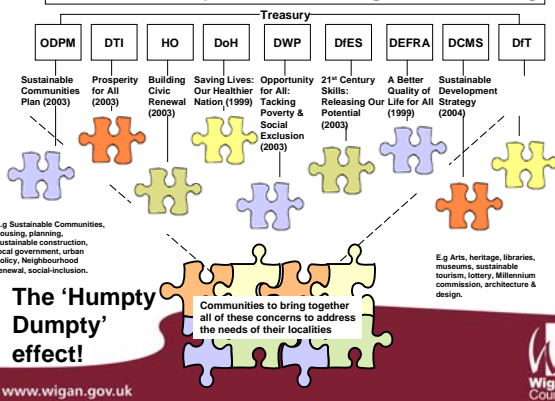


Local Area Agreements....a streamlined approach?

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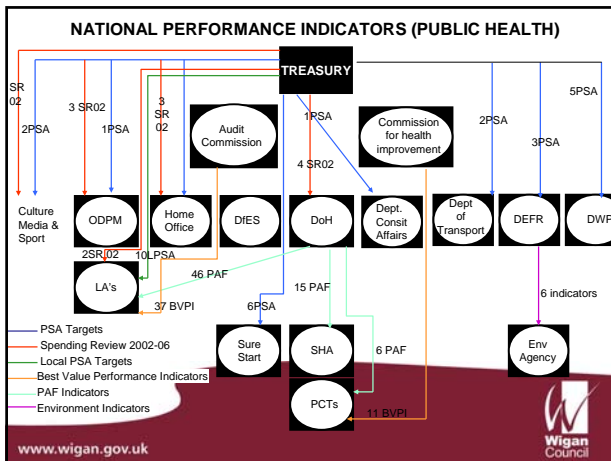


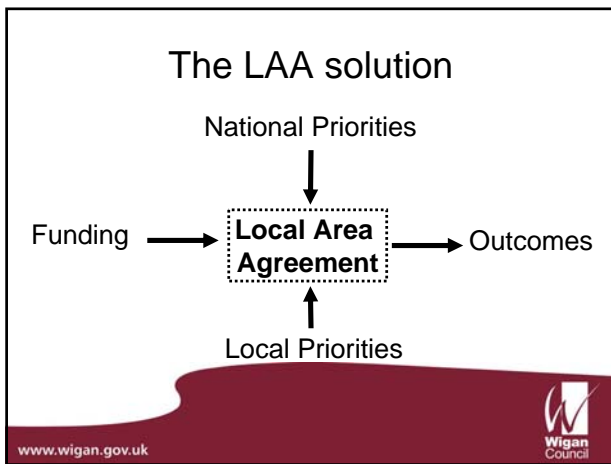
Government Departments, Strategies and Funding

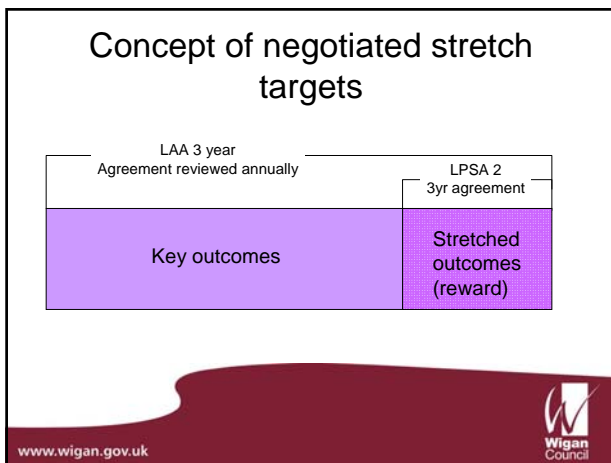


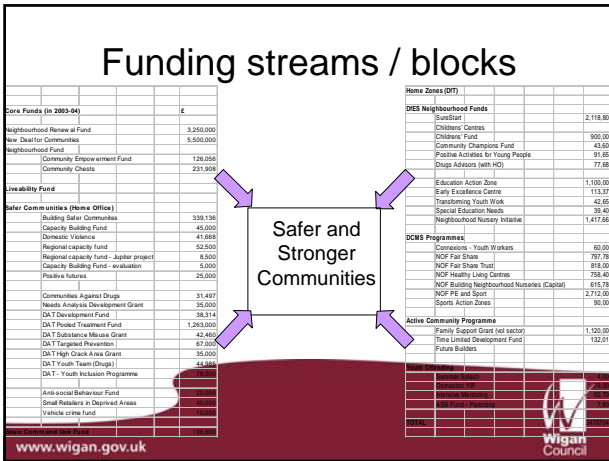
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LAA 'blocks'

- Safer and stronger communities
- Healthier communities and older people
- Children and young people
- Economic development, enterprise and the environment
- Negotiated targets, national, local mix
- Government Office North West (GONW)
- PRG and PPG
- Wigan – LAA 'pilot' 2005-2008

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New LAA's

Why important?

- The **only** place where we will be able to negotiate priorities and performance targets
- Statutory requirement / duty to co-operate
- Real opportunity to develop partnerships
- Realise opportunities offered by joint commissioning
- About improving service delivery and better outcomes for the public

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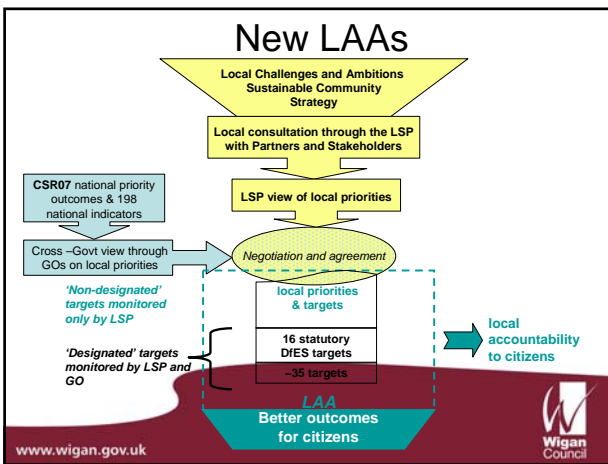
Changes: New 'vs.' Old

- Legal status and Council is 'responsible authority'
- Timescale – all LAA's 2008-2011
- Scope – no requirement for blocks
- Target – 16 education and early years, 35 other
- Funding – all partners potential to pool
- Reward (£) – formula across all targets
- Performance management – local performance management, scrutiny powers, external CAA

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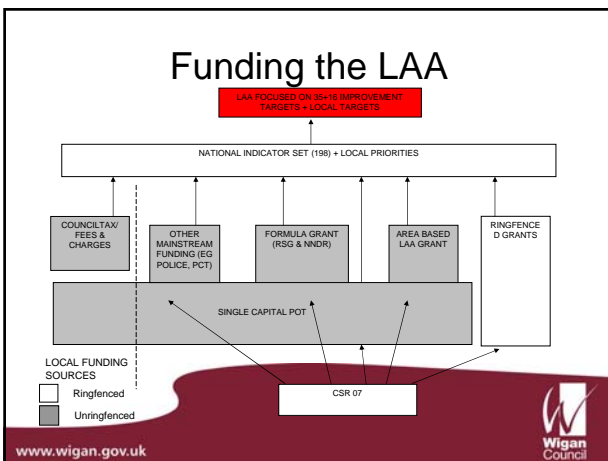
New LAAs



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Funding the LAA



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CAA & area risk assessment



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Key roles of Councillors: LAA

- **Leadership:** LSP, community level, partnership level, roles in agencies (RDA, transport), ensuring delivery
- **Strategy development:** approval of (e.g.) community plan, local development frameworks, partner strategies
- **Scrutiny:** other public service providers
- **Neighbourhood representation:** realities of LAA implementation
- **Performance:** vital role in making sure the LAA priorities are delivered

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Partner Authorities in LGPIH Act

- Arts Council
- The Broads Authority
- Chief Officer of Police
- District authorities
- The Environment Agency
- Fire and rescue authorities
- Health and Safety Executive
- The Highways Agency
- Jobcentre Plus
- Joint Waste Authorities
- Joint Waste Disposal Authorities
- The Learning and Skills Council in England
- Local Probation Boards
- Metropolitan Passenger Transport Authorities
- Museums, Libraries and Archives Council
- National Park Authorities
- Natural England
- NHS Foundation Trusts
- NHS Health Trusts
- Police authorities
- Primary Care Trusts
- Probation Trusts and other providers of probation services
- Regional Development Agencies
- Sport England
- Transport for London
- Youth Offending Teams
- Any other organisations added by an order under section 104(7) of the Act

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Re-cap of LAA principles

- Shared agenda – unique for each area
- Joining together public services
- Balancing central and local priorities
- Pooling public resources to best effect
- Reviewing, scrutinising, tracking performance and outcomes
- Improving public services and citizen satisfaction
- Delivering better quality of life and well-being

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LAA timetable

- Currently working on list of 35 priorities – developed with partners, tested through township forums
- January to March – negotiate with GONW on the 35 targets and agree children's services 16 statutory targets
- March – first draft of LAA agreement
- June (or earlier?) sign-off by Ministers

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LAA 'clusters'

- Developing an ambitious community: improve skills to meet business needs
- A stronger community that provides positive activities for young people
- Affordable homes in safe and sustainable neighbourhoods
- Living longer with a better quality of life: addressing inequality
- Improving community confidence, participation and cohesion
- A sustainable local economy
- Connecting people and services: getting round more easily – and more sustainably
- Promoting aspirations in young people: informed life choices

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Thank you for listening

Any questions / comments?

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