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'INTERACTION'

Neighbourhood Management Partnership

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SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND MANDATORY INDICATORS

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's agreement to the proposed mandatory performance targets as detailed in Appendix A. The targets are a requirement for the Safer Stronger Communities Fund under the Local Area Agreement.

The funding that the Interaction Board manages comes from the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) via the Essex Local Area Agreement (LAA). The funding comes from two specific SSCF elements, the neighbourhood element and the cleaner, safer, greener element (also referred to as liveability funding). Government guidance prescribes mandatory outcomes, indicators and the methodology for each of the elements. These are set out in the table below:

SSCF Element	Mandatory Outcome	Mandatory Indicator	Description/Methodology
Neighbourhood element	Improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods; service providers more responsive to neighbourhood needs; and improved service delivery.	Percentage of residents (in areas receiving these SSCF funding elements) reporting an increase in satisfaction with their neighbourhoods (LAA reference SSC14T1b)	Local public opinion survey
Cleaner, Safer, Greener element	Cleaner, greener and safer public spaces.	1. Environmental quality and perception of cleanliness. (LAA reference SSC10a,b,c,d and e) 2. Quality of surroundings (LAA reference SSC11a and b) 3. Removal of abandoned vehicles (LAA reference SSC12)	5 subsets, 4 measuring quality ie litter, graffiti, fly-posting, fly-tipping and 1 local public opinion. (methodology as per BVPIs 199a - d and 89). 2 subsets measuring increase in number of green flag award parks & green spaces and local public opinion. (methodology as per BVPI 119e). Increase in percentage of abandoned vehicles removed within 24hours from the point at which the local authority is legally entitled to do so. (methodology as per BVPI 218b)

In the majority of cases the prescribed methodology is the same that the District Council is obliged to use when measuring performance for its district-wide Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs).

The local opinion survey data was obtained by resident response to a questionnaire distributed by the neighbourhood management team.

The LAA process requires that baselines and targets for the mandatory indicators be set and agreed by 31 March 2007. Attached at Appendix A are the proposed targets for the Interaction programme. The baselines have been determined and the targets proposed by officers in either Environmental Services or Leisure Services of the District Council or the neighbourhood manager as appropriate.

Recommended:

- a) that the Board agrees the proposed baselines and targets as shown at Appendix A.*
- b) that the baselines and targets are submitted to Essex County Council by 31 March 2007 for inclusion in the Local Area Agreement.*

Funding Stream	Mandatory Outcomes	Mandatory Indicators	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09
SSCF Neighbourhood element	Improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods; service providers more responsive to neighbourhood needs; and improved service delivery.	Percentage of residents (in areas receiving these SSCF funding elements) reporting an increase in satisfaction with their neighbourhoods SSC14T1b	56	60	65
SSCF Cleaner, Safer, Greener element	Cleaner, greener and safer public spaces.	1. Environmental quality, perceptions of cleanliness. SSC10a – proportion of land and highways (%) that is assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus that fall below an acceptable level SSC10b - proportion of land and highways (%) from which unacceptable levels of graffiti are visible SSC10c – proportion of land and highways (%) from which unacceptable levels of fly-posting are visible SSC10d – the year on year reduction in total number of incidents and increase in total number of	28%	24%	20%
			2%	2%	2%
			0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
			2	2	2

		enforcement actions taken to deal with fly-tipping.			
		SSC10e – % of citizens satisfied with cleanliness standards in the area	44%	50%	55%
		2. Quality of surroundings			
		SSC11a – increase in number of green flag awards parks and open spaces	0	0	1
		SSC11b – Resident satisfaction with parks and open spaces	47%	52%	57%
		SSC12 - % of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours from the point where the local authority is legally entitled to do so	80%	85%	90%