

Economy and Enterprise Delivery Partnership

Date of Meeting: 24th March 2010

Subject: CAA Work Plan

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To present the Delivery Partnership with the CAA Work Plan and to seek updates on the areas of concern.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The results of the Area Assessment were considered at the last meeting of the Delivery Partnership and discussions took place as to whether the Area Assessment presented an accurate reflection of the economy in Calderdale and how best the partnership can demonstrate that it is addressing the areas of concern. It was agreed that CAA will be a standing agenda item at each Economy and Enterprise Delivery Partnership.
- 2.2 Since the Delivery Partnership in January, the Audit Commission have shared a CAA Work Plan for Calderdale which provides further details of the areas of concern and what evidence on outcomes they are seeking.
- 2.3 The purpose of the document is to provide a joint work plan for the Audit Commission and partners, and a key element in updating the Work Plan is the need to identify key milestones in terms of progress and a shared timeline.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 shows the areas of concern specific to the Economy and Enterprise theme of the LSP and highlights key questions for the Partnership to consider with suggestions as to the type of evidence that needs to be provided.
- 2.5 The Audit Commission have articulated the need to evidence the link between actions being taken and the desired and expected outcomes.
- 2.6 The Calderdale Forward Delivery Group is viewing the CAA Work Plan as a fluid document and will be considering updates to the Work Plan from Delivery Partnerships and partner organisations at their monthly meetings.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The Delivery Partnership has the opportunity to provide written comments/responses to the questions/evidence contained within the Work Plan.

4. Actions Required

- 4.1 That contributions to the development of the CAA work plan are sought from partners and partnerships over the next 4 months.
- 4.2 The Delivery Partnership may wish to consider;
- What difference does the Delivery Partnership expect to see in 6 months?
 - Will the current/proposed actions deliver those outcomes/improvements?
 - If the outcome has not yet been realised, what milestones/interim targets/proxy measures are in place and will the actions be sufficient to meet these?

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Delivery Partnership is invited to provide comments at the meeting or to provide written comments/responses /evidence for inclusion in submissions to the Audit Commission.

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Issue	Improved outcomes needed	Key issues for the partnership	Evidence Required
<p>Narrowing the Gap Lack of progress with NTG – including indicators, long term and intermediate targets (milestones), partner action plans and performance management arrangements.</p> <p>*Unemployment Levels *NEETs</p>	<p>Need evidence by July 2010 that partners have developed SMART plans for tackling NTG issues and are making progress towards delivering interim milestones/outcomes.?</p> <p>Plans should indicate how gaps for communities of interest will be narrowed as well as for geographical areas</p>	<p>A solution centre approach is being used to assist in developing joint actions plans to narrow the gap on Unemployment Levels and NEETs. In the meantime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do partners have plans in place to narrow the gap in Unemployment Levels and NEETs? • What difference are the actions making to reduce the gap on Unemployment Levels and NEETs? • What does the partnership need to do to make better progress on these issues? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that activities being undertaken are having, or will have, an impact on Unemployment Levels and NEETS with milestones for measuring progress.
<p>Safeguarding future and prosperity How effective have partner actions been to combat the recession and help vulnerable people?</p>	<p>Need evidence that actions have been targeted on the most vulnerable and that these have mitigated worst effects of economic downturn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions did partners take to combat the recession? • What impact did these have on vulnerable people? • How joined-up were these actions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of partner actions to help the most vulnerable during the recession • Clear evidence of the impact of these actions on vulnerable people eg how many were helped, the financial benefits for local people • Evidence that partners worked together to plan and implement the actions

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<p>Progress with major regeneration initiatives – Vision into Reality</p>	<p>Need evidence that major projects such as Broad St, Shay Stadium and Piece Hall are on track – including projected outcomes (new/safeguarded jobs, new business creation)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of progress required against milestones and anticipated impact of projects on jobs, businesses, local economic prospects
<p>Prospects for improving skills levels – in light of unsuccessful bid for university centre - currently 30% of the working population do not hold a Level 2 qualification and only 23.5 % hold a Level 4</p>	<p>Need evidence that coordinated partner actions are addressing low skills levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information does the partnership have on skill levels and skill requirements in Calderdale? • What plans are in place and actions in place or planned to improve skills? • What impact is these plans having, or will have, in meeting skills targets? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of strategic approach to improving skills with targets and plans in place. • Evidence of impact that current plans are having, or will have, in addressing skills targets.