

# **APPENDIX C**

## **WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE - 8 JULY 2008**

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**Title:**

**LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT FOR SURREY**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr R J Gates]**

**[Wards Affected: All]**

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**Summary and purpose:**

This report presents to the Executive the final agreed set of Local Area Agreement targets for Surrey, and recommends that the Executive approve these targets and resolve to work proactively through our Local Strategic Partnership to deliver the required results for local communities in these priority service areas.

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**Environmental implications:**

Targets have been set within the Local Area Agreement for improvements in road maintenance, carbon emissions and recycling.

**Social / community implications:**

There are a wide range of social and community-focused targets included in the Local Area Agreement, including provision of affordable homes, public health, educational attainment and community safety.

**E-Government implications:**

There are no e-government implications arising from this report.

**Resource and legal implications:**

Local Area Agreements in part guide the allocation of central grant-funded service regimes, such as Supporting People funding. Extensive work has gone into the process of agreeing the Surrey-wide Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement targets to ensure that the highest priority service areas are featured.

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**Background**

1. Every upper-tier and unitary authority in England is required by Government to enter into a Local Area Agreement. This is a jointly agreed statement, between central and local government, setting out the most important priorities for each area, and defining targets for the achievement of measurable "outcomes" for the community.

2. In Surrey, there is a Strategic Partnership, comprising all twelve local authorities, Surrey police, Surrey primary care trust, and a range of business and community organisations. Waverley is represented on this partnership body by the Leader of the Council.
3. The Surrey Strategic Partnership has spent considerable time preparing the Local Area Agreement, which is attached as Annexe 1. This is a very important Agreement, as it will set the framework over the next three years for much of the work of each of the local authorities, with their local partners. Our success in delivering the targets contained in this Agreement will be monitored by the Audit Commission, and in future, this will form the basis of Waverley's external audit assessments, through the new Comprehensive Area Agreement audit process.
4. Waverley has actively participated in the work to draw up this Agreement, and Officers are confident that the priorities identified within it reflect the views and concerns of our local communities, balancing these against service delivery requirements of central Government.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Executive approves the Surrey Local Area Agreement, and resolves to work pro-actively through our Local Strategic Partnership to delivery these priority results for our local communities.

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### **Background Papers (CEX)**

Surrey Strategic Partnership files

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