LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (LPSA) REWARD GRANT

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to assist the LSP Board in agreeing its commissioning priorities for LPSA reward grant proposals, agree the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated and put forward to the Local Area Agreement Reference Group and to note the timetable and process for the remainder of the allocation process.

Background

2. At the last meeting on 5th October 2007, the LSP Board considered a paper from the LAARG setting out a Strategic Investment Framework for the allocation of the LPSA Reward Grant. This reiterated some general principles agreed with LSP Boards at the time of the sign off of the LPSA agreement in 2005, as follows:

- Reinvestment in successful LPSA topic areas;
- Investment in new priorities as identified in the Local Area Agreement;
- Investment in priorities from Sustainable Community Strategies.

3. The paper also set out a proposed prioritisation framework to help partners make and justify better investment priorities. The objective of the framework was to help partners to achieve more for less by:

- Promoting projects that contribute to the achievement of LAA & LSP strategic objectives
- Focussing on projects that have a high impact
- Enhancing partnership working

4. The framework recommended that resources should be given to the following priorities:

   a) Capacity building and partnership support (7.5% of total reward grant to be top-sliced for LAA support)
   b) Existing priorities/topics that have demonstrated stretched performance
   c) Cross-cutting strategic themes of importance to the five LSPs:
      - Growth
      - Climate change
      - Affordable and sheltered housing
      - Anti-social behaviour and domestic violence
      - Community engagement
      - Youth participation
      - Economic development (skills and infra-structure)
      - Public health
   d) Local projects.
5. A template for providing a business case was provided (See Appendix A).

6. Also included in the paper was a set of principles to provide parameters for decision-making as follows:

- **Transparency** – evidence-based justification
- **Flexibility** – adaptability in the face of other existing and future commitments
- **Practicality** – recognising the realities of the current environment in which services operate e.g. resource restrictions, need to meet existing priorities and targets, increasing demand due to growth
- **Responsiveness** – enabling partners to respond to new challenges and opportunities.

7. This paper has subsequently been discussed at LSP Meetings, the Chief Executives Liaison Group and the LAA Board, and the general approach agreed.

8. Latest figures suggest that after top-slicing for capacity building there will be approximately **£1.2 million** available to each LSP for allocation across categories b), c) and d) as set out in paragraph 4 above. The Board is reminded that this money is split 50:50 across capital and revenue expenditure and that reward grant is payable over two years, 2008-09 and 2009-10.

**LSP Prioritisation Process**

9. Over the past year the LSP Board has agreed a range of priorities that are now included within the new Sustainable Community Strategy. These are set out in Appendix B and should provide the framework for the Board’s thinking about reward grant allocation. Five short-term key priorities were also identified at the 19th September workshop and could be used in identifying commissioning priorities:

- Expanding Neighbourhood Panels
- Climate Proofing the Sustainable Community Strategy
- Cycleways
- Rural Transport
- New communities & sustainability

10. These topic areas are highlighted in a table at Appendix C along with the other topics identified at the workshop and the priorities to be included in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

11. It is suggested that the cost bands within which the total cost of individual proposals should fall, be as follows:

- Up to £75,000 (this would capture smaller pilot or research type proposals)
- £75,000 - £200,000
- £200,000+ (the expectation would be that highest cost proposals should also have highest impact)

12. LSP Board members should consider which topic areas they wish to prioritise. LSP Board members should also be mindful of previous discussions with the Cambridge City LSP about opportunities for joint working in some priority areas.

13. The priority list will be used as the basis for inviting proposals for projects for consideration and evaluation at the LSP Board’s next meeting on 22nd January 2008.
Relevant theme groups / partnerships will be asked to complete the commissioning template attached at Appendix A by 10th January 2007.

14. The Local Area Agreement Reference Group will be responsible for coordinating proposals on crosscutting themes and for commissioning proposals from the existing priorities/thematic partnerships and topic groups that have demonstrated stretch performance. These will be forwarded to the relevant individual LSPs for consideration along with their own locally commissioned proposals.

15. The LSP Board also needs to agree its criteria for evaluating proposals to go forward to the next stage of the allocation process, which will be conducted by the LPSA ‘task group’. This group will review all proposals across the capital/revenue split before submitting all five LSPs’ collective investment decisions to the LAA Board and Cambridgeshire County Council’s cabinet towards the end of March 2008.

16. As a general principle it is suggested that the LSP Board will support a small number of larger proposals over many smaller projects.

Proposals will be supported that meet the following criteria.

They:
  i) reflect the LSPs priority areas;
  ii) enhance partnership working;
  iii) are not currently well-funded;
  iv) have the potential to lever in other resources;
  v) will make a real difference;
  vi) can identify tangible outcomes that will be achieved from the investment;
  vii) will have an exit strategy; or
  viii) can demonstrate how they will be funded after the end of the reward grant period.

Timetable

17. The timetable for the remainder of the LPSA Reward grant allocation process is as follows:

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<th>Month</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>December 2007</td>
<td>South Cambs LSP agrees local priority areas and invites proposals (to be received by 10th January).</td>
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<td>South Cambs LSP - Meeting 18th December.</td>
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<td>January 2008</td>
<td>South Cambs LSP receives proposals from successful LPSA topic leads, and topic leads in other priority areas as identified at the December meeting, and determines which of these will be supported.</td>
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<td>South Cambs LSP - Meeting 22nd January.</td>
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<td>February 2008</td>
<td>Countywide discussion of all bids to see the overall picture on the split between capital and revenue bids and where opportunities exist for cross county or cross LSP bids.</td>
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<td>March 2008</td>
<td>Proposals supported by LSP Boards go to LAARG and are presented to the LAA Board.</td>
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Recommendations

18. To agree its commissioning priorities for the allocation of its share of the Local Public Service Agreement Reward Grant – see paragraph 9, 10 and Appendix C.

19. To agree the price ranges within which proposals should fall – see paragraph 11.

20. To agree the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated and put forward to the Local Area Agreement Reference Group (LAARG) – see paragraph 16; and

21. To note the timetable and process for the remainder of the allocation process.

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<th>LPSA reward grant requested</th>
<th>Geographical area (s) project will cover (please circle areas covered by project)</th>
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<td><em>Note: countywide projects must cover interventions in all five districts</em></td>
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<td>Countywide* Cambridge City East Cambs Fenland Hunts South Cambs</td>
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**Project Details and evidence of need:** (including planned interventions, what these will achieve and by when; and any targets associated with this project)

**Link to LPSA/ LAA/ Community Strategy (ies) priorities**

**Performance reporting / management arrangements (and any specific performance indicators – if any)**
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<th>Strategic Objectives</th>
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| 1 **Active, healthy and inclusive communities** where residents can play a full part in community life, with a structure of thriving voluntary and community organisations. | a Supporting young people to make a positive contribution by developing services for young people who do not traditionally access services and opportunities  

b Increasing the range of extended services provided by local schools and supporting the delivery of Children’s Centres  
c Tackling health inequalities by ensuring that health needs are met, particularly in relation to the health of Travellers and new migrant populations  
d Promoting independence for older people and reducing falls in older people  
e Preventing obesity through promoting healthy eating, physical activity and mental health and wellbeing  
f Improving the sexual health of the population with a focus on young people  
g Meeting housing need through the provision of new affordable housing and adaptations to existing housing in established communities  
h Engaging with the local community, including children and young people and other hard-to-reach groups, parish councils, voluntary organisations and neighbourhood forums to improve services  
i Working with local people to promote community cohesion and address the needs of the most vulnerable in the community  
j Promoting sustainability for the benefit of the local and global environment  
k Supporting the start-up and development of new businesses and social enterprises  
l Supporting development and learning amongst the workforce, including hard-to-reach groups, including Travellers and economic migrants |
| 2 **Safe and clean communities** where residents do not feel vulnerable or isolated and need not fear crime or anti-social behaviour. | a Improving road safety and reducing the rate of road injuries and deaths  
b Reducing levels of crime and anti-social behaviour including hidden crimes such as domestic violence  
c Ensuring children and young people are safe from harm  
d Reducing the harm from alcohol  
e Reducing the fear of crime  
f Protecting and enhancing the environment and cleanliness of our communities  
g Promoting smoke free environments and reducing the number of people who smoke |
| 3 **Building successful new communities** where developments have affordable homes to meet local needs and create attractive places where people want to live, supported by a full range of quality services and social networks. | a Working with partners to deliver more affordable housing for local people, including the first-time buyer market  
b Supporting the delivery of low carbon growth and promoting low carbon lifestyles  
c Ensuring the early provision of leisure, community facilities and social infrastructure in the major growth areas  
d Ensuring good health and mental well-being through the delivery of joint service provision and community development  
e Ensuring the provision of user-friendly open spaces and agreeing management options for a sustainable future  
f Facilitating the development of a vibrant town centre and business park that is economically viable in Northstowe |
| 4 | **A sustainable infrastructure and environment** with improved transport infrastructure and better access to the countryside of the district, which is protected and improved, and sustainable measures minimising waste and tackling climate change. | a | Preserving and enhancing the countryside for the benefit of people and wildlife |
|   |                                                                                 | b | Increasing the amount of accessible green space around the settlements of South Cambridgeshire |
|   |                                                                                 | c | Seeking to minimise climate change through promoting a low energy future and minimising waste |
|   |                                                                                 | d | Improving the provision for walking and cycling in and between villages including new settlements and Cambridge City |
|   |                                                                                 | e | Supporting schemes to improve rural transport, travel planning and access to services |
|   |                                                                                 | f | Taking account of climate change in all activities promoted or delivered through the South Cambridgeshire Local Strategic Partnership |
## LPSA REWARD GRANT - Table of Possible Priority Areas

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<th>Sustainable Community Strategy Objective</th>
<th>Potential Commissioning Priorities</th>
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<td>1. Active, healthy and inclusive communities</td>
<td>Young People</td>
<td>Youth participation, services for disengaged young people, extended schools and children’s centres, and ensuring children and young people are safe from harm.</td>
<td>Other: Meeting the needs of young people</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>Tackling health inequalities, preventing obesity, improving sexual health, and smoke free environments.</td>
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<td>Older people</td>
<td>Independence for older people, and reducing falls in older people.</td>
<td>Other: Independence for older people</td>
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<td>Community engagement &amp; community cohesion</td>
<td>Neighbourhood panels, parish plans, community cohesion, voluntary sector infrastructure, and addressing the needs of the most vulnerable in the community.</td>
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<td>2. Safe and clean communities</td>
<td>Community Safety</td>
<td>Alcohol harm reduction, and tackling domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime.</td>
<td>Other: Crime and anti-social behaviour</td>
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<td>Clean neighbourhoods</td>
<td>Tackling envirocrime such as graffiti, fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles.</td>
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<td>3. Building successful new communities</td>
<td>Growth</td>
<td>Early provision of services, good health and mental well-being, developing community plans, and developing an eco-business park at Northstowe.</td>
<td>Other: recreation facilities at Northstowe and other major development areas</td>
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<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Community Land Trusts</td>
<td>Key: Increased provision of affordable &amp; social housing</td>
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<td>4. A sustainable infrastructure and environment</td>
<td>Environment</td>
<td>Climate change, preserving &amp; enhancing the environment, and waste minimisation and recycling.</td>
<td>Key: Enhancing village environment and plastics recycling</td>
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<td>Transport</td>
<td>Road safety, rural transport, travel planning, community transport, footpaths and cycleways.</td>
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<td>Economic development</td>
<td>Start-up and development of new businesses and social enterprises, and development &amp; learning amongst the workforce.</td>
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<td>5. LSP development</td>
<td>Capacity building</td>
<td>Strategic partnerships officer, parish plans community development worker, neighbourhood panels coordinator.</td>
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