

LSP 2006 Annual Review Report – Oldham Partnership

LSP Overall Assessment –  Amber green

Health	
Self Assessed Traffic Light – GREEN or AMBER GREEN	GO Assessed Traffic Light – AMBER RED
Strengths (to include progress towards targets)	Issues to be addressed
<p>Steady improvements in both male and female life expectancy and in mortality from circulatory disease, cancers and suicide over a period of time.</p> <p>Steady improvements in the rates of teenage conceptions over a period of time.</p> <p>Targeting those areas that have the poorest health records and improving behaviours around smoking, eating and physical activity.</p> <p>Consumption of fruit and vegetables in Oldham is in line with average consumption in England.</p> <p>Targeted prescribing of statins for those most at risk of CHD.</p> <p>Predictive case registers and assessments of risk factors for heart disease and early intervention for those most at risk.</p> <p>Targeted work based on secondary schools and wards on teenage conceptions.</p> <p>Community based preventative programmes.</p> <p>Timescale for follow up support for people discharged from mental health care has been reduced from seven to two days.</p> <p>Spearhead authority. Strong partnership working between LSP and partnerships.</p> <p>Oldham Health Inequalities Strategy directing action to increase life expectancy in the worst off communities.</p> <p>Appointment of co-ordinator and a multi agency group looking at standards of food in schools.</p> <p>Lifestyle survey of secondary school pupils carried out.</p> <p>Healthy Schools Action Plan.</p> <p>Successful Smoking Cessation Programmes – Oldham is exceeding targets for numbers of successful quitters.</p> <p>Cotting On Project being mainstreamed.</p> <p>LIFT developments in areas of high deprivation.</p> <p>Targets set in the LAA for reducing causal factors for premature deaths including for the most deprived wards and groups.</p> <p>Survey on Community Cohesion and Public Health</p>	<p>The gap with the national average on life expectancy has widened for men and not changed for women and on this basis Oldham is off track to meet the life expectancy target by 2010 for both males and females.</p> <p>The gap with the national average is starting to widen again for Circulatory Diseases.</p> <p>Oldham have not achieved the >15% decline expected since 1998 on teenage conception. Experienced an increase in 2004 and the gap with the England average is widening again.</p> <p>Healthy Schools Standard needs continued focus.</p> <p>Infant mortality needs priority.</p> <p>Oldham show a good understanding of the issues and have a number of interventions in place to tackle these. Inevitably these will take time to fully impact.</p>

<p>carried out. Targets around diabetes screening have been exceeded.</p>	
Education	
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<p>Results in 2005 at all key stages showed marked improvement with GCSE producing the best rate of improvement and achievement at twice the national rate of increase. Oldham is narrowing the gap on GCSE attainment.</p> <p>Improved performance at KS2 for maths equivalent to the national average. KS2 reading achievement is improving and the gap narrowing.</p> <p>The gap is being closed in terms of ethnicity and achievement. English results for Pakistani pupils have improved at a faster rate than for all pupils.</p> <p>Educational achievement at KS3 is improving and the gap is narrowing in Maths and Science.</p> <p>Oldham is performing at or better than the England average in ICT.</p> <p>Performance at KS4 continues to improve with the best ever GCSE 5 A* - C results.</p> <p>Improvement for Bangladeshi pupils in KS4 achievement is above the national average.</p> <p>Good school improvement strategy with links with SEN and social exclusion.</p> <p>Clear focus of challenge and support with regular reviews, external consultant support and peer HTs.</p> <p>Children missing from Education – good practice LA.</p> <p>Highly effective on NEET.</p> <p>Learning Mentors Flagship Project providing specialized support for referred children on behaviour and self esteem and co-ordinating service provision for children and families.</p> <p>Junior University.</p> <p>University Centre Oldham launched 2005.</p> <p>Excellence in Oldham – partnership of colleges, Positive Steps, Senior LEA officers and Primary Head Teachers.</p> <p>OMBC has produced a range of learning materials to promote cultural diversity through education.</p> <p>Schools Linking Project to promote cohesion exceeding targets (LPSA round 1).</p> <p>Oldham is moving into the top flight of improving LEAs. It is improving well in services for children and young people. Overall the LSP analysis of progress seems pretty accurate.</p>	<p>Standards of writing at Key Stage 1.</p> <p>Continued focus on narrowing the gap in outcomes between the highest and lowest achieving children.</p> <p>Continued focus on improvement at Key Stage 3, particularly in English.</p> <p>1 school below 25% floor target at GCSE 5 A*-C.</p> <p>Performance in some other schools needs continued focus.</p>

Employment	
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Strengths (to include progress towards targets)	Issues to be addressed
<p>Overall JSA claimant rate similar to regional and national rates.</p> <p>Overall employment rate better than the average for NRF authorities.</p> <p>Employment rates for priority groups are better than the average for NRF authorities.</p> <p>Targeted initiatives to address unemployment in geographical areas and for target groups.</p> <p>LAA targets including increasing the number of business start ups, creation of quality floor space and jobs, increasing % of 18-30 year olds participating in higher education, % of learners achieving level 3 by age 19, lone parents into employment and stretch targets to reduce IB claimants in priority areas and increasing the % of learners achieving level 2 by age 19.</p> <p>Multi agency targeted approach to priority needs.</p> <p>Highly effective on NEET.</p> <p>Oldham exceeding LSC Skills for Life targets.</p> <p>Economic assessment carried out by SQW.</p> <p>Joint work with Rochdale on LEGI bid.</p> <p>Increase in the number of adults and young people entering apprenticeship programmes.</p> <p>Commissioning framework being piloted by the Economic Partnership.</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Centre opened in April 2006.</p> <p>Training into Employment programme.</p> <p>Oldham Beyond flagship capital projects.</p> <p>Job density has increased and the gap between Oldham, the NW and Great Britain is narrowing.</p> <p>The % of working age benefit claimants in the 25 plus age group is below that of the NW and Great Britain.</p>	<p>Overall employment rate recently worsening and the gap with the England average is widening.</p> <p>The gap with the England average is starting to widen for those with low qualifications, ethnic minorities and lone parents. The employment rate for ethnic minorities needs particular focus.</p> <p>Concentrations of labour market failure in particular wards which suffer from high and embedded levels of unemployment, and benefit receipt.</p> <p>Unemployment rates in the priority wards and for priority groups – including youth unemployment and amongst 20 to 24 year olds need continued focus.</p> <p>Economic Strategy still being developed.</p> <p>Narrowing the gap in earnings.</p> <p>Participation in post 16 learning.</p> <p>Improving qualifications at level 4 and above.</p>

Crime	
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Strengths (to include progress towards targets)	Issues to be addressed
<p>Oldham has made excellent progress in reducing overall levels of crime over the last two/three years. Partnership working on crime and disorder issues is well developed.</p> <p>Excellent improvements on baseline across most crime types. Oldham performing at or better than the floor target for most of the year on BCS Comparator crime.</p> <p>Targeting of priority wards is reducing crime in those areas. Interventions and targeting of hotspots.</p> <p>Increase in the number of drug users joining treatment programmes.</p> <p>Oldham Alcohol and Substance Intervention service (OASIS) provides a range of services for young people under 19 and their parents.</p> <p>Street Safe Project improving incidents of violent crime in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Cab Safe Project.</p> <p>LAA targets including BCS crime in priority wards, stretch targets for BCS comparator crime and on burglary.</p> <p>Reassurance Policing.</p> <p>Domestic burglary crimes have continues to fall and remain below GM averages.</p>	<p>Theft from vehicle, vehicle interference, other damage, and assaults on police an issue in the year.</p> <p>Recent BCS Comparator trend has been upwards and is receiving attention through work with prolific offenders and initiatives such as Operation Nightjar.</p> <p>Reliance on short term funding streams – need to mainstream the work of all the key agencies.</p> <p>Reducing re-offending amongst prolific offenders needs support from LSP partners including health, employment, housing, education and children’s services.</p>

Housing	
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Strengths (to include progress towards targets)	Issues to be addressed
<p>On target to meet decent homes before 2010.</p> <p>Targets in the LAA to achieve LA decent homes by 2008/09.</p> <p>Targets in the LAA to achieve RSL decent homes by 2006/07.</p> <p>LAA targets to reduce the number of non decent private sector homes occupied by vulnerable households.</p> <p>SAP rating of LA dwellings has increased – performance exceeds the national average.</p> <p>Reduction in homeless and priority needs – LAA stretch target to reduce the number of homelessness acceptances.</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy produced.</p> <p>Draft Housing Strategy produced.</p> <p>Additional funding awarded under Housing Market Renewal.</p> <p>First Choice Homes Oldham 2 star rating by Audit Commission.</p> <p>Strong performance of Housing Partnership.</p> <p>Work with Rochdale on HMR.</p> <p>Good linkages with other partners in Oldham.</p> <p>Top quartile authority for average length of stay in bed and breakfast accommodation.</p> <p>Reduction in the number of families placed in temporary accommodation.</p>	<p>Addressing the priorities identified in the stock condition survey including the stock mismatch within the Borough.</p> <p>Transfer management of sheltered housing under PFI2.</p> <p>Overcrowding in deprived wards.</p> <p>Affordable homes.</p> <p>Continue to address fuel poverty.</p> <p>Improving energy efficiency and safety.</p> <p>Link Housing Strategy with Community Cohesion Review recommendations.</p> <p>Implementation and performance monitoring of the Housing Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Work on next phase of HMR.</p> <p>Continued working with Hathershaw & Fitton Hill NDC.</p> <p>Implementation and monitoring of Choice Based Lettings.</p> <p>Production of draft strategy for access to support services for older people.</p>

Liveability	
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Strengths (to include progress towards targets)	Issues to be addressed
<p>Street cleanliness showing continuous improvement.</p> <p>Targets to improve street cleanliness in four priority wards have been achieved.</p> <p>LAA targets to improve street cleanliness, household waste recycling, number of green flag parks.</p> <p>Public satisfaction with cleanliness standards is improving.</p> <p>Increased number of green flag parks / cemeteries.</p> <p>Reduction in accidental domestic dwelling fires and in deliberate primary and secondary fires.</p> <p>Resident satisfaction with their area as a place to live is increasing.</p> <p>Hate Incident Management Group meeting weekly and addressing actions.</p> <p>Increase in the proportion of total household waste being recycled.</p> <p>Top quartile authority for environmental health checklist score and for kilos of household waste collected per head.</p> <p>Oldham Partnership awarded 2006 LGC Sustainable Communities Award for partnership working.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Solutions, multi agency Area Action Teams. Working with communities to address local needs. NRF funded.</p> <p>Unity in the Community Programme for primary and secondary schools enabling young people to meet and participate in sport and health activities.</p> <p>Oldham Building Good Relations now in Phase 4.</p> <p>Cantle review of Community Cohesion.</p> <p>Stretch target in the LAA to improve the number of adults participating in performing and visual arts activity.</p> <p>Pro-active Environmental Partnership.</p> <p>Community Cohesion Advisory Group.</p> <p>NRF Streets and Parks Scene project.</p> <p>NRF Inter Faith Development Project.</p> <p>Road casualty rates below NRF authority and England averages.</p> <p>Recent announcement for Metrolink following the "Get our Metrolink Back on Track" campaign.</p> <p>Consistently exceed targets around developing Brownfield sites.</p>	<p>Continued improvement needed for percentage of household waste being recycled, residents satisfaction with the cleanliness of their streets, % of streets falling below Grade B standard of cleanliness.</p> <p>Improvements in condition of local roads.</p> <p>Development of Renewable Energy Strategy and targets.</p> <p>Increase % of schools registered as eco-schools.</p> <p>Child Road Casualty rate is above average.</p> <p>Satisfaction with the neighbourhood as a place to live in the more deprived areas.</p> <p>.</p>

Qualitative aspects of LSP Performance (including review of partnership working/NRF spend)	
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<p>LSP restructuring around the LAA. Implementation of the Oldham Partnership Commissioning Framework Embedding performance management. The annual “Oldham In Profile” review Alignment of area based initiatives with the LAA. Strategic direction and leadership. Strong partnership working and improving linkages (e.g. information sharing). More focussed Partnership meetings. Oldham Partnership website is an excellent portal. LAA shared as a model of good practice. NRF spend within 5% of allocation. Oldham Community Empowerment Network received Fit For Purpose assessment. Community council consultation launched.</p>	<p>Continue to re-organise and refine structures in line with the LAA. Develop linkages between the LSP and Council Overview and Scrutiny functions. Continue to improve partnership working and multi agency approach. Implementation of Oldham’s Strategic Commissioning Framework and improved NRF usage. Continue to improve communications.</p>
Improvement Planning	
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Strengths	Issues to be addressed
<p>Improvement Plan recently revised. Delivery Plans being developed for each of the LAA Blocks. CEN/LSP Protocol. Reviewed Terms of Reference. GM Fire and Rescue Service, Jobcentre Plus and the Leader of the Council have joined the LSP Executive. Session held with IDeA to develop LAA delivery and financial planning. Multi-agency LSP Panel being established to provide performance, risk and financial management role. Improved website and increased number of hits. Oldham Info Website. LAA Communications Plan produced. Oldham Community Strategy used as a national case study by DEFRA, LGIU and GO East. Joint work of Community and Voluntary sector partners on the Community Engagement Strategy.</p>	<p>Completion of remaining LAA Delivery Plans. Accelerating partnership working. Continue to develop work on community cohesion following publication of the Cattle report. Continue to align NDC priorities with the LAA. Continue to improve performance management. Need to include a focus on floor targets and community strategy targets that are not included within the LAA. Need to continue to improve floor target performance using FTAP approach (or equivalent) and trajectories. Regular review of Improvement Plan. Review the Oldham Partnership Guide. Continued work towards mainstreaming.</p>

LSP Summary

Oldham Partnership has made excellent progress over the past few months and is one of our most improved LSPs. Strong and improving partnership working is evident across the Oldham Partnership and played a big part in the development of the Local Area Agreement which was a major piece of work. The Oldham LAA has been shared with other partnerships as an example of good practice and is innovative in the inclusion of a Housing Sub-block within Safer & Stronger Communities.

The new Chair of the Executive, Nick Brown has settled in well and the meetings are focussed with good discussion and input from all partners. The Partnership recognises the need to accelerate delivery of the neighbourhood renewal and narrowing the gap agenda, particularly through the LAA mechanism. A challenge for the LSP will be how to continue to develop it's work on community cohesion following the publication of the recent Cantle report..

Much work has been done to collapse the LSP structures and reduce bureaucracy which has not been without pain. The Partnership has, however, remained inclusive, and has made improvements to it's communications. The Oldham Partnership website is an excellent portal for information. In addition, improvements have been made to the Partnership's capability in data management and interpretation over a period of time which has assisted in the production of the "Oldham In Profile" report - an invaluable reference document and performance management tool.

Significant challenges still lie ahead if many of the floor targets are to be met and to deliver the Local Area Agreement but the improvements made by the Partnership will put it in a much stronger position to meet these.