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Meeting: Herefordshire Partnership Performance Management Group (PMG)

As I reported in my last briefing paper, plans are moving on to developing a new Herefordshire Community Strategy. Main points from my second meeting:

1. The new Herefordshire Community Strategy

The new strategy will have the **four themes** (outlined previously). There are **outcomes for each theme**. A template, showing actions and information to be included within was agreed. This is the format for how action plan would look:-

Using example data which has not been finalised

Theme: Safer and stronger communities				
Outcome: People are active in their communities and fewer are disadvantaged				
Performance indicator: % of adult residents engaged in formal volunteering for an average of 2 hours/week				
Baseline 2005/6	Lead partner	Progress	Action required/resources	Monitoring
Figure from satisfaction Survey - Council	Volunteer Group	survey results available	Agree actions with group LPSA2 pump priming grant	5% improve on baseline

The meeting agreed a list of 60 odd Performance Indicators (PI's) that would be used to track progress of the new Community Strategy e.g. daily traffic volumes into Hereford city, overall crime rates. Processes would be structured so that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) which would be monitored by the Performance Management Group (PMG) alongside the Community Strategy.

2. What is the role of PMG?

The group agreed the terms of reference. Roles include:-

- Monitor 'action plan' to assess effectiveness of new community strategy
- Inform Board about any activity concerns. The group agreed a 'traffic light' system to identify risk activities (green, amber, red).
- The group is supported by Partnership Support Team. I informed that meeting of the VSA nomination in progress.

3. Who could deliver the new Herefordshire Community Strategy?

The meeting considered a paper setting out over 30 potential delivery groups who might be involved in delivery actions within the plan. It was noted that the Herefordshire Infrastructure Consortium (HIC), who are co-ordinating a great deal of delivery of voluntary and community sector activities did not feature in this list. WL agreed to provide HIC details to Partnership Support Team. I also suggested that voluntary and community sector networks have access to some of the most isolated communities and are therefore key partner in developing, consulting, informing any future community strategy for HFDshire. I also endorsed that guiding principles should not be separately performance managed. - only adds extra layer of reporting that VCS organisations involved in delivering any part of the plan would have to provide.

4. Need for future consultation!

Timings of meetings and consideration of papers was inadequate. A fixed timetable to be drawn up to allow partners to consult properly before meetings!

