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ITEM TITLE:	LAA Refresh and Annual Review 2008-09		
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1. Summary

This report updates the Board regarding progress with the LAA refresh, since initial proposals were agreed at the 10 December 2008 meeting, and the discussion at the 19 February meeting.

Although some progress has been made since the last meeting, overall, progress in concluding the refresh process has been slower than originally anticipated.

This report covers a report to the 17 March meeting of the Southwark Council Executive. The Board is asked to endorse the positions regarding individual indicators within the Local Area Agreement, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to the council Executive, and to note that this will be updated in the light of feedback from GOL, and as more information becomes available. Section 3 of this report summarises the outstanding issues at the time of writing.

The council Executive has indicated informally that it wishes to receive a further report resolving the outstanding issues in April.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked:

- 2.1 to endorse the positions regarding individual indicators within the Local Area Agreement set out in Appendix 1 to the report to the council Executive and note that this will be updated in the light of feedback from GOL and as more information becomes available.

3. Summary of Outstanding Issues

3.1 At the time of writing, the following issues are unresolved.

- **NI 112 - Teenage conceptions:** GOL has proposed a target for 2010-11 (34.9 per thousand), which is regarded as unrealistic. We are currently awaiting a formal response from GOL to our rejection of their proposal, and clarification of the process for resolving disagreements.
- **Local indicator - ESOL:** Consultation with partners is currently taking place on targets relating to an indicator that measures the number of ESOL qualifications and part qualifications achieved in Southwark. The following targets are proposed: baseline (2007-08) = 1,713; 2008-09 = 1,782; 2009-10 = 1,853; 2010-11 = 1,927. These represent a 4% year-on-year increase.
- **NI 186 - Per Capita CO2 emissions in the local area:** Following the 10 December Board meeting, a proposal was made to amend the targets for this indicator, in line with those of the borough's Climate Change Strategy. GOL has responded that the economic downturn will make the target more achievable. Discussions are continuing.
- **NI 1 - % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area and NI 4 - People feel they can affect decisions in local area:** The survey data on which these targets will be based has not yet been verified. Therefore no targets have been produced.
- **NI 15 - Serious violent crime:** On 4 March 2009 revised guidance and proposed targets were received from GOL. We are currently consulting partners on these.
- **NI 40 - Drug Users in effective treatment:** We propose to continue to argue for a lower target for this indicator, based on the actual outturn figure, rather than a projected outturn used when agreeing the LAA. The National Treatment Agency, which is advising GOL, is opposing this.
- **NI 155 - Number of affordable homes delivered (gross):** It is not proposed to change the targets for this indicator at the present time, but to wait until 2010, when the impact of the recession is clearer. GOL has raised the question of whether or not we should amend the target in line with that agreed recently by the council and the GLA. However, the way in which the two targets are measured is different, and it is not considered to be appropriate to do so. It is possible that GOL will respond further on this matter.
- **Local indicator - Enterprise:** The data used in the current LAA relating to VAT registered businesses per 10,000 adults has been withdrawn by the government. A new indicator that measures VAT and non-VAT registered businesses employing one or more people is currently being consulted upon within the Enterprise Partnership. Subject to agreement of the indicator, proposed targets will then be developed.