

What will the local area agreement do?

It will achieve improvements in a range of services related to our priority areas of:

- the economy;
- the environment;
- education, training and skills;
- health and wellbeing; and
- community safety.

These improvements will include:

- better educational achievement and skills levels;
- more people in employment and higher earnings;
- safer roads;
- better support for carers and older people;
- more affordable homes;
- cleaner streets;
- better community cohesion;
- better support for volunteering;
- less crime;
- lower carbon emissions;
- less alcohol and drug abuse;
- fewer deaths from heart disease and smoking; and
- fewer teenage pregnancies.

The local area agreement will improve services and the lives of our residents by making sure the organisations that make

up the Lancashire Partnership work together to meet its targets.

The measures in the agreement have been chosen to reflect Ambition Lancashire's key priorities and to deliver the underlying principles of Ambition Lancashire – 'narrowing the gap between more and less advantaged people and areas' and 'encouraging active and engaged citizens and communities'.

How will it work?

- Through the Lancashire Partnership, all major public sector organisations in the county have worked together to develop the LAA. They are committed to achieving its targets and have signed up to further partnership agreements to deliver the actions needed to do so.
- Seven themed partnerships have been set up across relevant organisations to deliver the LAA's targets. These partnerships are:
 - the People and Communities Group;
 - the Health and Wellbeing Partnership;
 - the Economy Theme Group;
 - the Environment Forum;
 - the Children and Young People's Partnership;
 - the Safer Lancashire Board; and
 - the Older People's Assembly.

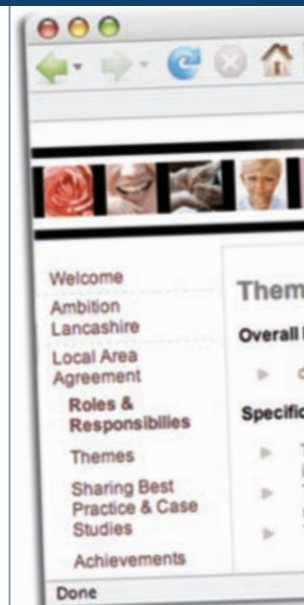
Each partnership is developing plans to take the most effective action to meet targets and achieve better results for residents. They are part of the Lancashire Partnership structure and report to the Lancashire Partnership.

The LAA sets out what improvements will be achieved by 2011 by establishing targets for specific indicators. These indicators define particular actions or outcomes that will be used to measure improvement in relation to the agreed priorities. The actions taken and progress towards the targets will be monitored through the Lancashire Partnership and reported to the Government Office North West and central government.

Further information

For general information on local area agreements, visit:

- IDeA web pages on local area agreements – www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=1174195
- Negotiating New Local Area Agreements – www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/negotiatingnewlaas
- Development of the new LAA framework – Operational Guidance 2007 – www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/laaoperationalguidance
- An Introduction to the Local Performance Framework – Delivering Better Outcomes for Local People – www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/localperformanceframework



For more information about the Lancashire Local Area Agreement, visit www.lancashirepartnership.co.uk and follow the links. Or contact Aidan Murphy, acting LAA co-ordinator, at Aidan.Murphy@lancashire.gov.uk (phone 01772 530547).

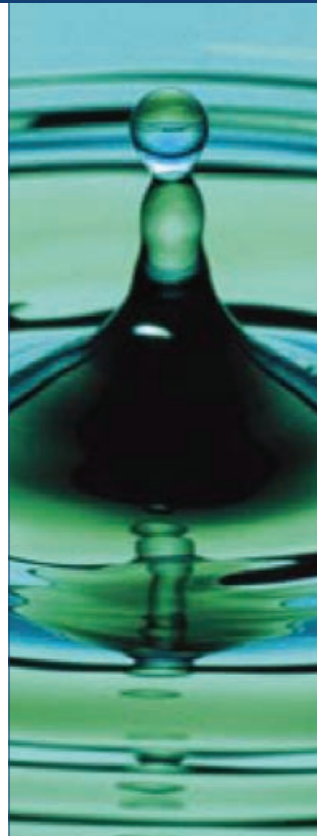
The Lancashire Local Area Agreement

2008-2011 Summary



The Lancashire Partnership





What is the Lancashire Local Area Agreement?

Local area agreements (LAAs) are made between central government and local areas across the country. They set out targets to be achieved in those areas over the next three years. The targets are based on priorities identified in each area's sustainable community strategy, which describes the long-term vision for the area. Lancashire's sustainable community strategy is also known as **Ambition Lancashire**.

The Lancashire Local Area Agreement is made between the Lancashire Partnership and central government. The Lancashire Partnership includes the county council, all district councils, the police, primary care trusts, fire and rescue services, the Environment Agency, the Lancashire Economic Partnership, JobCentre Plus, representatives from the voluntary, community and faith sector, universities and the Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board.

Our local area agreement sets out specific targets for the partnership to achieve by 2011. These targets will measure the improvements that are being made in the priority areas identified in **Ambition Lancashire**.

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How we developed the Lancashire Local Area Agreement

