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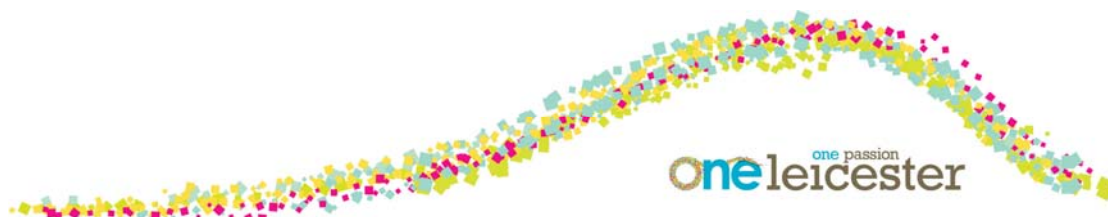
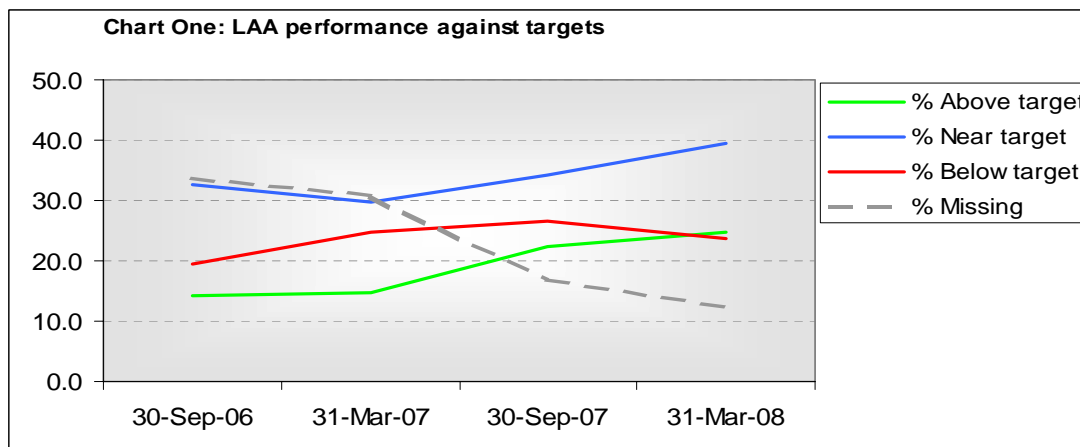
Welcome to the third issue of Leicester Partnership News. This briefing is for everyone, in every sector, who works in organisations and partnerships in Leicester to improve the city, its services and the quality of life for people who live here.

If you know anyone who you think would like a copy, please pass it on. And if you would like to be put on the mailing list for future issues get in touch – our contact details are at the end of the briefing.

We are interested in your news and views too – so do contact us if you have questions, comments or information to share. Tell us if this information is useful – or if there is anything else that you think it would be helpful to include in future. We look forward to hearing from you.

Leicester's performance 2007-08

Leicester is improving performance in many of the areas that were identified as priorities in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2007-2008. Around 65% of LAA measures were either well above or near the target by March 2008, 24% were below target, (and data was not available for the other 12%).



LAA performance against target	Sept 2006	March 2007	Sept 2007	March 2008
Above target	14%	15%	22%	25%
Near target	33%	30%	34%	40%
Below target	19%	25%	26%	24%
Missing info	34%	31%	17%	12%

A few examples of areas where performance has exceeded the target are in reducing the levels of some crimes such as common assault and personal robbery, the percentage of homes in the city being brought up to the Government's decent homes standard, the level of street cleanliness, the percentage of people who are longer term benefit claimants, and improving the percentage of mothers who are breast feeding their babies for longer.

But some examples of areas where we need to do more are to continue to improve educational attainment, reduce the levels of teenage conception, get more people off benefits and into work in certain areas of the city, improve life expectancy through tackling health issues such as smoking and obesity, and continue to tackle crime, particularly where it is drug related.

Performance against targets in the Local Area Agreement is monitored and reported every six months to Government Office for the East Midlands.

This is the final performance report on this agreement as the LAA has now been signed for 2008-2011.

The performance report covers performance against both targets and the original baselines of Leicester's first Local Area Agreement up to the 31st March 2008. Finally, the report also draws out lessons learnt from the LAA process which we are using to inform the processes for implementing Leicester's new LAA agreement for 2008-11.

The first generation of LAAs has been a positive experience for the Leicester Partnership. It has drawn closer together the various partner agencies involved in improving outcomes for the people of Leicester.

One of the key difficulties in the early stages of the agreement was the collection of performance data. However, over time this has improved and we have learnt lessons which auger well for making sure the new LAA works even more effectively.

For more information and to download the full report, go to - <http://www.leicesterpartnership.org.uk/welcome/performance> or

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About the Leicester Partnership

Leicester Partnership is Leicester's 'local strategic partnership'. It has about 50 members drawn from the public, voluntary/community and private sectors of the city. Our job is bring together the different parts of the public sector as well as the private, business, community and voluntary sectors so that different initiatives and services support each other and work together.

The partnership is a single overarching local co-ordination framework within which other partnerships in Leicester can operate.

We have two main responsibilities - to develop and drive the One Leicester 25 year sustainable community strategy; and to deliver the targets in Leicester's Local Area Agreement 2008-11.

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