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Dear Mr Lindley

It is with great pleasure that I attach the fully agreed Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement for 2008 -2011. As a county we are confident that the identification of the 35 National Indicators and 18 Local Indicators will enable us to deliver well developed and evidenced priority outcomes for our local area and communities.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the progress made by Northamptonshire throughout the negotiation process, and would like to thank our colleagues at Government Office East Midlands and all our partners for their hard work and positive approach and engagement throughout.

As highlighted in previous submissions Northamptonshire forms part of one of the largest and fastest growing growth areas in the country. The partnership has been very clear from the commencement of the negotiation that this agenda needs to be reflected in the final agreed LAA. There are continuing concerns that the national indicator set gives no place to articulate this priority in a meaningful way through from the outcome level to the national indicator "proxy" to measure progress towards the outcome (beyond narrow housing numbers, with the point for the county being how we manage such large numbers and strong performance in terms of the infrastructure, economic development and quality of life outcomes we seek).

Northamptonshire has therefore developed a number of key local indicators to enhance its Local Area Agreement to reflect the growth agenda and would welcome any continued support in how we address this issue. As a result of the priority nature of these outcomes the partnership has agreed that it will treat its National and Local indicator sets with equal importance in its delivery and decision making.

Yours sincerely



JIM HARKER
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Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011

Introduction

Northamptonshire is centrally located, being midway between London and Birmingham and Oxford and Cambridge. It is in the East Midlands region but functionally in the outer south east. It lies at the edge of London's world city region and is increasingly influenced by the growth of Milton Keynes. However our main population centre, Northampton, is a city region in its own right and a relatively strong performing one at that. The fast growing urban areas of Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough are also seeing themselves as a growth pole of national significance, alongside continuing to manage strong spatial relationships, such as that of Wellingborough to Northampton with regard to travel to work and related economic and social patterns.

We are therefore extremely well placed for **prosperity**, but we need to make the most of our location to build a sense of **place**, thus making our towns, neighbourhoods and villages ones for **people**. The Sustainable Communities Strategy, which is currently under development, has to build on opportunities, but also be the vehicle that moves Northamptonshire forward as a whole, helping to address the common growth, economic and social objectives and challenges to service quality and improvement that this LAA is centred upon.

Northamptonshire is a landlocked county in central England with a population of 629,676 (2001 census, 651047 est. 2004). It has borders with Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire (including the Borough of Milton Keynes), Oxfordshire, and Lincolnshire (England's shortest county boundary: 19 metres). A county of rural and urban landscapes provides many challenges in the development of the LAA for 2008 -2011.

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Development of the LAA2

The development of the Local Area Agreement is based on of 4 workstreams identified to deliver effective partnership working in Northamptonshire

- Developing effective governance
- Developing the Sustainable Communities Strategy
- **Developing the LAA2 (the delivery plan for the SCS)**
- Developing integrated partnership delivery arrangements

The partnership identified Lead Negotiators who have supported the LAA Transition Group to arrive at the priorities and targets for the LAA2 negotiation project and to ensure wide engagement and ownership of this iterative evidence and partnership outcome.

Northamptonshire's LAA2 has been developed through the **7 themes** identified by Government against which the National Indicator Set ((NIS) has been placed. These 7 LAA themes have now been translated into high level priority outcomes for Northamptonshire.

- Stronger, empowered and cohesive communities
- Building Safer Communities
- Improved life chances for Children
- Improved adult health and well being
- A stronger local economy
- Improved environmental sustainability
- Tackling exclusion and promoting equalities

The 2nd submission includes

- 34 Priority Outcomes
- 35 National Improvement Targets
- 18 Local Improvement Indicators

Challenges

To match the LAA2 improvement targets with the wider ambitions of the Sustainable Communities Strategy we have applied a series of key tests and challenges to these targets. These challenge groups have worked extremely well and provided very good due challenge to the lead negotiators. These are challenge groups are:-

- **Growth** – the impact of growth on the chosen improvement targets will be important. Representatives of the local delivery vehicles and partners are assessing the draft targets with a view to assessing the impact of the LAA targets on the county's growth. This is one of the most significant challenges facing Northamptonshire's LAA as the national indicator set does not provide the right indicators for growth areas.
- **Rural Renewal** – what are the implications of the priorities for rural communities and areas – The new performance framework suggests spatial levels at which different targets can be measured. Representatives of the Rural Renewal Partnership are providing rural proofing the LAA and local targets agreed by the lead negotiators.
- **Neighbourhood Renewal** – one of the key aims of the LAA is to overcome inequality in the key 10 priority urban areas in the county. – The new performance framework suggests spatial levels at which different targets can be measured; some could be at Super Output Area levels. Representatives of neighbourhood partnerships are assessing the draft set of national and local target in respect of the improvements we need to achieve in these areas.
- **Equalities and Inclusion** – the new performance framework mentions the local authorities' and partner equality statutory duties. We need to have suitable mechanisms in place, including information, to monitor and deliver on these duties. A representative equalities forum has assessed the draft set of national and local targets and will now assess where we need improvements for particular groups in our communities. The fair treatment indicator has now been agreed as local indicator in negotiation with the equality challenge group.
- **Third Sector** - Third Sector representatives have assessed the impact of the LAA2 on the third sector. This will be in the context of ensuring that the third sector informs the targets but also assessing its capacity to support the delivery of the LAA2 and achieve the outcome of developing a strong third sector in the county to support public service delivery.

Northamptonshire evidence and performance information

The negotiation of the Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement has been founded on ensuring a clear and well developed evidence base. The following appendices provide the Northamptonshire Story and evidence for the priorities and indicators which have been agreed. The sections are based around the 7 themes and the components as follows

- Section 1 - Stronger, empowered and cohesive communities
- Section 2 - Building Safer Communities
- Section 3 - Improved life chances for Children
- Section 4 - Improved adult health and well being
- Section 5 - A stronger local economy
- Section 6 - Improved environmental sustainability
- Section 7 - Tackling exclusion and promoting equalities

1. Stronger, empowered and cohesive communities

Our strategic direction

- To implement the 3 year community cohesion delivery plan based on consultation commencing March – June 2008.
- To develop a strong and effective third sector infrastructure in the county, one able to deliver increased levels of public services.
- To actively increase community participation in cultural, sporting and physical activity.
- To work towards supporting more engaged and empowered communities by implementing a programme based on the LAA community engagement plans.

Our local ambition

- To support community cohesion outcomes in each locality.
- To develop and implement the Third Sector Strategy and develop targets to increase levels of public services delivered by the third sector.
- To attract investment to improve cultural/sporting facilities and to increase the range and volume of cultural/sporting activities so that participation levels can increase across the county.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To work towards and contribute to building cohesive communities in the county.
- To support volunteering and get involved in supporting the development of strong third sector.
- To demonstrate the benefit of and create the opportunities for more people to participate in culture and sport.
- To become involved and engaged in influencing public service design and delivery.

Northamptonshire LAA2 Outcomes and indicators

Strong and more cohesive communities

A strong and cohesive community is defined through the Local Government White Paper as ‘thriving places in which fear of difference is replaced by a shared set of values and shared sense of purpose and belonging’.

The 2007 Local Government User Satisfaction Survey in Northamptonshire showed that 80.5% of people agreed that their local area is place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This is very much in line with the average for County Councils at 80.7%.

The county level findings, however, mask significant differences at a borough district level. In South Northants, for example, 88% agree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This is within the highest 5% of all district councils and the highest 5% of all districts, London Boroughs, Metropolitan Districts and UAs. Corby however has a very low % (60%) of residents who agree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This is within the lowest 5% of all districts councils and within the lowest 5% of all districts, London Boroughs Metropolitan Districts and Unitary Authorities.

NI 1 is widely recognised as a key indicator of a cohesive society and is therefore included as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target. The indicator will be significantly impacted on by the growth of the county as a whole and the continued growth of migrant populations. In light of these impacts we are proposing a target of maintaining the current performance level for the generation of this LAA.

Hate Crime is proposed as a Local Indicator to contribute to the Community Cohesion Strategy in measuring Hate Crime at the locality level. This measure is currently under development with partners.

A Strong, diverse, vibrant Third Sector and volunteer base

A stronger third sector is an asset to any local area. The Third Sector can contribute in many ways, and the government has included it as a priority on the basis of the following:

- The importance of the third sector to strong, active and empowered local communities
- The value of the third sector to responsive and effective local government
- The value of local government to the third sector

The involvement of the third sector to Northamptonshire's Local Area Agreement is cross-cutting in nature and should be used to support a much broader programme to transform local services.

There is significant evidence that the third sector in Northamptonshire is small with low levels of infrastructure. A newly commissioned project is currently assessing the level public service delivery by third sector across LAA Partners. This will provide further evidence base for Northants. NI 7 has therefore been included as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target.

In addition volunteering is a significant contributor to health and well being. It is something on which we currently under perform, but is a low cost way we can support many people to have better lives and is an integral part of social cohesion and the strategic drive to enable more people to live at home and have fulfilling, active and health lives. Volunteering is a LAA1 Stretch target and will continue to run until March 2009. It is proposed as a Local Improvement target and work is underway to define whether we adopt NI6 or a more locally defined indicator which is more measurable post 2009.

Increased participation in cultural, sporting and physical activity

Participation in sport and exercise is a major area of social interaction and community cohesion. PSA Delivery Agreement 21: build more cohesive, empowered & active communities recognises the role of culture and sport in building communities. The CLG Citizenship Survey 2001 found sport and exercise were the single greatest contributors to social participation. The Taking Part survey demonstrates the links between participation in cultural & sporting activity and community cohesion where participants in these activities were 20% more likely to know 'many people' in their neighbourhood and 60% more likely to believe 'many of their neighbours could be trusted'.

In addition to the contribution to community cohesion, participation in culture, sport & physical activity has positive benefits for individual's mental & physical health & well-being, helping to tackle obesity, heart conditions & diabetes and helping with recovery from mental health conditions and long term illnesses. Overall in Northamptonshire 80% of the adult population are not exercising sufficiently to maintain their health and well-being, with participation rates in Corby and Kettering in the lowest quartile nationally.

The cultural sector in Northamptonshire is currently under resourced and under developed. The growth agenda in the county will mean that this relative lack of provision will be further exacerbated. However the growth agenda also offers the opportunity to attract investment to turn this situation around, and with the opportunities for partnership working also available improving cultural activity is seen a key priority for the Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement.

Outcome	National Improvement Target	Local Improvement Indicator
Strong empowered and more cohesive communities	NI 1 - % of people who feel that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their area	The level of agency reporting of hate crimes and incidents by all LAA organisations and social housing associations for all strands of hate crimes and incidents
A strong, diverse, vibrant Third Sector and volunteer base	NI 7 – Environment for the Third Sector	NI 6 – Participation in volunteering
Increased participation in cultural, sporting and physical activity	NI 8 – Adult participation in sport	NI 9 – Use of public libraries
		NI 11 – Engagement in Arts

[Full Target information available in Appendix 1](#)

2. Building Safer Communities

Our strategic direction

We will work together to reduce crime, improve confidence and protect the public through:

- Safer Community Teams, engaging partner agencies and local people to tackle locally agreed priorities, at the heart of our response to crime and anti social behaviour.
- Building strong and effective Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs), focused on delivering to local needs and that are accountable to local people.
- Citizen focused policing, working closely with partners and communities to provide high quality, accessible and visible services that meets local needs, improves confidence and contributes to community cohesion.
- An emphasis on prevention and designing out crime, with a particular focus on youth crime, reducing re-offending, drugs and alcohol.
- Protecting the public, with a particular focus on domestic abuse, hate crime, managing offenders and community approaches to preventing violent extremism.
- Reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on Northamptonshire's Roads.

Our local ambition

Working together across the partnership and engaging with communities, we will improve confidence, satisfaction and community cohesion through: -

- Reducing crime.
- Reducing violence, through a local violence reduction action plan.
- Reducing re-offending, with a focus on young people and on prolific & priority offenders.
- Tackling anti social behaviour, reducing its impact for local communities.
- Reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.
- Improving road safety and reducing road casualties.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To support the police, other agencies and local partnerships in their work to prevent and reduce crime and anti social behaviour.
- To act safely and responsibly.

Northamptonshire LAA2 Outcomes and Indicators

Reduced Crime

In the 2006/07 Local Government User Satisfaction Survey (LGUSS) 65% of respondents felt that one of the five most important things in making somewhere a good place to live was the level of crime, and in response to the question as to what most needed improving in their area the level of crime came second only to activities for teenagers.

Northamptonshire has higher rates of acquisitive crime than most similar police force areas. In the 12 months to Dec 2007, Northamptonshire was 16.4% above the Most Similar Force (MSF) average (using new MSF groups). Current trends are downward, with a 35% reduction achieved between 2003/04 and December 2007. An 11% reduction on the previous year is projected for 2007/08. For the same period, Daventry and Northampton were both significantly above the average for similar CDRPs, and Wellingborough's performance is deteriorating.

The Northamptonshire target is a reduction in acquisitive crime from a rate of 18.84 crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (12604 offences) to a rate of 16.77 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 11%. The expected level after Year 1 is a rate of 17.90 crimes per 1,000 population in 2008/09 based on mid-2007 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 5%"

Northamptonshire has lower rates of assaults with injury than most similar police force areas. In the 12 months to Dec 2007, Northamptonshire was 4.4% below the MSF average (using new MSF groups). For the same period, with the exception of Corby, CDRPs are either in line with the average or performing better than average. Corby however has rates which are significantly higher than the CDRP average. The proposed target is for an 8% reduction by 2010/11 with locally defined targets at CDRP level which are aligned to the countywide target.

The Northamptonshire target is a reduction in recorded assault with less serious injury from a rate of 7.71 crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (5158 offences) to a rate of 6.99 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 9.3%. The expected level after Year 1 is a rate of 7.35 crimes per 1,000 population in 2008/09 based on mid-2007 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 4.65%

These targets will be reassessed after Year, as the dataset for 2007/08 is only a proxy for the correct dataset, as it uses the category of other woundings (8a & 8d)

Communities place high value and emphasis on the impact of the behaviour of young people. Tackling the re-offending of young people adds enhanced value such as:

- Reductions in offending and crime
- Reductions in costs and improvements in value for money
- Increased public confidence and perceptions of issues

The Indicator NI 19 is still currently under development but early indications show and re-offending rate of 2 crimes per cohort member. The focus upon prolific and priority offenders is central to the county's approach to reducing volume crime. National evidence shows that a high proportion of acquisitive crime is committed by a low proportion of our criminal population. NI 30 will measure the re-offending rates of Northamptonshire's PPO's. We are currently reviewing newly published national datasets on this indicator and have agreed target of 19% reduction in re-offending for Year 1. Targets for this indicator are to be set annually.

Reduced Harm caused by drugs and alcohol

Nationally there is high priority given to reducing the harm caused by all forms of substance misuse, Examples include reducing drug usage and dealing, tackling alcohol related violence, and prevention of young people becoming involved in substance misuse. Northamptonshire's Local Area Agreement will have a strong focus of reducing harm caused by drugs and alcohol across our communities. It is one of a number of cross-cutting outcomes which will be impacted by work with Young People, Communities to reduce levels of crime and violence. There are a number of concerns around the quality of the data for NI 39 which has led to the decision to include this as a local indicator in this round of LAA, during which we will focus on improving the data quality for future comparison.

The LAA will also include as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target NI115 – Tackling substance misuse in young people (appendix 3).

Safer physical environments and tackling anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour has a high profile nationally and locally. In the 2006/07 Local Government User Satisfaction Survey 26% of people felt that a high % of anti-social behaviour was a problem in their area. This assessment is based on a series of composite issues as below:

- “How much of a problem are:
 - ‘Noisy neighbours or loud parties?’
 - ‘Teenagers hanging around on the streets?’
 - ‘Rubbish or litter lying around?’
 - ‘Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles?’
 - ‘People using or dealing drugs?’
 - ‘People being drunk or rowdy in public places?’
 - ‘Abandoned or burnt out cars?’

National benchmarking data for the aggregate measure is not published for the 2006/07 LGUSS. However, Northamptonshire does not compare well to other areas when the component measures are examined having the highest levels of concern of all counties for two of the measures and ranked 2nd and 4th highest for two more of the seven measures.

Comparing the findings of the 2006/07 LGUSS at district level highlights the high relative levels of concern about anti-social behaviour in Corby and Wellingborough. Corby is in the highest 10% of all districts for all seven measures of anti-social behaviour. It is in the highest 5% for 5 of the seven measures and in the highest 2% for one of the measures. Wellingborough is in the highest quartile for all seven measures of anti-social behaviour. It is in the highest 10% for 6 of the seven measures and in the highest 5% for 3 of the measures. In addition Northampton is in the highest 10% for 3 of the seven measures, research by MORI suggests that levels of concern in East Northants are far higher than would be expected given the demographic and social characteristics of the area. We will be re-assessing baselines through the new Place survey but have agreed an indicative target of a 4% improved over the 3 years of the LAA

NI 49 - No of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks is included as a local improvement indicator and baselines and targets are currently under development.

Improved Road Safety

Transport accidents make up the highest single proportion of accidental deaths in the county. Death and serious casualty figures in Northants are falling but still remains a significant issue.

In the past 10 years over 6,000 people have been killed or seriously injured on the road network of Northamptonshire. Although the numbers are falling there are still many areas of concern, the greatest of which is the disappointing progress on reducing the number of deaths. Motorcyclists and young drivers are disproportionately at risk, as are child pedestrians, especially in deprived areas. Bad driving behaviour and speeding are also crucial anti-social issues that contribute towards casualty outcomes. As a further consequence road traffic collision costs are a huge burden on the local economy, a situation that therefore emphasises the value of robust prevention interventions. Greater effort and innovation is now required in order to address diminishing casualty returns and to support a realistic opportunity of attaining the current published stretch target of -55% KSI reduction by 2010/11.

Having achieved the Government target of 40% reduction vs. baseline we are one of the 46 authorities to have attained this. To the end of 2006 we have the 34th highest percentage reduction (149). We are in the median quartile against all counties data. Regionally we are the 4th most successful. Baselines have been reset for 2004/06 and targets agreed based on these baselines.

Outcome	National Improvement Target	Local Improvement Indicator
Reduced Crime	NI 16 – Serious Acquisitive Crime	Locally developed Domestic Abuse Indicator
	NI 20 – Assault with injury	
	NI 19 – Rate of proven re-offending of Young Offenders	
	NI 30 – Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	
Reduced Harm caused by drugs and alcohol		NI 39 – Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates
Safer physical environments and tackling anti-social behaviour	NI 17 – Perception of Anti-social behaviour	NI 49 – No of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks
Improved Road Safety	NI 47 – People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	

[Full Target information available in Appendix 1](#)

3. Improved life chances for Children and Young People

Our strategic direction

- All children and young people will be supported and encouraged to become active and productive citizens.
- Services will be locally organised and integrated to ensure accessibility and coordination.
- Services will be geared to improving life chances for all children and young people and ensuring all have equal opportunity to develop and thrive.
- A focus on prevention and early intervention will reduce the need for more complex services over time.
- Services will support children & young people in their families, unless (exceptionally) their welfare requires alternative arrangements.
- Provision will be organised with and through families whenever this is possible and appropriate.
- Children, young people and their parents will be partners in service design and delivery.

Our local ambition

By working together we will:

- Improve the health of children and young people, promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing obesity, substance misuse and teenage pregnancy.
- Improve the quality and enjoyment of learning of children and young people particularly by raising standards in schools.
- Support families to provide the care and experiences that their children need in order to thrive.
- Offer good quality provision to young people, encouraging them to engage in positive activities and reduce offending and anti-social behaviour.
- Encourage young people's aspirations and enterprise to help them to secure employment, education and training opportunities which enhance their future prospects.
- Increase the support offered to children 'in care' such that their education, health and overall life chances are improved.

The LAA must empower children, young people and their families:

- To access services that promote independence and improved outcomes.
- To participate fully as active members of their community.
- To access services locally and when they need them.
- To contribute to the design of services.

Northamptonshire LAA2 Outcomes and indicators

The outcomes for the Children and Young Peoples Theme have been developed in line with the Children and Young People's Plan. The 2006-9 Plan is refreshed annually.

A Healthy Start for children aged 0 – 5 years

Almost two thirds of adults and a third of children are either overweight or obese, and work by the Government Office for Science's Foresight Programme suggests that, without clear action, these figures will rise to almost nine in ten adults and two-thirds of children by 2050. This matters because of the severe impact being overweight or obese can have on an individual's health – both are associated with an increasing risk of diabetes, cancer, and heart and liver disease among others – and the risks get worse the more overweight people become. They matter because of the pressure such illnesses put on families, the NHS and society more broadly, with overall costs to society forecast to reach £50 billion per year by 2050 on current trends.

NI55 will assess obesity in children in reception year at primary schools. 9.2% of reception age children in Northamptonshire are obese. Whilst this is lower than England (9.9%) and the East Midlands (9.8%) this critical issue still requires concerted inter-agency action. We have reasonable data coverage at 88%

compared to 83% coverage nationally and 82% across the East Midlands. As a Local Improvement Indicator targets will be aligned with PCT and Department of Health.

Improved Health for children aged 5 – 13 years

NI 56 has been proposed as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target. This records obesity in the Primary Stage (year 6) and complements NI 55. Current Northamptonshire performance is 14.6%. Whilst this is low compared to England (17.5%), there is still a pressing need for coordinated action. Data coverage is low with only 64% of those eligible being measured compared to 78% nationally.

Improving health and life chances for young people aged 14 and above

Reducing harm caused by Drugs and Alcohol is a key priority for Northamptonshire and appears in the Safer Communities theme (see appendix 2). However there has always been concern about young people's misuse of substances and these have increased in recent years with regard to alcohol and illegal drugs such as Cannabis. There is a marked scarcity of robust data based on actual numbers of young people misusing and their needs. From the TellUs2 survey, 84% say they have not used drugs, 37% have not had an alcoholic drink though 21% acknowledged getting drunk in the previous 3 weeks. NI 115 is a Northamptonshire improvement target and base-lining and targeting will be completed after final guidance is received.

Reducing Teenage conceptions and pregnancy is emerging as a high national priority. The current rate in Northamptonshire is 38.4 (2006) per 1000 a reduction of 16.3 % since the baseline year of 1998. We have to accelerate our reduction to reach our target, and judging by performance over the last 3 years, this may be possible with concerted work in identified risk areas. In comparison with its statistical neighbours, only Nottinghamshire (20.2%) has shown a bigger reduction than Northamptonshire since the baseline of 1998.

Detailed conception/trend information will facilitate the targeting of wards/districts/boroughs. Ongoing planning is challenged by the two year lag in detailed data. A regional 'proxy' indicator is seen as essential to monitoring within the LAA.

Improved life chances for children in care

Improving life chance for children in care is a key priority for the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership. A key aspect of achieving this is the stability of placements for looked after children to which partners can make significant contributions, as part of a sharing of 'corporate parenting' responsibilities. NI 62 'Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves' is widely held as a summary measure for improving outcomes for looked after children. Set against the national PAF framework, performance is very good (Band 5). However, whilst performance was at the statistical neighbours' average in 2005-6 (14%; national average 12%) 2006-7 saw a decrease and this has recurred in 2007-8. This as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target with a target of 11% for 2010/11.

Improved performance and management in schools

The December 2007 Ofsted return identified 13 Northamptonshire schools in Special Measures

Primary Schools –	14 (8 in Northampton Town)
Secondary Schools –	0
Special Schools –	0
PRUs -	0

There were 245 schools nationally in Special Measures at this time. Northamptonshire has therefore a significant share (5%) of this number. It is recognised that improving the management and overall performance of schools is critical to improving the educational attainment and, hence, wider life chances of Northamptonshire's children. The Improvement Target for Northamptonshire is to have removed all schools from special measures by 2010/11

Improved life chances for young people (14+)

Non – participation in education, employment or training between the ages of 16 – 18 (or ‘NEET’ as it is called) is a major predictor of later unemployment, low income, depression, involvement in crimes and poor mental health. The performance in Northamptonshire for 2007 was a rate of 5.6% compared with a national average of 6.7%. Reducing the NEET figure is a key cross cutting priority which will have both short and long term impacts on the outcomes for Northamptonshire. The Northamptonshire Improvement target is for a continuation of the stretch target to a reduction of 5%.

Outcome	National Improvement Targets	Local Improvement Indicators
A Healthy Start for children aged 0 – 5 years		NI 55 - Obesity among primary School age children in Reception year
Improved health for children aged 5 – 13 years	NI 56 – Obesity among primary school age children in year 6	
Improving health and life chances for young people aged 14 and above	NI 112 – Under 18 conception rate	
	NI 115 - Substance misuse by young people	
Improved life chances for children in care	NI 62 – Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves	
Improved performance and management in Schools	NI 89 – Number of schools in special measures	
Improved life chances for young people (14+)	NI 117 – NEET, 116 - 18 year olds who are not in education employment or training	
Provision is more accessible for all children, young people and their families		NI 88 – Number of extended schools
Increased Educational Achievement	16 Statutory education indicators (DCSF)	

Full Target information available in Appendix 1

4. Improved adult health and well-being

Our strategic direction

- To provide information, advocacy and support to enable people to remain healthy and independent.
- To empower and enable people to be in control of their lives and have real choices in relation to health and social care services.
- To make services more personalised and to develop self directed support for people with adult social care needs.
- To recognise the important role of informal Carers and to ensure that they are supported.
- To deliver more services in the community or at home.
- To ensure that services work together, built around the needs of the individual to promote good health, independence, well-being and choice.
- To tackle inequalities in service access and service outcomes.

Our local ambition

By working together and providing good services we will: -

- Support more people to live independently at home.
- Reduce unnecessary stays in hospital or residential care.
- Increase choice and control for individuals and carers over the services and support they need.
- Support people to live healthier lives.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To look after their health and well-being to stay healthy and independent.
- To participate fully as active members of our communities.
- To access services when we need them.

Northamptonshire LAA2 Outcomes and Indicators

More people helped to live independently

Improving services for older people is a key area for improvement; this has been highlighted in the latest service rating where Northamptonshire was rated as a one star authority for its services and support to older people. Older people have also voiced their concern in a recent survey where they identified that "Providing services to help older people to live in their own homes for as long as possible" was the highest priority for older people in order that more people are able to have choice and control of their care and support. Therefore supporting people to live independently is a key improvement target.

Historic performance on current indicators has show that Northamptonshire performed adequately against both National and Regional comparison for both the numbers of people funded by the council receiving intermediate care in a residential setting (rapid response/supported discharge) and the number of people funded by the council receiving non residential intermediate care to facilitate timely hospital discharge and/or effective rehabilitation. It is recognised that performance needs to be improved and sustained into the future which will require greater integration of services and improved partnership working. NI 125 is a Northamptonshire Improvement Target to draw focus to older people. NI 136 is also a Northamptonshire Improvement Target as this encompasses all age ranges and forms of provision. In addition Northamptonshire will be working with CSCIP to establish a regional local indicator around Safeguarding adult during 2008/09.

Reduce unnecessary stays in hospital

Historic social care performance has been good for mainstream DTC. However delays attributable to NHS performance and delays for people with a recognised mental health condition have been poor. We need to plan for the future rise in demand due to changes in demography and growing population. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) demonstrates the significant rise in population and increased demand for services due to the increase in the morbidity and age profile of the population. Current services will be unable to meet future demands if service configuration is not changed. Within the JSNA, inappropriate use of non-elective hospital services has been a priority focus area following early stakeholder feedback. The Northamptonshire improvement target is to reduce the per capita emergency bed days.

Carers are effectively supported

Carers are our primary source of support to vulnerable, ill and infirm people. We need to reduce the burden on families with caring responsibilities. This requires all agencies to deliver in partnership an effective carers strategy. During consultation on this strategy, a clear message from carers has been concern about the numbers of carers' assessments undertaken, their quality, and access to specific services, advice and information. This concern is also evidenced in the recent Inspection of Older People's Services and the report for the Annual Performance Assessment of Adult Social Care. The indicator is a priority for the regulator for adult social care. Despite the fact that we appear to perform quite well in the existing PAF indicator C62 against other benchmarking groups, there is room for improvement, with the extension to the definition for NI 135, around the collection of mental health and voluntary sector information. The targets for the Northamptonshire Improvement target have been defined based on these extensions.

Reduced inequalities in life expectancy

Northamptonshire is classified as a "Spearhead Area" due to the significant health deprivation in Corby as a result All Age All Cause mortality is identified by the Department of Health as a national priority for local delivery in the NHS vital signs. There is considerable variation in All Age All Cause Mortality within the county with significantly high levels of mortality in Corby (733 per 100,000 compared to 528 for South Northamptonshire). The Northamptonshire Improvement Target has been set based on Countywide Male and female and Corby male and female individual targets aligned with national health targets.

Reduce tobacco consumption

In 2006/07 Northamptonshire PCT had the lowest 4 week quit rates nationally, however the stop smoking service has been reconfigured in line with the new PCT configuration and Nicotine Replacement Treatment on prescription reinstated. The smoke free Tobacco Alliance has been revised and a new Chair appointed, with four working groups established to lead on the recommendations of the National Tobacco Support Team and budget for 2008-9 agreed. Latest modelling suggests very high levels of smoking (39%) in Corby as a whole. Middle Layer Super Output Area level modelling suggests that there are pockets of significantly high smoking prevalence in Northampton as well. Smoking prevalence is identified by the Department of Health as a national priority for local delivery in the NHS vital signs. The proposed Northamptonshire Improvement Target is to increase the number of 4 week quitters to 796 per annum.

Outcome	National Improvement Targets	Local Improvement Indicators
More people helped to live independently	NI 125 – Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care	Locally developed safeguarding adults indicator
	NI 136 – People supported to live independently through social services (all ages)	
More people able to have choice and control of their care and support	NI 130 – Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	
Reduce unnecessary stays in hospital	NI 134 – The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population	
Carers are effectively supported	NI 135 – Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service or advice or information	
Reduced inequalities in life expectancy	NI 120 – All age all cause mortality	
Reduce tobacco consumption	NI 123 – 16+ smoking prevalence rates	

[Full Target information available in Appendix 1](#)

5. A Stronger Local Economy

Our strategic direction

- By 2015, Northamptonshire is one of the most successful and competitive sub-regions in Europe and will be fully recognised as such by visitors, employers, investors and residents.
- To improve the Northamptonshire local economy, environment and accessibility by working in partnership to deliver improvements to Northamptonshire's transport infrastructure including the public transport network.
- People will be able to access affordable housing and have improved choices in meeting their housing needs.
- Affordable housing will be provided in a range of neighbourhoods and settlements to meet local needs and will be appropriate, providing quality and sustainable living opportunities.

Our local ambition

To achieve this vision, Northamptonshire will:

- Raise levels of business competitiveness, employment creation and new business formation well beyond average UK rates, whilst increasing the skills level in the workforce.
- Ensure that communities function effectively and overcome barriers to participation associated with socio-economic disadvantage.
- Develop effective cross-boundary relationships in order to derive significant additional economic advantage.
- Develop and apply a strong, unique and easily recognisable Northamptonshire brand.
- Manage congestion on our roads and improve travel choices.
- Support more people to live independently in their own home.
- Reduce reliance on inappropriate and insecure accommodation by increasing access and choice for individuals and families in meeting their accommodation needs.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To raise their aspirations to continuously extend their learning and skills.
- To make the most of opportunities to work and to progress their careers.
- To share in a common ambition to make Northamptonshire a better place to work, live, visit and invest.
- To have choice in their mode of transport.
- To access a wide provision of appropriate and affordable housing.
- To demand quality and sustainable homes in the right locations and at the right price.

Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement Outcomes and Indicators

Increase number of Northamptonshire residents employed in higher quality employment

LAA1 Stretch Target – increased knowledge based economy and employment, previously prioritised the creation of higher quality jobs as an outcome, particularly in areas where performance was poor (Corby, Kettering & Wellingborough). Current Annual Population Survey data analysing employment by occupation, flags that Corby and Wellingborough are still significantly underperforming in terms of higher quality employment (below the regional and E&W average), and that Northampton and Kettering are also underperforming (below the E&W average). This is mirrored in the proportion of lower quality jobs, with Corby having almost double the national average of such jobs, with Wellingborough also performing worse than all averages. Northampton, Kettering and East Northamptonshire also perform worse than E&W averages. Overall, whilst Northamptonshire performs slightly better than East Midlands' regional average, its neighbouring economic competitors to the south/east/west perform significantly better. The outcome relates explicitly to increasing quality of jobs growth, but the implicit assumption is that there will be a step-change in jobs growth, to meet MKSM growth area aspirations and support the delivery of related housing and population targets. 147,000 additional jobs need to be created between 2001 and

2031. SNEAP Interim findings from the development of the Strategic Northamptonshire Economic Action Plan (SNEAP), identify that Northamptonshire has to significantly raise its game to improve economic performance (GVA), and that there is significant challenges in terms of potential manufacturing decline, and limited growth (without intervention) in some key 'quality' sectors.

There have been concerns that the National Indicator Set does not adequately measure the impact that the level of growth Northamptonshire has to achieve will have and therefore a series of Local indicators are being developed. However there are 2 proposed Northamptonshire Improvement targets around employment improvement. The average weekly wage in Northamptonshire in 2006 was £427 compared to the national average of £468. A target of £470 is the Northamptonshire Improvement Target. NI 172 Vat Registered businesses in the area showing growth is also proposed as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target and we are awaiting the publication of national data sets in order to set targets.

Northamptonshire has a thriving and growing motor sport industry based around the Silverstone race circuit in South Northamptonshire and the Formula 1 racing industry. The industry has an important role to play in the continued economic growth of the county as well as attracting tourism and improving the profile of the county on a national and international scale. It is a key priority for the county to maintain this developing industry and the aim is to ensure that the British Grand Prix at Silverstone remains a permanent fixture in the Formula 1 calendar post 2009..

A further set of local indicators are currently under development to reflect the impact of the growth agenda on this outcome and will include

- Working age population claiming out of work benefits in the Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Renewal Priority Areas
- Increase in the number of people employed in more knowledge based occupation

Improved skill levels in the Northamptonshire Population

The skills level of the Northamptonshire workforce was identified as a priority in LAA1. It is both a factor in, and a result of, the industrial profile of the county. LAA1 identified concerns principally at Level 2, which led to a stretch target being established. Locally partners also wished to prioritise Level 4 and the ambition to increase Level 4 to above regional and national averages has now been achieved, and performance for Level 2 has also significantly improved. Performance at Level 3 is now the weakest for the county and a proposed priority for LAA2. **Annual Population Survey APS** evidences that Northamptonshire is performing below both UK and East Midlands' average at Level 3. NI 164 is a National Improvement Target, whilst NI 165 is included as a Local Improvement Indicator to act as an indicator of skills progression.

Reduce Congestion and achieve Modal Shift

Northamptonshire is a growth area. Increased population and housing will lead to increased traffic unless congestion and modal shift are successfully managed.

Across Northamptonshire, approximately 101,000 dwellings and 147,000 new jobs are proposed by 2021. The majority of this growth will be directed towards the larger urban areas, including Northampton, Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough, Daventry and Towcester. The Growth Agenda has a major impact on Northamptonshire's Transport Infrastructure and the constant need to manage congestion, enable modal shift and manage accessibility to services. We need to continue to forge national, regional and local partnerships in order to deliver these challenges. If nothing is done about it, the growth proposed in the sub-regional strategy is likely to lead to traffic growth rates of up to 50% by 2021, apart from other obvious consequences e.g. road casualties, pollution/air quality, climate change etc.

65% of residents think that traffic congestion has got worse in the last year, with 78% in Northampton, (2007 Transport Customer Satisfaction Survey), and traffic in Northamptonshire is increasing faster than in the East Midlands and England:-

- Traffic in Northamptonshire increased by 1.7% between 2005 and 2006.
- Traffic in the East Midlands increased by 1.2% between 2005 and 2006.
- Traffic in England increased by 1.4% between 2005 and 2006.

Inclusion is therefore proposed of 1 Northamptonshire Improvement Targets around bus journeys and 1 Local Improvement Indicator around congestion. Significant work on the development of the congestion baseline and target needs to be carried out over the 1st 12 months of the LAA. The user journeys target is to see an increase to 21.2m journeys by 2010/11.

Provision of sufficient housing which is both affordable and of a quality which meets the needs of Northamptonshire

Housing figures are set out in the MKSM Sub-Regional Strategy, March 2005. Northamptonshire forms a large part of the MKSM sub-region, the largest Growth Area as designated by the Government’s Sustainable Communities Plan. Strategic Housing Market Assessments have been completed in both North and West Northamptonshire. Both have identified an existing housing need in the existing population, with an additional housing need for some of the incoming population.

Whilst the number of houses is a high priority for Northamptonshire, more so is the affordability of the new housing, therefore there are 2 proposed Northamptonshire Improvement targets. Targets for NI 154 & NI155 have been agreed around the current trajectories for the region and will be reviewed fully through the refresh following a substantial national review of expected trajectories

Outcome	National Improvement Target	Local Improvement Indicator
Increase number of Northamptonshire residents employed in higher quality employment	NI 166 Average earning of employees	Working age population claiming out of work benefits in the Northamptonshire’s Neighbourhood Renewal priority areas
	NI 172 VAT registered businesses in the are showing growth	Increase in the number of people employed in more knowledge-based occupations in Northamptonshire
Improved skill levels in the Northamptonshire Population	NI 164 – Working age population qualified to at least level 3 or higher	NI 165 Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher
Reduce Congestion and achieve modal shift	NI 177 – Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area	NI 167 – Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak
Provision of sufficient housing which is both affordable and of a quality which meets the needs of Northamptonshire	NI 154 – Net additional homes provided	Locally developed indicator to measure the delivery of quality and design approach to housing growth
	NI 155 – Number affordable homes delivered (gross)	

Full Target information available in Appendix 1

6. Improved Environmental Sustainability

Our strategic direction

- To show leadership on tackling carbon emissions from all sectors in the county.
- To assess risks of climate change and adapt our public services accordingly.
- To improve and protect the biodiversity of our natural environment.
- To ensure people will feel that their area is cared for and will be encouraged and supported to take ownership of public spaces for themselves.
- To create cleaner street environments, free of detritus, graffiti, fly posting, fly tipping and abandoned vehicles, which will mean safer streets; environmental deterioration leads to anti social behaviour and crime, and a sense of insecurity.
- To provide safer and cleaner parks and encourage more people to use them – increasing leisure, sporting and cultural opportunities within them, contributing to improved health and more neighbourhood pride and social interaction.
- To reduce the amount of waste disposed of to landfill by increasing recycling, composting, reuse and reducing waste throughout Northamptonshire.

Our local ambition

By working together and providing good services we will: -

- help all sectors of the community to contribute fairly to reducing emissions.
- realise benefits from reduced domestic & business energy costs, warmer homes, less waste and restrained traffic growth.
- Minimise future risks from climate change by adapting our services and preparing for emergencies.
- Minimise the impacts of the growth of Northamptonshire on the natural environment.
- Properly maintain trees and verges, and cleanse gulleys regularly.
- Enforce regulations preventing dog fouling and littering through neighbourhood wardens and in conjunction with parish councils.
- Empower parish councils and local people to support and reinforce our efforts.
- Increase the number of Green Flag awards held by our parks.
- Ensure that Northamptonshire achieve the key targets and objectives as set out in the Northamptonshire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy for Recycling and Composting.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To access energy advice and minimise their impact on the environment.
- To influence local business to reduce their impact on the environment.
- To assist local authorities in the identification of problem areas.
- To feel pride in their local areas through the evidence that Local Authorities are responsive to local needs.
- To participate in recycling as part of everyday life.

Reduced contribution to global climate change

Northamptonshire total per capita emissions (industry, domestic & road transport) (2005) are above the UK average (by over 10%) and just above the East Midlands average, mainly because of higher road transport emissions. Also, per capita domestic emissions above UK average in Daventry, Kettering and S Northants. (2004)

Baseline data does show that:

- Average p.c. emissions in county are just over East Midlands and UK averages;
- Corby is in highest 4% of emitters in whole UK, due to exceptionally high p.c. industrial emissions;
- Daventry is in top 14% in UK due to high p.c. transport emissions (note indicator excludes emissions from trunk roads and motorways);
- National target to reduce emissions by 26-32% by 2020 and 60% by 2050 under discussion in parliament – likely to be a minimum;

- National target translates to about -2% annual reduction to 2020 and -1% thereafter (aim is to “frontload”);

We will use our best endeavours to reduce carbon emissions per capita (as assessed under NI 186) by 8.9% by 2010 from a 2005 baseline of 8.6 tCO₂ per capita, through planned improvements to our own performance in influencing carbon emission reductions in our locality (as outlined in a delivery plan) and through the effective and timely implementation and delivery by national government of its carbon reduction policies and programmes

Reduced vulnerability to impacts of unavoidable climate change

- Nottingham Declaration (signed by all local authorities in county) requires action to assess and adapt to climate change risks and opportunities.
- Northamptonshire likely to be most affected by changes in rainfall and average annual temperatures in East Midlands over next 20-80 years. Shorter-term changes (e.g. in peak temperatures) are already affecting many services.
- Risks to county include acute risks from flooding, storms, heat waves etc. and longer-term issues about comfort, breakdowns, maintenance costs etc.
- Emergency management involves the Environment Agency, emergency planning and public protection authorities. Adaptation to longer-term issues affects all public and private organisations.

A Local Climate Impacts Profile (cf. Oxfordshire CC) would quantify the costs and likelihood of these impacts for given services. An Adaptation Strategy (cf. Greater London Authority) would raise awareness, improve planning and identify priorities. Northamptonshire is currently investigating regional options with EMRA and partners.

Improved Biodiversity in Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire has the most degraded biodiversity, and has lost more plant species in the last 50 years than any other county in England. There is a strong partnership that is already making great progress with very little governmental or local authority support. Increased support through the LAA will enable delivery on this indicator.

Outcome	National Improvement Targets	Local Improvement Indicators
Improved Biodiversity in Northamptonshire		NI 197 – Improved local biodiversity
Reduced contribution to global climate change	NI 186 – Per capita reduction in CO ₂ emissions in the LA Area	
Reduced vulnerability to impacts of unavoidable climate change	NI 188 – Adapting to climate change	
Reduction in household waste not re-used recycled or composted	NI 193 – To measure the proportion of municipal waste landfilled	NI 191 – No of KG of household waste collected that is not sent for reuse recycling or is not composted
Improved, attractive and well used public spaces	NI 195 – Reducing unacceptable levels of litter, fly-posting and graffiti forms	

[Full Target information available in Appendix 1](#)

7. Tackling Exclusion and Promoting Equalities

Our Strategic Direction

- Local people will have a confidence that they will be treated fairly and equally.
- Local Public Services will value achievements that demonstrate best equalities practice across equalities strands and the addressing of Human Rights for service users and potential users.
- Local Public services will welcome challenge from single strand organisations and the Northamptonshire Equalities Partnership.
- Local Public services will prioritise actions that achieve the elimination of discrimination, the promotion of equal opportunities and the promotion of good relations between geographic communities and communities of interest.
- Improve accessibility of services across Northamptonshire.

Our local ambition

By working together:

- The strengths of single strand equalities activity will be used to raise equalities practice across all strands.
- We will establish clear targets to demonstrate the elimination of discrimination in the services that have the greatest impact on the lives of individuals, in particular for vulnerable groups.
- Local communities will become welcoming, caring and supportive places for us all to live in.
- Improve accessibility to services.

The LAA must empower citizens

- To raise their expectations in receiving fair treatment and access to services.
- To make the most of opportunities available to vulnerable people.
- To share in a common ambition to make Northamptonshire a fair and equal county.

Reduce inequalities in access to accommodation

Nationally Northants has been one of the poorest performing counties. There are still 96 people living as patients of the NHS who should have their own housing and accommodation. In a large scale survey of people with learning disabilities in Northamptonshire about what they wanted from housing, 530 replied, of whom 265 were in residential or nursing care and 105 in health homes. 216 people wanted to live somewhere different. NI 145 – Adults with Learning Disabilities in settled accommodation is proposed as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target.

Reduce inequalities in access to employment

In Northants there are very low numbers of people with learning disabilities in employment - 4%. (Nationally it is 10%) We must do more to end this inequality. Levels for people claiming Incapacity Benefit in Northamptonshire with a Mental Health diagnoses are high in comparison with the regional/national picture. Numbers of people claiming Incapacity Benefit in Northamptonshire are not reducing in line with the national picture. NI 146 – Adults with Learning disabilities in employment is proposed as a Northamptonshire Improvement Target.

Improved access to services

There are a number of advantages to improving the access to services through non private modes of transport:

- Improving social inclusion
- Tackling accessibility issues
- Reducing congestion
- Tackling environmental issues

The proposed target for NI 175 as a Northamptonshire Improvement target will use the LTP 1b indicator and target for rural areas.

Outcomes	National Improvement Target	Local Improvement Indicator
Fairer Access to services		NI 140 – Fair treatment by local services
Reduce inequalities in access to accommodation	NI 145 – Adults with Learning Disabilities in settled accommodation	
Reduce inequalities in access to employment	NI 146 – Adults with learning disabilities in employment	
Improved Access to services	NI 175 – Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling –LTP1b Rural access	

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	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement Designated Targets							
Stronger, empowered and cohesive communities							
Strong, empowered and more cohesive communities	NI 1 - % of People of feel that people from different background get on well together in their area <i>These targets have been agreed based on 2006 baselines subject to review and any necessary negotiation when baseline data is available following the 2008/09 Place Survey</i>	Baseline to established through Place Survey 2008-09		80.50%	80.50%	80.50%	County Council* Boroughs and Districts/Police/PCT
A strong, diverse, vibrant Third Sector and volunteer base	NI7 Environment for a thriving third sector		Baselining and targets to be set during 2008-09 pending outcome of the first third sector survey. Target of 5% improvement over Baseline agreed to be reviewed once baseline established			County Council* Boroughs and Districts/Third Sector	
Increased participation in cultural, sporting and physical activity	NI8 – Adult participation in sport	21.10%	2005/06	22.43%	23.76%	25.1% an additional 21392 from baseline	County Council*/Northamptonshire Sport*/Sport England*
Building safer communities							
Reduced crime	NI 16 (Serious acquisitive crime) <i>A reduction in recorded serious acquisitive crime from a rate of 18.84 crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (12604 offences) to a rate of 16.77 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 11%. The expected level after Year 1 is a rate of 17.90 crimes per 1,000 population in 2008/09 based on mid-2007 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 5%</i>	18.84 per 1000 pop.	2007/08 (2006 mid year pop. Est.)	17.9 per 1000 Pop (5% reduction) (2007 mid-year pop.est)	17.33 per 1000 Pop (8% reduction) (2008 mid-year pop.est)	16.77 per 1000 pop (11% reduction) (2009 mid-year pop.est.)	Police* County Council/Boroughs and Districts Probation
	NI 20 - Assault with Injury <i>A reduction in recorded assault with less serious injury from a rate of 7.71crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (5158 offences) to a rate of 6.99 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 9.3%. The expected level after Year 1 is a rate of 7.35 crimes per 1,000 population in 2008/09 based on mid-2007 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 4.65%. This is to be reviewed after year 1.</i>	7.71 crimes per 1000 population	2007/08 (2006 mid year pop.est)	7.35 per 1000 pop (4.65% reduction) (2007 mid-year pop.est)	7.17per 1000 pop (7% reduction)) (2008 mid-year pop.est)	6.99 per 1000 pop (9.3% reduction) (2009 mid-year pop.est) (to be reassessed after Year 1)	Police* County Council/Boroughs and Districts Probation
	NI 19 Rate of proven re-offending of Young Offenders	Baselining to be carried out for delivery in Dec 08 for targets to be set at Refresh					YOT* Police/Boroughs and Districts Probation
	NI 30 Reoffending rate of prolific and priority offenders	Baseline not appropriate as sample is linked to average age and therefore Cohort changes each year. Indicative figure for 07/08 is 12.9% reduction of re-offending		19% reduction of re-offending	Target to be set annually	Target to be set annually	Probation* Police/County Council
Safer physical environments and tackling anti social behaviour	NI 17 (perceptions of ASB)	Baseline to established through Place Survey		0%	0%	4% improvement	Police*/County Council* Boroughs and Districts
Improved Road Safety	NI 47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	486	2004-2006	470	450	430	County Council*/Police*/Fire and Rescue*

	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Improved life chances for Children and Young People							
Improved health for Children 5-13	NI 56 (Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6)	14.60%	06/07 School Year	14.90%	15%	15.10%	County Council*/PCT*
Improving health and life chances for young people aged 14 and above	NI 115 (Substance misuse by young people)		Baselining to be carried out in 08/09 and targets to be agreed b March 09				County Council*/PCT*
	NI 112 Under 18 Conception rate (% reductions awaiting confirmation)	45.9 per 1000	1998	30.7 (33% reduction)	26.8 (42% reduction)	23 (50% reduction)	County Council*/PCT*
Improved life chances for children "in Care"	NI 62 (stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves)	15.50%	2006-07	13%	12%	11%	County Council*
Improved performance and management in schools	NI 89 (number of schools in special measures)	14	39508	10	4	0	County Council*
Improved life chances for 14+	NI 117 (16-18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training (NEET))	5.60%	nov07-jan08	5.40%	5.20%	5%	Connexions* County Council
Increased Education Achievement	NI72 – Achievement of at least 78 points across Early years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	46.30%	2006/07	49.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI73 – Achievement at Level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	71.00%	2007	79.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI 74 – Achievement at Level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3	69.00%	2007	75.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI75 – Achievement of 5 or more A* - C grades at GCSE or equivalent including CDSWs in English and Maths	42.10%	2007	55.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI83 – Achievement at level 5 or above in Science Key Stage 3	75.00%	2007	81.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI87 – Secondary School persistent absence rates	8.05%	2006/07	5.47%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI92 – Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage	34.30%	2006/07	28.70%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI93 – Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	79.30%	2007	87.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI94 – Progression by 2 levels in Maths between KS1 and KS2	71.80%	2007	84.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI95 – Progression by 2 levels in English between KS2 and KS3	25.60%	2007	37.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI96 – Progression by 2 levels in Maths between KS2 and KS3	59.60%	2007	67.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI97 – Progression by 2 levels in English between KS3 and KS4	54.20%	2007	63.60%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI98 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between KS3 and KS4	24.10%	2007	33.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI99 – Children in care reaching level 4 in English at KS2	33.00%	2007	48.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*
	NI100 - Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths Key Stage 2	42.00%	2006/7	48.00%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*

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	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
	NI101 – Children in care achieving 5 A* - C GCSES or equivalent at KS4 (including Maths and English)	7.40%	2006/07	14.30%	Target Data not available	Target Data not available	County Council*

	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Improved adult health and well-being							
More people helped to live independently	NI125 – (Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care)	78%	2007/08	78%	80.00%	83%	County Council * PCT
	NI136 - People supported to live independently through social services (all ages)	3570	2007/08	3581	3605	3628	County Council* Third Sector
More people able to have choice and control of their care and support	NI130 – Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individual Budgets)	110.3	rolling year to 31st Dec 07	141.9	283.7	425.6	County Council* /Third Sector/Districts and Boroughs/Police
Reduce unnecessary stays in hospital	NI 134 The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population Directed Support	319815 emergency bed days	2005-2006	310315	307213	304141	PCT* County Council NGH/KGH
Carers are effectively supported	NI135 – Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service or advice and information	11.6% (Band 4)	07-Aug	17%	23%	30%	PCT*/County Council* NGH/KGH
Reduced inequalities in life expectancy	N120 – All age all cause mortality	Male 920 Female 598 Spearhead M1013 F684	2006	Male 669 Female 485 Spearhead M774 F555	Male 648 Female 474 Spearhead M749 F541	Male 627 Female 463 Spearhead M726 F527	PCT*/County Council* NGH/KGH*
Reduced Tobacco Consumption	N123 – 16+ Smoking prevalence rates	288 per 100K	04/05-06-07	796	796	796	PCT* County Council Boroughs and District Councils Police
A stronger Local Economy							
<u>Employment and Skills</u>							
Increased number of Northamptonshire residents employed in higher quality employment	NI166- Average earnings of employees,	£427	2007	£441.33	£455.66	£470.00	NEL *
	NI172 Vat Registered businesses in the area showing growth	Baselining cannot be completed until publication of the national data set					NEL*
Improved skill levels in the Northamptonshire population	NI164-Working age pop. Qualified to at least Level 3 or higher,	Baeline to be set at refresh		Baseline plus 1.5%	Baseline plus 3.3%	Baseline plus 5.2%	NEL*/Learning Skills Council*
<u>Accessibility and Transport</u>							
Reduce Congestion and achieve Modal Shift	NI177- Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area,	19089736	06-Jul	20m	20.5m	21m	County Council*
<u>Housing</u>							
Provision of sufficient housing which is both affordable and of a quality which meets the needs of Northamptonshire	NI 154 - Net additional homes provided	4135	2004/05 - 2006/07 Average annual completions pa	4544	5882 (to be reviewed through refresh)	6018 (to be reviewed through refresh)	Borough and Districts*/LDVs*
	NI155 - Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	618	2004/05 - 2006/07 Average annual completions pa	818	1176	1324	Boroughs and Districts*/LDV* County Council

	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Improved Environmental Sustainability							
<u>Biodiversity</u>							
<u>Climate Change</u>							
Reduced contribution to global climate change from county	NI186 -Per capita reduction in Co2 emissions in the LA area,	8.6	2005	5.34% reduction over the baseline	7.12% reduction over the baseline	8.9% reduction over the baseline	County Council*/ Boroughs and Districts* Environment Agency/NHT/PCT/NGH/KGH Police/Northamptonshire Chamber
Reduced vulnerability to impacts of unavoidable climate change	NI188 -Adapting to climate change,	Level 0		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Boroughs and Districts*/County Council* Environment Agency
<u>Waste Management</u>							
Reduction in Household waste not re-used, recycled or composted	NI 193 - To measure the proportion of municipal waste land filled	64%	2006/07	58%	56%	55%	Borough and Districts and County Council*
<u>Improved Street and environmental cleanliness</u>							
Improved, attractive and well used public spaces	NI195 Reducing unacceptable levels of litter, detritus, fly-posting and graffiti forms.	Baselines to be set during 08/09		0% improvement	10% improvement	10% improvement	Borough and Districts*
Tackling Exclusion and promoting Equalities							
Reduce inequalities in access to accommodation	NI 145 Adults with Learning Disabilities in settled accommodation	Establish June 09		Establish an agreed Action plan	Establish Baseline by June 09 and target for 09/10 and 10/11	Target establish June 09	PCT*/County Council*/NHT*/LDVs/District and Boroughs
Reduce inequalities in access to employment	NI 146 Adults with learning disabilities in employment	Establish June 09		Establish an agreed Action plan	Establish Baseline by June 09 and target for 09/10 and 10/11	Target establish June 10	PCT */County Council*/NHT*/All LAA Partners
Improved access to services	NI175 - Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	LTP-1b 64%		LTP-1b 72%	LTP-1b 76%	LTP-1b 80%	County Council*

	Indicator	Baseline	Time Period for Baseline	Proposed Targets			Lead Organisations and Partners
				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement Non-designated Targets							
Stronger, empowered and cohesive communities							
Strong, empowered and more cohesive communities	The level of agency reporting of hate crimes and incidents by all LAA organisations and social housing associations for all strands of hate crimes and incidents	The baseline and targets for this indicator are currently under development and will be agreed during 08/09					County Council*/Third Sector*/Boroughs and Districts* Police*
A strong, diverse, vibrant Third Sector and volunteer base	NI6 Participation in volunteering	Baseline to be set through Place Survey		23% (continuation of Stretch Target from LAA1)	Target to be confirmed once baseline re-established	Target to be confirmed once baseline re-established	County Council*/Third Sector*/Boroughs and Districts* Police/PCT/Northamptonshire Sport
Increased participation in cultural, sporting and physical activity	NI11 – Engagement in Arts	Baseline to set Nov 2008			1.5% increase over Baseline	3% increase over baseline	Arts Council
	NI 9 - Use of public libraries	Baseline and Targets to follow					Libraries* Archives Council* Museums
Building safer communities							
Reduced Crime	The proportion of domestic crimes that are repeat crimes	23%	12months to Feb08	20%	19%	18%	County Council*/Police*
Reduced harm caused by drugs and alcohol	NI 39 Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates	Baseline and Targets to follow					PCT*/County Council*
Safer physical environments and tackling anti social behaviour	NI 49 - No of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks	256.91 Primary Fires per 100000 population	2007/08 data undergoing validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Fire and Rescue* Police/County Council
		1.05 related Fatalities per 100000 Population	2007/08 data undergoing validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Fire and Rescue* Police/County Council
		7.62 non-fatal Casualties per 100,000 population	2007/08 data undergoing validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Targets to be set post data validation	Fire and Rescue* Police/County Council
Improved life chances for Children and Young People							
A Healthy start for children 0-5	NI55 – (Obesity among primary School age children in Reception Year)	9.20%	2006/07 school year	9.40%	9.45%	9.50%	PCT*/County Council*
Provision is more accessible for all children, young people and their families	NI 88 (number of Extended Schools)	93	Jan-08	227	295	329	County Council*

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				2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Improved adult health and well-being							
More People helped to live independently	Safeguarding Adults Local Indicator	Northamptonshire will work with CSCIP to support their development of a region safeguarding adults local indicator and targets for 09/10 and 10/11					County Council*/PCT*
A stronger Local Economy							
<u>Employment and Skills</u>							
Increase number of residents employed in higher quality employment	Increase in number of people employed in more knowledge based occupations in Northamptonshire	This indicator is currently under development and baselines and target will be agreed during 2008/09					NEL*
	Working age population claiming out of work benefits in the Northamptonshire's Neighbourhood Renewal priority areas	This indicator is currently under development and baselines and target will be agreed during 2008/10					NEL*/County Council*
Improved skill levels in Northamptonshire Population	NI 165 - Working age population qualified to at least level 4 or higher	Baseline and Targets to follow					NEL*/Learning Skills Council*
<u>Accessibility and Transport</u>							
Reduce Congestion and Achieve modal shift	NI 167 - Congestion - average journey time per mile during the morning Peak	Baselining currently underway and targets will be developed following this work					County Council*
<u>Housing</u>							
Provision of sufficient housing which is both affordable and of a quality which meets the needs of Northamptonshire	Locally developed indicator to measure the delivery of quality and design approach to housing growth	This indicator is currently under development and baselines and target will be agreed during 2008/09					LDVs*/Boroughs and Districts*
Improved Environmental Sustainability							
<u>Biodiversity</u>							
Improved biodiversity in Northamptonshire	NI197- Improved local biodiversity	Baseline and Targets to follow					Natural England/**Third Sector Organisations (Wildlife Trust)* Environment Agency
<u>Waste Management</u>							
Reduction in Household waste not re-used, recycled or composted	NI 191-No. of kg of household waste collected that is not sent for reuse, recycling or is not composted	316KG	2006/07	tbc	295KG	tbc	Borough and Districts* and County Council
Tackling Exclusion and promoting Equalities							
Fairer access to services	NI140 – Fair treatment by local services	Baseline and targets to be set through Place Survey					County Council* All Partners