

HAMPSHIRE LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA2)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 As part of the countywide LPSA2 agreement the Council has received notification of its share of the reward grant totalling over £900,000. Cabinet needs to determine how this will be utilised.
- 1.2 In September 2005 Cabinet agreed to this Council's level of involvement in a number of targets being established across Hampshire for agreement with the Government under the LPSA2. The basis of the commitment was on the understanding that the Government would fund some pump priming of the work on the targets (£2m total across Hampshire) and that reward money was payable based on performance and level of involvement.
- 1.3 The targets developed across Hampshire and with the Government provided a focus on what was seen as priority issues. Many of the targets linked well with the Council's priorities and those contained within the District's Community Strategy.
- 1.4 The Agreement related to a 3 year period 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2009.

2. LPSA2 SIGN UP

- 2.1 Partners were able to sign up to one of three levels for each target:
 - Level 3** – general sign up to the LPSA overall, no active contribution to the target. There was an expectation that at this level partners would be willing to share data and information where this would help improve performance (5% of all reward grant earned would be top sliced and allocated equally to all level 3 partners)
 - Level 2** – active contribution to achieving the stretch in performance
 - Level 1** – target lead, where a partner agrees to co-ordinate the work including the specific negotiations with the Government (10% of each target grant payable)
- 2.2 This Council signed up to 14 of the 16 targets at level 2 and 2 purely at level 3. This represented more active involvement than any other district level partner in Hampshire.
- 2.3 Performance was to be judged across Hampshire. For reward money to kick in at least 60% of target had to be met across the county area.

3. LPSA2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The potential reward grant from the Government was £29m if every target achieved its 100% stretch.
- 3.2 Following an audit of performance and acceptance by Government a total reward grant for Hampshire of over £17m has and will be paid (due to paid in two instalments over two years 2009/10 and 2010/11).
- 3.3 This Council will receive £918,141 - a figure more than any other district level partner.

4. THIS COUNCIL'S REWARD CONTRIBUTION

- # 4.1 Set out at Appendix A are details of the Council's Reward Grant share as assessed against each of the countywide 16 targets.
- 4.2 Each target had its own challenges and different approaches to achieve improvement. Pump priming money was used where this was available. Some activity was delivered through partnership eg Community Safety targets, some through supporting partners to deliver eg arts and voluntary sector partners and others through direct delivery by the service itself.
- 4.3 A principle of the LPSA2 arrangement is that a proportion of the Reward Grant would be reinvested in services that contributed towards the overall achievement and maintenance of the performance levels attained. Based upon this a number of specific proposals have been put forward for use of approximately £362,000 of the Reward Grant to enable projects which have contributed to the improvement in performance to continue. Details are set out at Appendix B.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council's Medium Term Financial Plan has been developed on the basis that the reward grant would be shared between the specific services that supported the performance improvement and the general council tax payer. Expenditure related to LPSA 2 Reward Grant has therefore been provided for within the budget and the implications of its one off use are cost neutral.

6. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS

- 6.1 In these difficult times it is pleasing to be able to report on the Council's success which has benefited many in our community. The use of reward grant as set out will also provide benefits into the future. In addition to providing better services we are delighted that it will also provide funds to help the council taxpayer.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 LPSA work has featured well in the Council's activities and has enabled it to improve performance on some priority issues whilst attracting significant additional funds from outside the district. It has also helped the Council maintain its good reputation as an organisation that is willing to work with others and deliver on agreed targets.

8. RECOMMENDATION

- # 8.1 That the Council be recommended to agree that the use of the LPSA2 Reward Grant be agreed as set out in Appendix B with the balance being allocated to support the Medium Term Financial Plan.

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Background Papers:

New Forest Borough Council
LPSA2: Performance Reward Grant

PRG will be paid in **two equal instalments**. One in 2009/10 and the other in 2010/11.
 Half of each instalment of the grant will be paid as a capital grant, and half as a revenue grant (**50% capital & 50% revenue**)

Target	Heading	Performance Reward Grant (100%)	2009/10 payment (50%)
		£	£
			Total
1	Raising skills levels amongst the relatively underskilled.	131,534	65,767.00
2	Raising pupil attainment, including looked after children and reducing exclusions and level of absence in targeted schools.	98,650	49,325.00
3	Increase Hampshire's share of VAT registrations within the South East.	0	-
4	Reduced incidences of violence in public places.	15,784	7,892.00
5	Reducing re-offending rates of young offenders (10 to 17 years) who commit offences of violence.	0	
6	Reducing incidences of fire which are deliberate.	47,352	23,676.00
7	More residents feel safe.	52,614	26,307.00
8	Reductions in numbers of killed and serious injury road casualty numbers below both national and Second Hampshire Local Transport Plan "stretch" target levels on Hampshire's roads (including Hampshire County Council area trunk roads and motorways).	110,489	55,244.50
9	Increased number of adults adopting healthier lifestyle.	152,503	76,251.50
10	Improved health of children under 11 by reducing overweight and obesity (over 5 years).	8,903	4,451.50
11	Lives saved by faster emergency response times.	0	-
12	Reducing Emergency (non-elective) Occupied Bed Days for Older People aged 75 and over.	78,920	39,460.00
13	Increased number and extent of people participating in local voluntary and community activities.	0	-
14	Improved access to housing for people with assessed social care needs.	131,534	65,767.00
15	Improved cleanliness of land and highways and condition of streets and pavements.	43,047	21,523.50
16	Increased tonnage of waste diverted from landfill through greater participation in recycling by local private and public sector organisations.	0	-
Level 3, 5% top slice		46,811	23,405.50
Total		918,141	459,070.50
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		0	0.00

LPSA2 Bids Assessment

APPENDIX B

LPSA Target & Reward	Summary of Bid	Value of Bid	Comments on Delivery of Target	Comments on Bid	Portfolio
Education - £230,184	Activity bags (£5k) Swim Bag (£2k) Family Bag (£2k) Wii Fit (£2k) Project Worker (£8k) Marketing (£20k) Programmes (£4k)	£43,000	Most activity against the target of raising pupil attainment was delivered via our arts / heritage partners who are helped through our funding support – the service indirectly “earned” the reward	Good links to Children and Young Persons priority	Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters
Education - £230,184	Skills development – businesses and young people – Doing Better Business - Brand New Forest (£20k)	£20,000	The service’s activities were targeted at the raising skills amongst the relatively under skilled which involved promotion to local businesses of national and local schemes aimed at both low skilled employed and Not In Education, Employment or Training (NEETS) within the Forest.	Bid would fund an audit of skills gaps and business needs and work with others to create & promote opportunities / courses	Employment, Health & Well Being
Crime & Disorder - £115,750	Pass directly to the Safer New Forest Partnership who will use the funds to help deliver the three strands of the new Partnership Plan that will be completed Sept 2010– Victims,	£115,750	All activity was undertaken by the partnership and not by NFDC. Hampshire level leads for individual targets were Hampshire Police, Youth Offending Team, Hants Fire & Rescue and HCC. Work was progressed on the	Council priority / strong links with key theme of strengthening partnerships. NIs 117 (best quarter), 121 (below average), 123 (above average), 127 (worst), 141 (above average), 142 (above average).	Crime & Disorder

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	Offenders and Locations. The main development areas will be integrated offender management and victim services as is laid out in the government minimum standards for tackling anti social behaviour that we understand is to be further enhanced. We also understand this will be a priority for all parties post election.		basis that reward monies would come back to the partnership.	Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership family group - Total recorded crime (worst – negative Direction of Travel (DOT)) criminal damage (below average – negative DOT), deliberate secondary fires (above average – positive DOT), theft from vehicles (worst – positive DOT), domestic burglaries (above average – negative DOT)	
Road Safety - £110,489	2 hand held laser devices (£5k)	£5,000	NFDC has provided funding for at least 80 Speed Indicator Devices & 48 Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) deployments pa Pump priming used by HCC to provide NFDC with 2 SLRs	No of road casualties resulting in serious injury or death Hampshire 3 year average – worst quarter	Crime & Disorder
Health - £161,406	Mobile Outreach Unit (£40k) Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) Swim Liaison Officer (£6k)	£46,000	Specific initiatives delivered through the H&L centres include swimming promotions, centre membership promotions, swim	NI008 Adult participation in sport below average quartile – negative Direction of Travel. Good opportunity to	Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters

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			vouchers, production of Health Awareness Booklet, health walks, Run for Fun sessions, family fun days, working with older people at sheltered housing schemes	attract external funding into swimming lessons & longer term income stream	
Volunteering - £0	Events (£4k) Materials (£2.5k) Recognition (£3k)	£9,500	Some good work done locally working with Community First, in particular on the retention of volunteers. Target failed at a County level	Priority within Sustainable Community Strategy NI006 (above average quartile – stayed the same)	Leisure, Culture & Youth Matters
Housing - £131,534	Adapt and extend bungalow at Alum Close, Holbury to provide 3 bedroom accommodation for family with physical disabilities (£50k capital). Extend the New Forest Supported Lodgings service (£58k - revenue)	£108,000	Locality Housing officers appointed throughout the County. Previous commitment for Housing Support Officer funding now picked up by HCC Achieved mainly through the work of the Housing Needs team	Supporting People have been co-ordinating the target and the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) for this target stipulated that the “reward grant received by HCC for performance in relation to this target will be ring fenced for the purpose of housing for people with assessed care needs.” Bungalow extension will attract a further	Housing

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				<p>£65k funded by Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).</p> <p>Supported lodgings - It is anticipated that this funding will provide 4 to 5 additional placements over a period of three years.</p>	
Environment - £43,047	Mini sweeper (£25k - £5k annual cost – assume 3 years - £15k)	£5,000 pa	Pump priming monies used for consultants to audit the process. Areas targeted were Rumbridge Street, Totton and Davies Field, New Milton.	Council priority – clean streets NI195 (best – stayed the same), NI195a (below average – stayed the same),	Environment