

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (LAA) INVITATION TO INDICATOR WORKSHOPS

The new LAA will consist of up to 35 improvement targets, chosen from the National Indicator Set plus any locally agreed indicators which we feel address local issues. Once the consultation on priorities finishes the next step will be to decide which indicators will most accurately measure progress towards achieving these priorities. We also need to consider how these will fit with the current Herefordshire Community Strategy indicators.

These workshops will follow on from the Herefordshire Exchange Event on 10th December and will ensure that everyone's views are taken into account when identifying the indicators. Choosing the right indicators is a vital part of the LAA development process as it will be these indicators which will drive activity for the next three years. Partner organisations, alongside representatives from the voluntary and community sector and members of the local community, are invited to join in the discussions and contribute towards making a decision as to the best way to measure progress against the agreed priorities.

DATE	TIME	THEME
Tuesday 11 th December	9.30 – 11.30	Children and Young People
Tuesday 11 th December	2.30 – 4.30	Stronger Communities
Wednesday 12 th December	2.00 – 4.00	Environment
Thursday 13 th December	11.00 – 1.00	Safer Communities
Thursday 13 th December	1.30 – 4.00	Economic Development
Monday 17 th December	1.30 – 3.30	Health and Older People

The draft priorities have been grouped into six broad themes and measures for these priorities will be discussed at these workshops. It is acknowledged that owing to a number of overlapping priorities and indicators, some participants may need to attend more than one workshop to ensure sufficient cross referencing between themes and we hope that you will take the opportunity to do that.

The priorities listed below will be included in each workshop. These reflect the list currently out for consultation, and may need to be amended in the light of consultation responses. **The exact format of the workshops, plus a definitive list of priorities will be sent out to workshop participants once the consultation is finalised and the list of priorities ratified by the Chief Executive's Group on the 30th November 2007.**

Safer Communities

Reduce the levels of crime and improve public reassurance and perception of crime

Economic Development

Provide and improve appropriate workforce training and skills development

Encourage higher skilled and better paid jobs in Herefordshire

Increase access to and participation in learning and improve basics skills levels (skills for life)

Build sustainability into the design and planning processes of development, land management, transport and communities

Improve the provision of access to public transport and encourage alternatives to car use

Reduce traffic congestion in and around Hereford City

Health and Older People

Encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle

Help to live at home, improve and widen support for carers and improve the health and social care for vulnerable adults

Children and Young People

Safeguarding and support for vulnerable children
Encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle
Improve access to and availability of local services and facilities
(to include discussion on other C&YP indicators as outlined in the National Indicator Set)

Environment

Improve recycling and reduce waste volumes
Lead a local contribution to climate change reduction
Protect, restore and enhance the built, historical and natural environment

Stronger Communities

Increase the availability of appropriate and affordable housing
Improve access to and availability of local services and facilities
Improve participation in decision-making and encourage community involvement e.g. volunteering
Reduce household debt

Copies of the National Indicator Sets can be downloaded from the Herefordshire Partnership website www.herefordshirepartnership.com or can be requested by telephone or e:mail (details below).

Members of the Herefordshire Partnership Research Team have undertaken some preliminary work linking indicators to the priorities and have begun to look at some of the technical aspects more closely. Prior to the workshop you will receive a pack which will give you an overview of this work and an outline of the format of the workshops.

Places on the workshops are limited, so booking is essential. Please book either by telephone, e-mail or by completing and returning the slip below with your full contact details, organisation (if appropriate) and any special access requirements that you may have.

If you wish to attend the workshops or if you require any further information please contact

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I wish to attend the indicator workshop on (please tick all which apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children and Young People | <input type="checkbox"/> Stronger Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Safer Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Older People |

Name

Organisation

Address

Telephone NumberE:Mail

Any Special Requirements

Please return this slip to Chris Bucknell, Herefordshire Partnership at the address shown above.