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## Local Area Agreement & Action Plan

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### LAA priorities announced

**Herefordshire Partnership's Chief Executives' Group (CEG) have put their seal of approval on the final list of Local Area Agreement (LAA) priorities. This represents the outcome of consultation which took place with a number of organisations and groups throughout October and November 2007.**

Through the consultation exercise three cross cutting themes were identified: Volunteering; Leisure, Culture and Sport; and Environment. These are considered important in terms of the impact they have on the achievement of the other priorities.

The list of key priorities (below) will direct our choice of Performance Indicators for the LAA. They will guide local and regional organisations' policies and activities, as well as provide a focus to deliver the outcomes of Herefordshire's Community Strategy.

#### Economic Development and Enterprise

- \* Increase the economic potential of the County, with particular regard to higher skilled and better paid jobs
- \* Increase access to learning and development at all levels, and increase participation, in order to raise achievement, address worklessness and improve workforce skills
- \* Improve access to integrated public and community transport, reduce traffic congestion and encourage alternatives to car use

#### Children and Young People

- \* Improve participation in, and achievement for, young people in education, employment and training post 14
- \* Encourage and enable children and young people in Herefordshire to achieve their potential and participate in positive activities

#### Stronger Communities

- \* Increase the availability of appropriate, decent and affordable housing
- \* Improve the availability of sustainable services and facilities and access to them
- \* Encourage thriving communities where people are able to influence change and take action to improve their area, regardless of their background

#### Older People and Health

- \* Encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle, with particular attention to reducing smoking, levels of obesity and excessive consumption of alcohol
- \* Help vulnerable people to live safely and independently in their own homes

#### Safer Communities

- \* Further reduce the low levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the County and reduce disproportionate fear of such
- \* Increase safety for road users in the County

#### Environment

- \* Minimise domestic and commercial waste, and improve recycling
- \* Lead a local contribution to Climate Change reduction
- \* Enhance the recovery from events that have significant and potentially long-term impacts upon the community through proactive and effective inter-agency collaboration and co-ordination

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

#### Jan / Feb 2008

Completion of Work shops, and continued work to finalise and agree Indicators

#### Feb 2008

LAA Special Newsletter No. 4 issued, to keep you informed of progress

#### March 2008

Final Indicators to be announced

#### Jun 2008

Target date for Central Government to sign off Herefordshire's LAA

### NEED TO KNOW MORE?

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