

# Environment, Housing and Transport Delivery Partnership

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## Work Programme

### 1. Summary

1.1 This report suggests an approach to the work programming of the Environment, Housing and Transport Delivery Partnership. With regard to what Housing element?

### 2 Recommendation

2.1 The Partnership is recommended to agree the suggested approach to the work programme and the outline programme for the next four meetings. Specific dates will be subject to discussion of the frequency of meetings elsewhere on this agenda.

### 3 Background

3.1 The role of the Environment and Housing Delivery Partnership was set out in the terms of reference agreed at the start of last year. The last meeting of the group agreed to expand its remit to cover transport issues.

3.2 The role of the Partnership is broadly to co-ordinate the contribution of relevant partners, stakeholders and the community in respect of its areas of responsibility. This has three main aspects:

- To lead on these **environment, housing and transport issues** in the work of the Newcastle Partnership
- Specifically to put in place, and to performance manage, arrangements for the delivery of the **Local Area Agreement targets** for environment, housing and transport
- To ensure appropriate liaison with the **other Delivery Partnerships** of the Newcastle Partnership, e.g. Health and Well being.

3.3 In addition, it was agreed at the last meeting

- to focus on two or three targets at each meeting

- to explore the action plans supporting their delivery
- to challenge theme leads to focus more closely upon outcomes.

3.4 The intention was to develop a consistent approach to these discussions, including the use of a common format where this is useful.

3.5 It was also recognized that this way of working may require more frequent meetings.

#### **4 Proposed programme**

4.1 An outline programme is proposed below based upon the detailed discussion of one target from each of the three areas of the Partnership's responsibility at each meeting. (These discussions are intended as a basis for the work of the Partnership and of course will not prevent other matters being progressed in relation to targets discussed at other meetings.)

4.2 In addition to these key issues, there will be other items to be included as necessary:

- items referred by the Newcastle Partnership, or by other Delivery Partnerships (e.g. discussion of the Action Plan on Mental Health and Wellbeing on this agenda)
- quarterly performance monitoring of all the LAA targets for which the Partnership is responsible
- items referred by partners and stakeholders (e.g. from the Climate Change Partnership).

Set out below is a suggested list of topics based on these principles. Dates are not given as these will depend upon discussion of the frequency of meetings elsewhere on the agenda. Lead officers for the reports are given in brackets:

##### **Meeting 1** (i.e. the next scheduled meeting)

- NI 193 reduction in municipal waste sent to landfill - planned contribution of residual waste management strategy
- Community and stakeholder engagement on housing issues
- NI 158: the proportion of non-decent council homes (Strategic Commissioning Manager)
- NI 167: Managing traffic congestion in traffic-sensitive areas in a sustainable way – average journey time per mile during the morning peak

##### **Meeting 2**

- NI186 reduction in citywide carbon emissions - embedding and accelerating climate change through the climate change partnership
- LAAL1: prevention of homelessness (Housing Services Manager)

### **Meeting 3**

- Community engagement on environmental and sustainability issues
- NI 154: net new houses and NI155 (Head of Housing Development and Partnership Management) : gross new affordable houses (i.e. to deal with both house building targets which are part of the Council's overall 30 key targets at the same meeting)

### **Meeting 4**

- NI186 reduction in citywide carbon emissions - role of carbon route map project in establishing accurate baseline and targeting future actions.
- LAAL2: empty private homes brought back into use (Private Sector Housing Renewal Manager)