

## **LINCOLNSHIRE'S LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES BOARD**

Lincolnshire is one of the last areas in the country that is developing a Local Area Agreement (LAA). This agreement is the structure through which national government funding is drawn into the county to achieve specific objectives. The funding coming in through the agreement is not necessarily new money, but the pooling together of existing funding streams that different departments of the government are in charge of.

Over the last few years, new ways of working and of decision making have been developed to pull in the vast range of stakeholders whose funding and/or outcomes are connected to the LAA. The Lincolnshire Assembly was formed to develop Lincolnshire's Sustainable Community Strategy. The LAA is linked to this wider strategy and directly supports the achievement of specific objectives.

The Local Area Agreement has a range of outcomes and targets (many of them given by national government), and has been organised into four themed Blocks:

- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Economic Development and Environment
- Children and Young People
- Safer and Stronger Communities

Each Block has a governing structure and a reporting method back to the Local Area Agreement Board. Each Block's structure has been developed independently, taking into account the key stakeholders and outcome delivery organisations connected to its theme.

### **Safer and Stronger Communities Board (SSC Board)**

There are 13 outcomes that this Board is responsible for delivering, co-ordinating and overseeing:

1. Reduce crime
2. Reduce crime in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area (city of Lincoln)
3. Reduce violent crime
4. Reassure the public, reducing the fear of crime
5. Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs
6. Reduce harm related to alcohol misuse
7. Build respect in communities and reduce anti-social behaviour
8. Empower local people to have a greater choice and influence over local decision making and a greater role in public service delivery
9. Cohesive communities
10. Decent social housing in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area by 2010
11. Cleaner, greener and safer public spaces in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area
12. Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Lincolnshire's roads
13. Improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods

Members of the Board have been tasked with overseeing a specific outcome, liaising with partner agencies, and reporting on initiatives and core work that impact on that outcome.

### **Progress to date**

The County Council provide the co-ordinating and financial accountability functions for the Board through its Crime and Disorder Reduction Team, lead by Assistant Director Paula Wood. A series of Board meetings have been held to create the board, expand the membership, develop a Block Action Plan, identify outcomes which have no current delivery method and issue a tendering process for organisations to present their proposals for addressing this.

The total amount of funding for work to meet the gaps in delivery was £774,248 and out of this, a small amount on money has been allocated to each of the District Council's Community Safety Partnerships.

The Block Action Plan is much wider than just the projects funded through the SSC Board and incorporates work that is funded through other sources. These funds are counted as either pooled or aligned and demonstrates to national government that stakeholders are looking at the bigger picture rather than just their own services in isolation. For example, the Rural Social and Community Programme funding which funds 10 projects is one of the pooled budgets managed through the SSC Board process.

### **Board Membership**

At the writing of this report, the board consists of the following members and supported by 3 County Council Officers:

Andy Campbell	Youth Offending Service
Richard Enderby	Parish Councils - 8 joint
David Fannin	Local Strategic Partnerships rep
Helen Kearsley-Cree	Community/Voluntary sector – 8 joint
John Latham	Neighbourhood Renewal Area rep – 2,10,11,13
Brendan O’Kane	Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service - 12
Anna Poole	Government Office for the East Midlands
Cllr Peter Robinson	Lincolnshire County Council portfolio holder
Paula Wood	Lincolnshire County Council - 6
Beverly Agass	District Council rep South Kesteven
Dr Mandy Bretman	Primary Care Trust
Peter Davis	Lincolnshire Police Block Lead - 3
Nigel Howells	Community Cohesion rep - 9
Jo Oliver	Lincolnshire Probation Service - 1
Cllr Dennis Roberts	Community Safety Partnerships rep – 4,7
Ian Anderson	Lincolnshire County Council
Rankin Barr	Drug and Alcohol Action Team - 5
Cllr Tom Brown	District Council rep West Lindsey
Angela Crowe	Police Authority

The number identifies which outcome(s) that Board member has responsibility for. For further information on the work of the Board or to link with an outcome lead, contact the secretariat Clare Seabourne 01522 553562.

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