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Dear colleague

Hampshire Local Area Agreement

Please find attached the schedule of Local Area Agreement priorities and targets for Hampshire which have now been approved the Secretary of State.

I am very grateful to all partners for your co-operation in the development of the agreement within the demanding timescales set by Government and especially to those who worked with partners and the Government Office throughout the negotiation process. The priorities and targets are the product of extensive consultation and discussion. They reflect the draft Hampshire Sustainable Community Strategy as required by the legislation and in turn the sustainable community strategies for each local area across Hampshire.

The County Council is the accountable authority for the delivery of the LAA although successful delivery will require the support of a both statutory and wider partners. Clearly across an area the size of Hampshire and the broad range of LAA priorities, this represents a challenging agenda for us all and I look forward to working with you to focus on these key priorities for Hampshire residents.

The overall management of the Local Area Agreement will be undertaken by the LAA Executive Group which I chair and which will report to the Hampshire Senate, currently under development. The LAA Executive is currently considering the arrangements for regular performance assessments, accountabilities and roles/ relationships with other groups in order to drive forward delivery. It is however recognised that performance management and improvement against these targets will require support at all levels within partner agencies and partnerships. In view of this, the Executive has prepared a local delivery agreement for all partners to sign.

Chief Executive
Andrew Smith OBE MA DPA MBA

This agreement sets out what is expected in terms of the duty “to have regard”. The Secretary of State’s approval brings into effect this duty, on partners prescribed under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, which includes your organisation.

The Hampshire LAA includes targets for the 33 selected indicators under the national performance framework and targets for the 13 locally defined indicators in the schedule. Clearly, not every agency will feel that every target in the LAA is relevant but I feel it would be helpful to secure support in general terms for the LAA in its totality. The issues of if and how partners can contribute towards individual targets will be developed through the range of delivery processes. This will also inevitably involve a much wider range of local partners. In the meantime, the LAA schedule does contain a number of indicative key partners against each target. You will also note that a small number of both the national and local indicators and targets are still subject to final definition or baseline setting and it is expected that these will be resolved in time for the annual refresh.

We are now working on a more detailed publication and summary which you will be able to circulate more widely amongst your colleagues and make available to the public.

I would be grateful if you could sign and return page 5 as soon as you are able to secure the necessary approval on behalf of your agency.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith
Chief Executive