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Report title	LAA Performance Indicators – Outturn Position 2009/10
Description	An updated performance report for known results to the end of March 2010.
Document purpose	<p>The purpose of this report is to present an updated overview of available outturn performance for the designated and non-designated LAA performance indicators for the year 2009/10.</p> <p>An initial benchmarked quartile position is also provided for the designated indicators.</p> <p>The report also raises the impact of the cessation of the TellUs survey on the ability to collect designated indicator information for two Children’s measures.</p>
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Decision/Action required	<p>To review outturn performance and ensure that actions within delivery plans are appropriate to remedy areas of under or poor performance.</p> <p>To accept, as the final LAA position for the designated indicators for children and young people’s positive participation and substance misuse, the results reported in 2009/10 outturn that were derived from the TellUs4 survey.</p> <p>To identify ‘good news’ stories, linked to improved performance, and to consider the most appropriate means of communicating them more widely, for example through the West Cheshire Together partnerships bulletin and/or website.</p>
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Report narrative

Designated Indicators – Overall Picture

The Cheshire West and Chester Performance team has been able to collect outturn data for 26 of the 34 designated indicators and this is shown as a summary document attached at Appendix A. Publication dates for the remaining indicators show that a complete set of published data will not be available until February 2011.

An initial assessment of the available data has been conducted to determine if targets have been achieved; if performance is on a positive trajectory; and how performance compares to other local authority areas.

Target Attainment

Designated target attainment shows a fair picture with 15 (58%) of the indicators achieving the targets that were set for 2009/10; 3 (11%) marginally failing to achieve targeted performance; and 8 (31%) failing to achieve targeted performance.

The 8 indicators not reaching target levels are:

- Adult participation in sport
- Dealing with concerns about anti-social behaviour
- Young people's participation in positive activities
- 16-18 year olds not in education training or employment
- Mortality rate from circulatory diseases
- Social care clients receiving self-directed support
- Carers receiving needs assessment
- Non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered

Direction of Travel

17 (77%) of the indicators show improved performance from 2008/09 with only 4 showing a downward trajectory of performance.

The 4 indicators not improving over the last 12 months are:

- Adult participation in sport
- Carers receiving needs assessment
- Working age people claiming out of work benefits
- Non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered

Benchmarking

The Council is a member of the PwC Benchmarking Club and the first release of local authority 2009/10 outturn data was published in June. Comparative data is available for 20 of the designated indicators and results are positive with 14 (70%) of measures in the top two quartiles, 8 (40%) in the top quartile and only 1 indicator, percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living, in the bottom 25% of performers.

Cessation of the TellUs Survey

TellUs is a national survey which gathers the views of children and young people in Years 6, 8 and 10, on their life, their school and their local area. The Government has decided to stop the delivery of the TellUs Survey as part of its commitment to reduce the burdens which data collection imposes on schools and local authorities. The decision is with immediate effect, which means the Tellus5 survey will not be delivered as planned in the Autumn Term.

National Indicators covering emotional health, bullying, positive activities, substance misuse and satisfaction with parks and play are all derived from the survey, positive activity and substance misuse are two of the designated indicators within the LAA.

Government Office North West has advised that, although no specific communication has been made in relation to reporting on TellUs national indicators, it is unlikely that local authorities will be required to do so and that the current position, as reported in TellUs4, will be the final result for the LAA.

Next Steps

It is recognised that further work needs to be undertaken to provide national indicator and other performance data at a more local level. Some good examples exist in the Safer Stronger area and in Ellesmere Port through Total Place, but is patchy across the Borough. To improve area focused performance activity, single performance points of contact (SPPOC) selected from the Council's directorate and thematic performance leads have been allocated to each of the five APB areas. The SPPOCs will act as a 'first-stop' resource for Area Managers in accessing performance information and co-ordinating activity where data gaps exist.

Thematic Performance leads are currently collating information regarding quarter 1 (2010/11) performance and delivery plan actions. A progress report for the LSP and/or the Thematic Leads Group will be available in August.

The development and publication of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2026 provides an opportunity to re-think how we determine and measure the Partnership's performance. Thematic Performance leads will be working with their groups to ensure that performance measures for 2011/12 onward are matched and support the delivery of outcomes in all priority areas.