LIBERATING POTENTIAL

The Essex Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

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Our People

We want people to reach their potential and enjoy a high quality of life.

Achieving this will involve:

- Higher achievement in education
- Greater participation of children and young people in education and training
- Supporting independent living for older people and carers
- Promoting healthy living

Priority 1	Fewer children and young people missing education or not in education, employment or training

- Fewer 16-18 year olds in Essex who are not in education, employment or training.
- Fewer primary and secondary school pupils in Essex who are persistently absent from school.

Focus

Those young people not in education, employment or training are not a homogeneous group. Evidence suggests that most young people who currently do not stay in education say this is because the right provision is not available or they do not have the qualifications to progress. For many, being outside the system is a benign and temporary experience. There are also large numbers of young people who face complex social, mental and physical issues. Leading chaotic lifestyles, they are unable to adapt to the relatively disciplined worlds of education and the workplace.

Having large numbers of young people who are NEET does not just have a negative impact on families, local communities and the individuals themselves. It makes optimum economic productivity and social inclusion more difficult to achieve. Qualifications and skills are more important than ever, if young people are going to compete in the employment market.

Some groups are most at risk of becoming NEET and these include young people with learning difficulties or disabilities, teenage mothers, young offenders and care leavers. Those young people who are disengaged are likely to become progressively more marginalized, as non-participation is a strong predictor of later unemployment, low incomes, teenage parenthood, depression, involvement in crime and poor physical and mental health.

Young people in the NEET group not only do not gain skills but also are at risk of social exclusion. Labour Force Survey data suggests that younger workers in Essex are less likely to receive training in employment than across the region and nation as a whole. Essex has an estimated 5,400 16 and 17 year olds in jobs without training; many of these do not have a Level 2 qualification.

Baselines and targets

NI 79 - % Achievement of a Level 2 qualification by the age of 19

We want young people to succeed in learning and training – 14-19.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK	
Baseline	Figures	gures available end Feb													
Target 10/11	Figures	Figures available end Feb													

NI 87 - Secondary school persistent absence rate

This is a mandatory indicator.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2006/7 7.1%	2006/7 6.9%
Target 10/11	Availab	le end Fe	eb										6.1%	

NI 117 - %16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)

We want young people to make a successful transition to the world of work.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	7.4%	9.2%	2.1%	5.4%	3.5%	4.4%	2.0%	5.2%	7.8%	3.5%	11.6 %	2.9%	Nov 2007: 5.9%	2006: 7.7%
Target 10/11	Availab	Available Early March												

Partnership Delivery

• Partnership responsible - Children and Young Peoples Strategic Board

• Chair of partnership: - to be confirmed at end of March 08

Lead officer - Jo Smith

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Target Lead

NI 79, 87, 117

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Priority 2	More people supported to live independently in their own homes with
	better support for carers

- Support more independent living, preventative health care and better support for carers
- Increase the number of vulnerable people who achieve independent living

Focus

Supporting independent living, offering individuals choice and control of their care through individual budgets and signposting, outreach, advice & support are fundamental to our vision for social care. Increasingly care services will be delivered through a more diverse market by a range of private, public and voluntary bodies, if not costs would rise by around 50% by 2017 and 100% by 2025. Wherever possible to prevent the need for people to have to go into hospital or residential care.

With an increasingly aging population, income, living conditions and independence are key determinants of demand for health and social care of older people. In 2008, around 104,600 (36% of 65yrs+) people are aged 65 years and over living alone and 8,600 (2.9% of 65yrs+) are living in care homes in Essex. By 2025, there will be 149,000 people living alone and 13,200 living in care homes.

The expansion of individual budgets will help people to live independently and to take control of their lives.

Baselines and targets

NI 134 - The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population

This target is important because it measures the success of partnership working in avoiding unplanned admission to hospital.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK	
Baseline	Figure	igures to come within 2 weeks													
Target															

NI 135 - Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information

This target is important given that support from carers is proven to help people to remain in their own homes rather than entering hospital or residential care. It is estimated that informal care is worth some £80 billion across the country.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK	
Baseline	Figure	gures to come within 2 weeks													
Target															

NI 139 - People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently

This target is important because it underlines the responsiveness and quality of service experienced by our citizens.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK	
Baseline	Figure	Figures to come within 2 weeks													
Target															

NI 141 - Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living

This indicator is important because living independently can have a huge influence on a person's quality of life. This indicator also encompasses a number of different vulnerable groups.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	214/297	136/188	8/38	4/8	112/132	392/577	8/23	284/356	0/5	4/11	20/32	4/10	1186/1677	
Target Supporting People Essex to suggest targets.														

Local Indicator – Affordable housing

A local measure will be developed for affordable housing. Partners are invited to suggest how this local indicator can be developed.

Partnership Delivery

- Partnership responsible Community Well-being and Older People
- Chair of partnership Jenny Owen
 Cathy Mitches
- Lead Officer Cathy Mitchell

Contact

Target leads

NI 134, 135, 139

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NI 141

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- Improve quality of life by reducing health inequalities, increasing life expectancy and effectively supporting vulnerable children
- Reduce the possibility of contracting secondary health conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoarthritis, sleep apnoea and some cancers due to lifestyle choices
- Improve the mental health and well-being of Essex residents

Focus

The health and well being of the population is vitality important to the prosperity and quality of life of an area.

One's quality of life can be significantly impacted by lifestyle choices thus contributing to health inequalities between socio economic groups. This priority aims to focus on the major health implications which impact on a citizen's life.

Baselines and targets

NI 51 - Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services

This indicator provides information about how effectively mental health services meet children's mental health needs.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														
Target Information to follow pending a meeting with CM and CR before 10 th March														

NI 56 - Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6

Obesity can reduce life expectancy by up to 9 years and can be detrimental to the person's well being.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	14.9%	14.9%	14.9%	16.3%	14.9%	16.4%	17.3%	17.3%	14.9%	16.3%	16.4%	17.3%		
Target	Information to follow pending a meeting with CM and CR before 10 th March													

Baseline information is by PCT area

NI 60 - Core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement – not proposed for inclusion in the 35

This target is important because it measures the effectiveness of partnership working supporting vulnerable children.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														
Target	Informat	ion to follo	w pendin	a meetin	g with CM	and CR b	efore 10 th	March						

NI 112 - Under 18 conception rate

Relevant for monitoring deprivation cycles.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	47.2	33.2	15.4	32.1	21.3	37.1	22.2	41.4	26	23.6	34.9	14.1	30.6	41.1
Target	Informat	tion to follo	ow pendin	g a meetii	ng with CN	I and CR	before 10	th March				•		

Source: Office for National Statistics and teenage Pregnancy Unit, provisional 2005 conception data for local authorities. (Rates per 10,000 females aged 15-17)

NI 120 - All-age all cause mortality rate

This indicator gives a general health profile of the county.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	616.8	553	510.5	548.3 2	475.4 3	554.1 1	573.3 6	551.5 9	574.4 9	487.8 5	568.1 1	522.6 7	550.82	
Target	Informat	ion to follo	w pending	g a meetin	g with CM	and CR b	efore 10 th	March						

Source: <u>www.nchod.nhs.uk</u>, (compendium of clinical & health indicators/ clinical health outcomes knowledge). (Rates per 100,000 - European standard population)

NI 123 - 16+ current smoking rate prevalence

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable illness and mortality in the country.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	24.8%	23.2%	20.3%	20%	21.4%	23.1%	22.5%	30%	20%	20.1%	20.3%	19.6%	22.3%	
Target	Informat	ion to follo	w pending	a meetin	g with CM	and CR b	efore 10 th	March						

Source: ERPHO, Smoking prevalence estimates (based on data on total spend on cigarettes) April 2007.

NI 150 - Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment

This indicator provides evidence of how beneficial supportive learning and other evidence based activities are. It might be necessary to develop a local measure in the area.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														
Target	Informat	ion to follo	w pendin	a meetin	g with CM	and CR b	efore 10 th	March						

Source:

Partnership Delivery

- Partnership Responsible Community Well-being and Older People
- Chair of Partnership: Jenny Owen
- Lead officer: tbc

Contact	
tbc	

Priority 4 Children and young people realise their potential in education

Outcomes

Children and young people progress well and achieve more at all key stages

Focus

Education is central to liberating Essex's potential and improving the quality of life of our residents. Good literacy and numeracy, as well as achievement in other subjects, are key to the future life chances of children and young people as they grow up. Research has demonstrated the importance of school age achievement in subsequent participation in further education and in employability. Raising progression and achievement at each of the key stages, from Early Years through to GCSEs, is particularly important in parts of Essex where performance is currently below average and amongst Children in Care, who traditionally have lower levels of progression and achievement than other pupils. Achieving the targets set out below will be crucial in narrowing existing gaps in achievement, and in subsequent participation in study and employment, in Essex.

Baselines and targets

Rationale

The 15 indicators under this priority are mandatory and will be included in every Local Area Agreement across the country. These represent the Department for Children, Schools and Families', and our, commitment to improving the educational achievement and subsequent life chances of all children.

NI 72 - Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development

% of pupils achieving at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	34.3 %	41.8 %	56.7 %	35.9 %	45.6 %	40.2 %	40.1 %	36.6 %	38.1 %	39.2 %	35.7 %	48.8 %	2007: 40.4%	2007: 46%
Target 08/09													48.5%	

Suggested district targets are not included as Early Years provision is delivered by a range of different providers within districts, that do not have locally agreed provider-level targets for this indicator.

NI 73 - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold) % of pupils achieving level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	63.8 %	68.2 %	82.7 %	72.0 %	76.2 %	72.1 %	74.1 %	64.8 %	73.2 %	74.9 %	65.3 %	83.3 %	2007: 71.3%	2007: 71%
Target 08/09	75.0 %	80.0 %	86.0 %	77.0 %	82.0 %	79.0 %	75.0 %	72.0 %	78.0 %	81.0 %	75.0 %	86.0 %	80.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts.

NI 74 - Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3

% of pupils achieving level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	58.3 %	60.3 %	77.8 %	71.5 %	76.3 %	71.6 %	69.2 %	63.8 %	67.0 %	75.9 %	59.8 %	75.4 %	2007: 68.6%	2007: 67%
Target 08/09	66.0 %	75.0 %	81.0 %	75.0 %	80.0 %	78.0 %	77.0 %	70.0 %	75.0 %	79.0 %	68.0 %	83.0 %	78.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 75 - Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)

% of pupils achieving 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	38.7 %	44.1 %	55.3 %	47.8 %	58.8 %	51.4 %	46.0 %	33.0 %	44.3 %	55.6 %	37.1 %	59.1 %	2007: 47.8%	2007: 46.7 %
Target 08/09	43.0 %	50.0 %	64.0 %	52.0 %	62.0 %	57.0 %	54.0 %	41.0 %	48.0 %	61.0 %	43.0 %	65.0 %	53.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts.

NI 83 - Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3

% of pupils achieving level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	65.3 %	75.8 %	82.2 %	74.3 %	82.7 %	74.4 %	73.6 %	64.5 %	73.8 %	81.5 %	66.6 %	80.5 %	2007: 74.5%	2007: 73 %
Target 08/09	70.0 %	80.0 %	86.0 %	78.0 %	84.0 %	83.0 %	80.0 %	73.0 %	79.0 %	85.0 %	74.0 %	87.0 %	82.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts.

NI 92 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest

% difference between the average child's score in the Early Years cohort and the score of the lowest achieving 20%.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline			Baseline o	district da	ta to be p	rovided b	y John D	urrant (E0	CC) on 10	March 0	8		2007: 37.9%	2007: 37.3 %
Target 08/09													31.0%	

Suggested district targets are not included as Early Years provision is delivered by a range different providers within districts, that do not have locally agreed provider-level targets for this indicator.

NI 93 - Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in English between Key Stage 1 and 2 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	83.9 %	87.1 %	87.2 %	83.4 %	90.6 %	89.1 %	87.6 %	85.9 %	88.5 %	84.3 %	88.1 %	93.1 %	2007: 87.3%	
Target 08/09	86.0 %	92.0 %	91.0 %	84.0 %	91.0 %	91.0 %	89.0 %	88.0 %	90.0 %	91.0 %	87.0 %	91.0 %	90.0 %	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 94 - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in Maths between Key Stage 1 and 2 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	75.7 %	77.4 %	84.6 %	76.4 %	83.1 %	81.3 %	79.8 %	75.4 %	81.0 %	76.1 %	75.2 %	88.8 %	2007: 79.1%	
Target 08/09	83.0 %	91.0 %	89.0 %	85.0 %	89.0 %	90.0 %	90.0 %	86.0 %	91.0 %	92.0 %	83.0 %	90.0 %	88.0 %	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 95 - Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in English between Key Stage 2 and 3 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	20.7 %	26.2 %	22.0 %	22.6 %	30.0 %	30.2 %	27.6 %	28.2 %	31.7 %	34.3 %	21.2 %	36.3 %	2007: 26.8%	
Target 08/09	29.0 %	34.0 %	29.0 %	35.0 %	44.0 %	42.0 %	33.0 %	30.0 %	38.0 %	37.0 %	32.0 %	43.0 %	38.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 96 - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in Maths between Key Stage 2 and 3 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	52.5 %	59.3 %	71.2 %	55.8 %	65.5 %	57.6 %	57.5 %	51.5 %	58.1 %	63.1 %	44.6 %	64.8 %	2007: 58.0%	
Target 08/09	54.0 %	64.0 %	61.0 %	62.0 %	74.0 %	69.0 %	67.0 %	57.0 %	67.0 %	69.0 %	58.0 %	77.0 %	72.0%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 97 - Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in English between Key Stage 3 and 4 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	42.2 %	49.3 %	64.4 %	52.9 %	56.3 %	58.9 %	53.0 %	46.6 %	50.1 %	67.3 %	55.6 %	63.3 %	2007: 54.6%	
Target 08/09	55.8 %	58.2 %	72.7 %	61.9 %	70.2 %	67.2 %	66.6 %	46.2 %	56.0 %	70.9 %	57.3 %	65.8 %	62.9%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 98 - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4

% of pupils making 2 levels progress in Maths between Key Stage 3 and 4 where prior attainment data exists.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline	28.3 %	23.4 %	30.2 %	30.4 %	38.7 %	31.4 %	29.5 %	18.2 %	21.1 %	35.5 %	26.1 %	31.4 %	2007: 29.7%	
Target 08/09	25.6 %	28.9 %	36.6 %	30.0 %	40.3 %	33.4 %	35.0 %	23.5 %	29.0 %	38.3 %	30.4 %	44.2 %	32.9%	

Suggested targets are based on locally agreed school-level targets in Essex districts. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

NI 99 - Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2

% of children who have been in care for at least one year who were in year 6 and who achieved at least level 4 in English at Key Stage 2.

Distr	ict	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Base	eline													2007: 57.1%	2006: 42.8 %
Targ	et 08/09													59.3%	

The numbers of children in care in Essex are too low to compare baseline performance or set targets by district.

NI 100 - Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2

% of children who have been in care for at least one year who were in year 6 and who achieved at least level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline													2007: 47.6%	2006: 40.9 %
Target 08/09													61.1%	

The numbers of children in care in Essex are too low to compare baseline performance or set targets by district.

NI 101 - Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)

% of children who were in care for at least one year who were in year 11 and achieved 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	ENG
Baseline													2007: 7.7%	
Target 08/09													17.3%	

The numbers of children in care in Essex are too low to compare baseline performance or set targets by district. This is a new indicator and there are no published figures for national performance.

Partnership Delivery

- Partnership responsible Children and Young People's Strategic Board
- Chair of partnership to be confirmed at end of March 08
- Lead officer Jo Smith

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Target Lead

NI 72, 73, 74, 75, 83, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101

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Our Communities

We want people to belong to strong and supportive communities

Achieving this will involve:

- Safer Roads
- Improving access to services and facilities
- A stronger voluntary sector with more participation in sport and culture
- Keeping communities safe and feeling safe

Priority 5	Essex roads are safer, less congested and residents enjoy better access to
	services

- Reduce congestion on Essex Roads
- Reduce adults killed and seriously injured
- Increase sustainable travel to school

Focus

Priority 5 is an important cross cutting priority. Congestion costs the Essex Economy upwards of £280m a year; tackling it will provide both economic and environment benefits. Further, this priority focuses on those who are killed and seriously injured (KSI) whilst using the Essex road network; the aim is to continue the work of the previous LAA and further reduce those KSI.

Baselines and targets

NI 47 - People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents

It is important to reduce those killed and injured on Essex Roads.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX
Baseline	107.8	134	66.8	45.2	135.8	112.4	188.2	54.4	57.4	50.8	132.6	93.6	1187
Target 10/11	65	80	40	27	81	67	113	33	34	30	80	56	712

NI 198 - Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used

By increasing those who use public transport there will be benefits to the environment, congestion and health.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline 06/07													28.80%	
Target 10/11													26.0%	

Local Indicator - Congestion

Congestion will damage the environment and be a drag on the Essex economy

Work is underway on the identification of a suitable target to improve journey times on major inbound routes in the larger urban centres. We do not propose to include NI 167 as there is no data. It is expected that we may be able to use the measures included in LAA1, although on different routes which are yet to be identified. Current thinking is that the focus will be on inter-urban routes such as the A127, A13, A130, A131 and A414.

Partnership Delivery

Congestion (local indicator)

Partnership responsible - Sustainable Development Partnership

Chair of partnershipLead officerN/A

Children travelling to school – mode of travel usually used

 Partnership responsible - Children and Young People's Strategic Board or Sustainable Development Partnership

• Chair of partnership - to be confirmed at end of March 08

Lead officer

People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents and/or Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents

Partnership responsible – Essex Community Safety and Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership

Chair of partnership - Paul WarrenLead officer - Rosemary Welch

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Priority 6	More volunteering and participation in sport and culture

- Increased participation in sport and cultural activities, building on the opportunities provided by the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics
- An active society in which people collaborate for shared purposes
- Increased participation by volunteers in all areas of 3rd sector activity, contributing to the health and well-being of the community

Focus

Essex has lower levels of participation in sport than would be expected based on its socio-demographic profile and 50.2% of the population in Essex are classed as inactive (i.e. they do not take part in any sport or recreational activity). The Active People Survey showed that participation levels in sport (at least 30 minutes duration on 3 occasions per week) in Essex are 21.9% for men and 18.3% for women (the lowest level in the Eastern Region). The pattern of participation in sport across the County is not consistent – there are higher levels of inactivity in Tendring and higher levels of participation in Uttlesford for example, and there are also demographic variations.

In Essex, 65% of people say that they had been active in a club or society for at least 2 hours a week over the past year. However the figures for formal volunteering are significantly lower, at 30% for the East of England in 2005. Academic research suggests that a strong voluntary and community sector infrastructure is a key factor in promoting effective civic participation.

Baselines and targets

NI 6 - Participation in regular volunteering

This indicator is important because high levels of volunteering are one sign of strong, active communities and are vital in supporting the range of activity undertaken by third sector organisations.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	A new i	ndicator,	which will	be includ	led as pa	rt of the P	lace Surv	еу						
Target														

NI 8 - Adult participation in sport (local indicator) - not proposed for inclusion in the 35

This indicator is important because participation sport is a significant contributor to positive physical and mental health.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	17.6%	20.9%	22.7%	18.3%	20.9%	22.9%	20.9%	18.5%	21%	19.9%	16.2%	23.1%	20.10%	
Target 10/11	20.6%	23.9%	25.7%	21.3%	23.9%	25.9%	23.9%	21.5%	24%	22.9%	19.2%	26.1%	23.10%	

NI 11 - Engagement in the arts

This indicator is important because it enables a focus on a range of different cultural activities and the extent to which the public have the opportunity to access to them. Regular involvement in the arts has a range of health and educational benefits.

	District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Ш	Baseline														
	Target														

This is a new indicator – baseline data is to be collected shortly and will be available in June.

NI 57 - Children and young people's participation in high-quality PE and sport (applies to 5-19 year olds, with 5-16 year olds to be offered 5 hours per week and 16-19 year olds 3 hours per week)

This indicator is important because regular participation in sport and physical activity by young people can do much to tackle obesity and decrease the chances of involvement in anti-social behaviour. The need to provide 5 hours of high quality PE and Sport will require significant cross agency working as this target can not be met solely through the school curriculum.

П	District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX
Ш	Baseline													
	Target 10/11	n/a	85%											

N.B. a baseline for this indicator is currently being calculated.

Partnership Delivery

Sport and Culture

 Partnership responsible: Essex Working Group for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

Chair of partnership : Cllr Murray Foster

Lead officer: Loretta Sollars

Volunteering

Partnership responsible: Essex Southend Thurrock Infrastructure Consortium

Chair of partnership : Maureen Frewin

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Priority 7 Essex is a safe place to live

Outcomes

- · Reduced adult re-offending
- Reduced first time entrants into the criminal justice system
- Fewer crimes which have the most serious impact on victims, particularly domestic violence and assault with injury
- Less misuse of alcohol and other substances
- Reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, and improved street and environmental cleanliness

Focus

Issues regarding crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse have a significant impact on the quality of life for Essex residents, and have consistently been prioritised through consultation with partners, stakeholders and the public. Although there are many indicators that could have been chosen those that have been selected offer opportunity for effective partnership solutions to be developed that can have impact across a number of related themes.

Baselines and targets

NI 17 - Perceptions of anti-social behaviour

While levels of crime in Essex are relatively low, ASB is an issue that causes significant concern for communities and therefore actual levels and perceptions need to be addressed.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (LGUSS 2006/07)	33%	20%	17%	21%	15%	19%	21%	27%	24%	17%	24%	15%	21%	23 %
Target														

NI 18 - Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision

Preventing re-offending will have an impact on Quality of Life for both the general population and the families of the offenders themselves. It requires a partnership approach to deliver the broad range of interventions involved.

Interim baseline data for Essex provided by Probation for 2006, based on the % of caseloads proven to have committed an offence. Official data from NOMS will be available April 08

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	District	BA S	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
	Baseline (2006)													8.5%	10.2 %
	Target														

NI 20 - Assaults causing injury

There are approximately 10,000-12,000 crimes of this type in Essex each year, and it has close links to the alcohol misuse/reduction/ASB agenda and could benefit greatly from a partnership problem-solving approach.

District Baseline data is unofficial (Oct 06-Oct 07), and the source is Home Office data provided on I Quanta. Official 2007/08 baseline data will be avail from Home Office in July 08.

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	District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
	Baseline	1225	658	386	379	1002	1292	659	774	325	281	1063	219	8263	
	Target 08/09														

NI 39 - Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates

Alcohol misuse is widely regarded as playing a significant part in fuelling criminal and disorderly behaviour, ill health and loss of productivity at work. Recent reports have provided evidence of the success of investing in alcohol treatment.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	Data reque	ested fr	om EF	RPHO a				1107(2006/7)						
Target														

NI 111 - First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17

This indicator is a priority because to be successful it requires early intervention activities that are delivered through a genuine partnership approach. It measures the effectiveness of these activities in stopping young people becoming the offenders of the future.

The current target for 07/08 set by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) for Essex is a 5% reduction. The target given by the YJB for next year is

expected to be known on 4th March 08. Data provided by YOT.

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District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (2006/07)	205	222	73	125	166	232	146	162	84	98	256	53	1822	
Target														

NI 115 - Substance misuse by young people

Reducing substance misuse by young people continues to be an important target. Substance misuse can result in physical, psychological and social problems for young people and often results in deteriorating educational performance.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														Data
														request
														pending
Target														Data
														request
														pending

NI 195 - Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting)

Records the levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly-tipping in an area, incidences of which can seriously affect the liveability of the area and have a detrimental effect on fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

2006/07 BVPI 199a (Local Street and environmental cleanliness litter & detritus) data

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	11.0	7.0	14.0	9.3	12.2	17.3	2.0	7.0	1.3	21.0	22.0	5.6	10.8 (ave)	
Target														

Local Indicator - Repeat incidents of domestic violence

This type of crime impacts on the mental and physical health of victims and their families, and consequently has implications for a wide range of services.

Data provided by Essex Police.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (2007)	39	36	36	37	40	41	35	41	37	36	41	25	2007 = 38%	
Target 10/11													29% (TBC)	

Local Indicator - Fear of crime

Essex residents display disproportionate levels of fear of crime compared to actual crime statistics. This indicator contributes significantly to the Quality of Life agenda and will benefit significantly from effective Essex partnerships.

Baseline data provided from ECC Tracker Survey (Tracker 5)

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (2007/08)	31%	45%	56%	47%	49%	36%	48%	29%	51%	50%	50%	62%	45%	
Target														

Partnership Delivery

NI 111

Partnership responsible - Essex Youth Offending Service Management Board

• Chair of partnership – Joanna Killian, Essex County Council

Lead Officer – Tanya Gillett

NI 18,

Partnership responsible - County Community Safety, Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership

• Chair of partnership – Paul Warren, Rochford District Council

Lead Officer – Alex Bamber, Essex Probation (tbc)

NI 17, 20, DV (loc), Fear of Crime (loc)

• Partnership responsible - County Community Safety, Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership

• Chair of partnership - Paul Warren, Rochford District Council

• Lead Officer – tbc

NI 195

Partnership responsible - Waste Management Advisory Board

• Chair of partnership – Cllr Michael Talbot

Lead Officer – Jason Searles

NI 39, 115

Partnership responsible - County Community Safety, Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership

• Chair of partnership – Paul Warren, Rochford District Council

Lead Officer – Clare Butler

Contact

Target Leads

- Paul Warren/Carmel Napier (NI 18, 20, 17, 39, 115)
- Officer contact Sharon Dodds

Our Economy

We want to promote sustainable growth with high value jobs and ensure adequate infrastructure is in place to support this

Achieving a strong and competitive Essex economy will involve:

- Ensuring people have the skills for higher value-added jobs in a knowledge based economy and improving employability and the attainment of lower level skills where this is a local issue
- A dynamic business sector with higher levels of inward investment and international trade
- Business innovation and expansion

Priority 8	Essex has a strong and competitive economy

- Higher educational attainment and skills levels in the adult population
- To ensure that we have a diverse and therefore competitive economy, which draws benefits from but is less reliant on London by helping new and existing companies to start-up, innovate and grow
- To increase the number of high value jobs, through inward investment, business retention and expansion and helping companies to trade internationally

Focus

The draft Regional Economic Strategy identifies significant economic drivers in Essex related to the developing international gateways such as Bathside Bay and Shellhaven.

Essex is performing below the national and regional average in skills levels 2-4. Across the county there are great disparities in skills. This clearly impacts on a variety of areas, including inward investment and innovation.

There has been a decrease in VAT registrations in Essex in recent years and these and de-registrations have seen significant fluctuation. New business start-ups and survival are vital for a healthy and buoyant economy.

In previous years, despite its size, range of offer and location, Essex has not attracted as much inward investment or seen as much innovative business activity as regional counterparts. The situation is starting to improve but a continued effort by partners will be necessary to maintain and improve this. Both are important in developing a sustainable economy and one which offers high value jobs. (Essex has been set a provisional jobs target of 92,000 by 2021).

Existing companies are a key asset to the economy, particularly where they employ large numbers of people. Partners will need to work collaboratively to ensure existing companies continue to be based in Essex and are supported to expand their operations here.

Baselines and targets

NI 163 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher – 2 year average

This indicator is important because Essex is performing below the national and regional average and good skills are a vital aspect of a competitive economy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	53.4%	62%	65.8%	53.9%	68.3%	61.8%	58.2%	56.5%	55%	64.1%	51.7%	70%	59.9%	62.9% (England)
Target	DRAFT ESSEX & DISTRICT TARGETS TO BE PROVIDED BY MID MARCH													

NI 164 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher – 2 year average

This indicator is important because Essex is performing below the national and regional average and good skills are a vital aspect of a competitive economy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baselin	33.35	36.85	46.2	27.75	48.25	41.45	39.4	36.6	31.25	40.9	31.3	47.45	38.5%	44.4%
е	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		(England
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Target DRAFT ESSEX & DISTRICT TARGETS TO BE PROVIDED BY MID MARCH														

NI 165 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher – 2 year average

This indicator is important because Essex is performing below the national and regional average and good skills are a vital aspect of a competitive economy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	18.2%	21.7%	31.4%	10.3%	29.4%	24.5%	21.2%	19.7%	12.7%	19.9%	18.7%	34.6%	22.1%	26.65%
Target	DRAF	TESSE	X & DIS	STRICT	TARGE	TS TO	BE PR	OVIDED	BY MI	D MAR	CH			

NI 166 - Average weekly earnings of employees in the area (workplace) - 2 year average

This indicator is important because it is a good indicator of productivity and of higher value jobs.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baselin e	£501.8 0	£430.7 5	£481.9 5	£404.3 0	£443.0 5	£422.4 0	£487.6 0	£535.2 0	£431.1 5	£437.1 5	£355.9 0	£472.0 0	£449	UK £455.90 Englan d £450.15
Target	DRAF	ΓESSE)	X & DIS	TRICT T	ARGET	S TO BE	PROV	IDED BY	/ MID M	ARCH				

NI 171 - VAT Registration Rate - 3 year average

This indicator is important because maintaining a good company start up rate is an indicator of a healthy economy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	40	49	46	38	49	36	54	35	50	41	27	62	43	40
Target	DRAF	T ESSE	X & DI	STRICT	TARG	ETS TO	BE PI	ROVIDE	D BY N	ЛID MA	RCH			

Local Indicator - No. of jobs saved and created as a result of foreign direct investment – 2 year average Inward investment is important because it leads to a more diverse economy and one which is likely to be stable and to grow.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	0	101	3	0	9	9	4	3	0	0	0	36	259	n/a
Target	Distric	t target	s are no	ot applic	able be	ecause	work is	carried	out on	a Great	er Esse	X		
	basis													

Local Indicator - More business innovation

Innovation is important because innovation leads to a more diverse economy and therefore one which is more self contained and likely to offer higher value added jobs.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX
Baseline	Distric	istrict information to be provided by mid March 70											
Target	District targets are not applicable because work is carried out on a Greater Essex												

basis

Local Indicator - Helping companies to trade internationally

International trade is important because companies that trade internationally are likely to see increased turnover, employ more people and be more competitive.

[District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
E	Baseline														
	Target														

Partnership Delivery

- Partnership responsible Greater Essex Prosperity Forum (Greater Essex Prosperity Forum)
- Chair of partnership Sir Ian McAllister
- Lead Officer Lynn Ballard (Essex Development & Regeneration Agency)

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Our World

We want to promote sustainability and protect the county's physical environment

Achieving this will involve:

- Protecting the environment by reducing our domestic, business and public sector carbon footprint
- Reducing, reusing and recycling waste
- Managing the natural environment
- Using our natural resources efficiently

Priority 9	A smaller carbon footprint with less waste
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- Reduce or limit the extent of Essex's carbon footprint
- Increase energy efficiency and use of sustainable energy sources
- Reduce the amount of waste produced in Essex and increase recycling levels through promotion of the waste hierarchy
- To effectively adapt to climate change

Focus

The growing threat of climate change requires us to take steps both to mitigate and adapt to its potential impacts on the County, and its coast and countryside. The low-lying areas of the County will be particularly vulnerable and by and large these are the areas of greatest natural beauty and scientific interest, and are of immense amenity value. The Kyoto targets of a 60% reduction in CO2 emissions in 2050 require action now and at a local level if we are to successfully meet our obligations in this area.

Every year Essex households throw away over 700,000 tonnes of rubbish, about 500kg for every adult and child living in Essex. The EU Landfill Directive and LATS means the rising cost of taking waste to landfill will have to be met by taxpayers if Essex is not able to recycle more and find other ways of treating waste. Clearly, therefore, there are significant cost savings that can be achieved by diverting waste from landfill as well as the environmental benefits that this provides.

There are clear connections between sustainability and waste, not only in terms of household waste and the amount that goes to landfill, but also through action that can be taken to reduce the carbon footprint of businesses by ensuring businesses are encouraged to recycle and that steps are taken to use more recycling aggregate in buildings.

Baselines and targets

NI 186 - Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area

This indicator is important because it allows partners to look collectively at the action needed to lower carbon emissions in Essex and work together to achieve significant reductions across the whole local authority area, by looking at domestic, private and business emissions.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline	7.1	7.8	8.4	4.6	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.0	6.5	5.7	6.0	9.4	7.0	
Target 10/11 (% decrease)	6.4	6.8	7.4	4.1	6.5	6.1	5.9	6.3	5.7	5.2	5.3	8.2	6.2	

These targets are based on DEFRA estimates of possible carbon savings at District Council level.

NI 188 - Adapting to climate change

This indicator is important because it recognises the importance of taking action to adapt to climate change as well as working to mitigate against its effects, by managing the risks to local communities that will arise as the climate changes.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														
Target														

This is a new indicator – targets will be set shortly.

NI 191 - Residual household waste per head/per household

This indicator is important because it encourages waste minimisation, an important part of the waste hierarchy that that can be achieved by reducing and reusing waste before it needs to be recycled. Cutting down on waste sent to landfill reduces the impact we have on the environment and reduces the likelihood of financial penalties.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (per head)	301	222	230	288	292	235	240	283	242	322	238	184	314	
Baseline (per household)	700	525	529	702	743	563	559	630	574	779	531	426	741	
Target														

This data is for 2007/08, but is estimated from Oct 07 – March 08 and will be updated before final sign-off of the LAA. Targets will be set shortly – awaiting government guidance as to whether NI 191 will be based on per head or per household data.

NI 192 - Household waste recycled and composted

This indicator is important because significant progress has been achieved to increase recycling and composting rates during the lifetime of LAA 1, but there is still more that can be achieved to ensure that resources are used sustainably through increased recycling.

	District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	Essex	UK
														Total	
	Baselin	33.28	44.75	42.43	27.19	37.44	27.66	43.43	23.98	35.22	19.93	26.87	52.57	36.37	
	е	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
	_													70	
	Target														

This data is for 2007/08, but is estimated from Oct 07 – March 08 and will be updated before final sign-off of the LAA. Targets will be set shortly.

Partnership Delivery

Carbon Footprint and Climate Change Adaptation

Partnership responsible for delivery of priority –

To be decided – discussions currently taking place with the Waste Management Advisory Board as to whether they could take CO2 reduction responsibilities in addition to waste and recycling, therefore becoming the strategic partnership that oversees and monitors the whole of this priority.

Targets lead officer – Kevin Jones (Essex County Council)

Waste and Recycling

Partnership Responsible for delivery of priority – Waste Management Advisory Board

- Chair of Partnership Cllr Michael Talbot
- Lead Officer for the Partnership Nicola Beach
- Targets lead officer Jason Searles (Essex County Council)

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Priority 10	A well managed environment
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- Enhance Essex's coast and countryside and accommodate the impact of growth and climate change for the benefit of both the local environment and wildlife and local communities
- Preserve biodiversity
- Protect Essex's natural resources and promote their sustainable and efficient use
- Increase access to and use of the natural environment to support healthy and active lifestyles
- Increase understanding and awareness of, the countryside and environment

Focus

Despite being in one of the most densely populated areas in Europe, Essex boasts a rich and varied environment. It has one of the largest coastlines of any county, conservation areas that are of international importance, some of the highest densities of ancient trees in Europe and hundreds of miles of ancient hedgerows – indeed Essex has 350 miles of coastline and is 70% rural, with 28% of our population living in rural areas, well above the national average. Our county contains 75 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) covering almost 35,000 hectares, supported by a network of 1526 Local Wildlife Sites encompassing a further 13,900 hectares of land. Looking after our natural assets can boost Essex's image nationally and internationally and increase tourism and investment in the County. The health benefits (both physical and mental) are also well documented – attractive, well-maintained public open space is a valuable community resource that can do much to improve quality of life.

Baselines and targets

NI 197 - Improved local biodiversity – Local Authorities with Active Conservation Management (ACM) on non-privately owned sites in the ownership/management of all LAA partners

This indicator is important because achievement against it would help protect and enhance the wildlife and biodiversity value of the Local Wildlife Sites and, because these sites are owned by LAA partners and are accessible at least by public footpaths, the indicator and targets would be of great benefit to local communities. The implementation of ACM serves as a widely accepted and cost effective proxy for assessing improvements in biodiversity.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline (area in hectares of local wildlife sites in District)														
Target 10/11 (Area in hectares which will have ACM)	720ha	1471ha	744ha	504ha	1251ha	1096ha	928ha	101ha	585ha	270ha	626ha	1293ha	75% with ACM	

N.B. The figures in the table above do not relate directly to the formula for calculating NI197 and some more work is required to understand how we can coordinate data with the national guidance.

Local Indicator - Adoption of the Living Landscapes vision

This local indicator is important because the Living Landscapes vision is to establish large areas of quality countryside which are good for wildlife and which integrate social and economic benefits for people. Living Landscapes are ecologically functioning landscapes (such as river catchments) that can adapt to climate change and provide resilience and connectivity for wildlife, access and enjoyment for people and a sustainable, low carbon contribution to the economy.

District	BAS	BRA	BRE	CAS	CHE	COL	EPP	HAR	MAL	ROC	TEN	UTT	ESSEX	UK
Baseline														
Current no. of Living Landscapes Visions														
Target 10/11 No. of Living Landspace Visions that would need to be adopted (Total no. of Living Landscapes in the District)	3 (of 3)	5 (of 9)	2 (of 2)	2 (of 2)	5 (of 7)	5 (of 7)	5 (of 7)	n/a	5 (of 8)	4 (of 4)	5 (of 5)	5 (of 9)		

Partnership Delivery

- Partnership responsible for delivery Essex Waste Management Board
- Chair of Partnership Cllr Michael Talbot
- Targets Lead Officer John Hall, Essex Wildlife Trust

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