

		Executive – 18 th March 2009	Agenda Item No.
Title		Warwickshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)	
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Wards of the District directly affected			
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Background Papers			

Contrary to the policy framework:	Yes/No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	Yes/No
Key Decision?	Yes/No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes/No

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Consultation Undertaken		
Please insert details of any consultation undertaken with regard to this report.		
Final Decision?		Yes/No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the Council's endorsement of the refreshed Local Area Agreement for Warwickshire for 2009/10 to 2010/11 and to inform the Council of the Medium Term Financial Strategy adopted by the Warwickshire Public Service Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the refreshed Local Area Agreement, attached at Appendix 1, be endorsed.
- 2.2 That the Medium Term Financial Strategy adopted by the Warwickshire Public Service Board, attached at Appendix 2, be noted.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A Local Area Agreement (LAA) is essentially an agreement between Central Government and a local partnership of agencies (Countywide in Shire area) on national and local priorities and targets. The concept is based upon the notion that a widely agreed set of priorities and outcomes should lead to more effective and efficient partnership working and so greater benefits to the local community.
- 3.2 The 3 year was agreed in 2008 but has to be refreshed annually to take account of experience, new issues and update on delivery. The refreshed LAA for Warwickshire is attached at Appendix 1 and was approved by the Public Service Board on 3rd March and now endorsement of all partners of which this Council is one.
- 3.3 Alongside the revised LAA, the Public Service Board also adopted a Medium Term Financial Strategy, attached at Appendix 2. This will be subject to a further report to the Public Service Board and the Executive as it is developed.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Council could choose not to adopt the refreshed LAA but without very clear and understandable reasons it would undermine the partnership and reputation of the Council.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 It is not possible to clearly identify any financial implications for this Council. This means, of course, that there is a risk of there being such a possibility. However, if additional resources are required, it would have to be subject to a separate decision of this Council.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 Any conflict between this revision and the Corporate Strategy will be taken into account via a planned review of our Strategy in June. It is expected that there will be geographically differentiated targets so in due course it ought to be possible to track progress specific to Warwick District. This will also feed into the Action Plan for the Sustainable Community Strategy.