

North Somerset partnership



North Somerset Local Area Agreement 2008–2011



Priority	Indicator(s), including those from national indicator set	Baseline	LAA Improvement Target, including those to be designated (shown with a *) and including education and early years targets			Lead Partner
			2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Children & Young People	* Emotional health of children (NI 50) (including further improvement to comprehensive CAMHS)	Placeholder - Baseline to be set in 2008/09 and targets negotiated in 2009/10			North Somerset Council Craig Bolt Assistant Director	
	* Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 (NI 56)	2007 13.85%	14.9%	14.35%	13.65%	North Somerset Primary Care Trust Dali Sidebottom Service Development Manager
	* Stability of placements of looked after children: number of moves (NI 62)	2007/08 15.8% of looked after children with 3 or more placements during the year.	15%	14%	12%	North Somerset Council Sheila French Performance & Planning Manager
	*Take up of 14-19 learning diplomas (NI 90)	0 as this is a new indicator. Number of active Diploma Aggregation Service accounts where the centre of learning is recorded as being within the local authority	130 (0.9%)	650 (4.3%)	1000 (6.7%)	North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement

* Participation of 17 years olds in education or training (NI 91)	September 2007 83%	84.5%	86%	88%	North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
* Under 18 conception rate (NI 112)	2006 22.6 per 1,000 females aged 15-17 years old.	A reduction of 44.1% from 1998 baseline (19.9)	A reduction of 50.0% from 1998 baseline (17.8)	A reduction of 50.0% from 1998 baseline (17.8)	North Somerset Primary Care Trust Ginette Corr Commissioning & Service Development Manager
<i>Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development & Communication, Language and Literacy (NI 72) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 40.7	54.0			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold) (NI 73) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 75	80			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 3 (Threshold) (NI 74) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 72	80			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement Paul Jacobs

<i>Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold) (NI 75) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 48.3	55.5			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Achievement at level 5 or above in Science at Key Stage 3 (NI 83) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 77	84			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Secondary school persistent absence rate (NI 87) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 5.60	5.40			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest (NI 92) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 33.6	29.9			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (NI 93) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 85.2	89			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (NI 94) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 78.3	86			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement

<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 (NI 95) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 24.5	38			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 (NI 96) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 61.6	70			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (NI 97) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 56.8	62.0			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 (NI 98) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 28.6	36.5			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 (NI 99) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 12.5	50			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
<i>Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 (NI 100) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 25	63			North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement

<i>Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths) (NI 101) (STATUTORY)</i>	2007/08 (academic year 2006/7) 8.3	9.1				North Somerset Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement
Number of Sure Start Children's Centres (NI 109) (Local target)	67% (10 designated out of 15)	67% (10 designated out of 15)	100% (15 designated out of 15)	100% (15 designated out of 15)		North Somerset Council Jenie Eastman Early years & Childcare manager
Percentage of Schools providing access to extended services (NI 88) (Local target)	28%	54%	85%	90%		North Somerset Council Jenie Eastman Early years & Childcare manager
Young people's participation in positive activities (NI 110) (Local target)	Baseline to be established in 2008/09 and targets set in 2009/10					North Somerset Council Craig Bolt Assistant Director
Substance misuse by young people (NI 115) (Local target)	21% of young people reporting frequent misuse of drugs/volatile substances or alcohol or both.	22%	22%	21%		North Somerset Council Sheila French Performance & Planning Manager
Young offenders engagement in suitable education, training or employment (NI 45) (Local target)	75.8% of young offenders actively engaged in education, training or employment.	78.8%	82%	85.2%		North Somerset Council Mike Rees Youth Offending Team Manager

<p>Transport accessibility (Local Target based upon Tellus Survey of young People) (Local target)</p>	<p>Baseline to be established in 2008/09 and targets set in 2009/10</p>			<p>North Somerset Council Craig Bolt Assistant Director</p>	
<p>Reduce the percentage of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment and training. (NEET) (Existing PRG target)</p>	<p>4.9% 262 people (Nov 06)</p>	<p>Without stretch 4.7% (247 young people)</p>	<p>Without stretch 4.5% (241 young people)</p>	<p>Without stretch 4.4% (236 young people)</p>	<p>Connexions Nicola Burcham</p>
		<p>With stretch 4.5% (241 young people)</p>	<p>With stretch 4.3% (227 young people)</p>	<p>With stretch 4.2% (221 young people)</p>	
<p>Increase the percentage of 16 year -18 year olds achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs, (or equivalent level qualification) including English & Maths (Existing PRG target)</p>	<p>2006 47.3% of 2293 pupils (1,085 pupils)</p>	<p>Without stretch March 2009 49.3% (1,130 pupils)</p>	<p>Without stretch March 2010 50.3% (1,153 pupils)</p>	<p>No target set – existing reward target</p>	<p>North Somerset Council / Learning and Skills Council Paul Jacobs Head of School Improvement</p>
		<p>With stretch March 2009 50.1% (1,149 pupils)</p>	<p>With stretch March 2010 51.75% (1,187 pupils)</p>	<p>No target set – existing reward target</p>	
<p>Half days missed through absence – Primary aged pupils (Existing PRG target)</p>	<p>2005/06 Baseline 5.53%</p>	<p>Without stretch 4.5% (250,942 half days)</p>	<p>Without stretch 4.4% (245,366 half days)</p>	<p>No target set – existing reward target</p>	<p>North Somerset Council Sara Griffiths Principal Education Welfare Officer</p>
		<p>With stretch 4.3 (239,789 half days)</p>	<p>With stretch 4.2% (234,213 half days)</p>	<p>No target set – existing reward target</p>	

	Half days missed through absence – Secondary aged pupils (Existing PRG target)	2005/06 Baseline 8.68 %	Without stretch 7.0% (350,295 half days)	Without stretch 6.9% (345,291 half days)	No target set – existing reward target	
			With stretch 6.7% (335,283 half days)	With stretch 6.6% (330,279 half days)	No target set – existing reward target	
	Increase the number of schools validated to the new National Healthy Schools Programme (Existing PRG target)	6.25% (September 2006)	Without stretch Sept 08 63.75% (51 schools)	Without stretch March 2010 80% (64 schools)	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council / North Somerset Primary Care Trust
			With Stretch Sept 08 72.5% (58 schools)	With Stretch March 2010 94% (75 schools)	No target set – existing reward target	Shaun Cheesman Healthy Schools Co-ordinator
Economic Development & Environment	*Number of affordable homes Delivered (gross) (NI 155)	2007/08 208 affordable housing completions within North Somerset (119 social rented, 89 intermediate/homebuy)	2008/09: 220 dwellings (150 social rented/70 intermediate/homebuy)	2009/10: 150 dwellings (120 social rented/30 intermediate/homebuy).	2010/11: 150 dwellings (120 social rented/30 intermediate/homebuy).	North Somerset Council Michael Reep Planning Policy Manager
	* Net additional homes provided (MAA NI 154)	2007/08 1415	1210	1220	1060	North Somerset Council Michael Reep Planning Policy Manager
	* Supply of ready to develop housing sites (MAA NI 159)	2007/08 6,208 dwellings = 96% of the RSS	99% of the RSS annual requirement of	101% of the RSS annual requirement of	108% of the RSS annual requirement of	North Somerset Council

		annual requirement of 6,500 dwellings	dwellings	dwellings	dwellings	Michael Reep Planning Policy Manager
* Congestion – average time per mile during the morning peak (MAA NI 167)	2005/06 0 MAA sub-regional figure	8 MAA sub-regional figure	11 MAA sub-regional figure	13 MAA sub-regional figure	North Somerset Council Colin Medus Transport Planning Manager	
* Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area (MAA NI 177)	2003/04 55,226 MAA sub-regional figure	56,057 MAA sub-regional figure	56,337 MAA sub-regional figure	56,883 MAA sub-regional figure	North Somerset Council Colin Medus Transport Planning Manager	
* Time taken to process Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events (NI 181)	21.3 days (Calculated by DWP using quarter 2 data from 2007/08)	18 days	16 days	14 days	North Somerset Council Richard Penska Assistant Director (Finance & Resources)	
* Adapting to climate change (NI 188) NB: Please see Appendix 1 below for supplementary information regarding agreement of this indicator and targets.	Level of preparation 0 as this is a new indicator	Level of preparation 1	Level of preparation 2	Level of preparation 3 Agreement has been reached to review this target at the end of year 1 once a better understanding of Level 3	Environment Agency & North Somerset Council Andy Hicklin Planning & Corporate Services Manager Nicola Builder North Somerset	

					criteria is obtained.	Council Sustainable Communities Coordinator
* Municipal waste land filled (NI 193)	2006/07 66.42%	58.85%	57.12%	50.61%		North Somerset Council Ray Skipp Area Manager Waste Management
* Reduction in per capita CO2, emissions in LA area (NI 186) Targets to be further developed during refresh in 2008 and subject to review in 2009.	2005 = 6.4 tonnes CO2/capita	4% reduction from baseline Targets to be further developed during refresh in 2008	8% cumulative reduction from baseline Target to be further developed during refresh in 2008 Subject to review in Spring 2009	Aim to achieve 12.5% cumulative reduction from baseline (to 5.6 tonnes CO2 per capita) Subject to review in Spring 2009		North Somerset Council Nicola Builder Sustainable Communities Coordinator Karuna Tharmanathar Assistant Director (Development & Environment)
Number of people resident in North Somerset and aged 19 or over (on 31 st July of the year in which results are given) who achieve at least a full first level 2 qualification or equivalent, as measured by the LSC through Individualised Learner Records. (Existing PRG target)	800 participation (Academic year 2005-06) (Weston College)	Without stretch 1015	Without stretch 1145	No target set – existing reward target	Learning and Skills Council	
		With stretch 1060	With stretch 1220	No target set – existing reward target	Sara Marshall Partnership Manager	
Increase the number of lone parents* and people on inactive benefits** helped by North	2005/06 baseline 45 people off inactive benefit	Without stretch 50	Without stretch 52	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council / JobCentre Plus	

	Somerset Council into sustained employment of at least 16 hours per week for 13 consecutive weeks or more, as measured by partnership data. (Existing PRG target)	and into sustainable jobs	With stretch 80	With stretch 82	No target set – existing reward target	Simon Gregory Economic Development & Regeneration Team Leader
Adult health & well-being	* All age all cause mortality rate (NI 120)	1995/1997 Male: 862.3 Female: 533.8 (per 1,000 population)	Male:608 Female: 445 (per 1,000 population)	Male: 597 Female: 441 (per 1,000 population)	Male: 586 Female: 435 (per 1,000 population)	North Somerset Primary Care Trust Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
	* Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/ intermediate care (NI 125) (Information for 07/08 on service users readmitted to hospital or going into care during their actual period of intermediate care service. Rate is about 10.5% in N Somerset.)	2007/08 baseline from national pilots 78% of older people discharged from hospital with an intention that they will move on/back to their own home 3 months after discharge	79%	80%	81%	North Somerset Council & North Somerset Primary Care Trust Paul Slade Assistant Director (Adult Care) Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
	* The number of emergency bed days per head of weighted population (NI 134)	2004/05 0.42	0.38	0.37	0.36	North Somerset Primary Care Trust Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
	*Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific	2007/08 29% of carers	32% of carers	35% of carers	38% of carers	North Somerset Council

carers service (NI 135)						Paul Slade Assistant Director (Adult Care)
* People supported to live independently through social services (all ages) (NI 136)	2007/08 2950 per 100,000 population assisted directly through social services to live independently	3220		3485	3750	North Somerset Council Paul Slade Assistant Director (Adult Care)
* Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment (NI 150)	Placeholder - Baseline to be set in 2008/09 and targets negotiated in 2009/10					North Somerset Council Paul Slade Assistant Director (Adult Care)
Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living (NI 141) <i>(Local target)</i>	2007/08 64%		-		72%	North Somerset Council Shaun Fitzpatrick Supporting People Manager
End of life access to palliative care enabling people to choose to die at home (NI 129) <i>(Local target)</i>	2006	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11		North Somerset Primary Care Trust
Proportion of deaths at home registered within calendar year:	17.96%	18.0%	18.50%	20.26%		Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
Reduce the absolute gap in all age all cause mortality between the most deprived quintile and least deprived quintile in North Somerset to the 2000-2002 levels. <i>(Local target)</i>	2004 - 06 225 (difference in number of people)	2007-09 217	2008 - 10 209	2009-11 200		North Somerset Primary Care Trust Mary Hart Head of Health

Increase the proportion of adults in the general population of North Somerset achieving at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least three times a week. (Existing PRG target)	2006 Sport England Active People Survey 34,300 active adults (21.6%)	Without stretch 34,300 active adults (21.6%)	Without stretch 34,300 active adults (21.6%)	No target set – existing reward target	Improvement North Somerset Council / North Somerset Primary Care Trust
		With stretch N/a	With stretch 40,653 active adults (25.6%) (4% increase on baseline) (+6,353)	No target set – existing reward target	David Lawrence Assistant Director / Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
Increase the number of recorded obese individuals losing weight through a personalised weight management programme. (Existing PRG target)	Baseline 0 (2005-06)	Without stretch 0	Without stretch 0	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Primary Care Trust
	Target is 80 people achieving a reduction in body weight of 5%+ and /or 5kg at 6 months	With stretch N/a	With stretch 80	No target set – existing reward target	Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
Increase the number of adults (18-64) and older people (65+) including carers with self-directed support packages (Existing PRG target)	March 2006 Direct Payments 104 people (7.28%)	Without stretch Combined target 11.25%	Without stretch Combined target 12.4%	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council Margaret Newman
	Individual Budgets 0 people	With stretch Combined target 15%	With stretch Combined target 20%	No target set – existing reward target	Development & Planning Manager
Increase the number of four week quitters through the local NHS Support to Stop Smoking Services from the 20% most deprived areas	Baseline 1092	Without stretch 1092	Without stretch 1092	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Primary Care Trust

	in North Somerset. (Existing PRG target)		With stretch N/a	With stretch 1262 (cumulative 2007 - 2010)	No target set – existing reward target	Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement
	Increase the number of four week quitters through the local NHS Support to Stop Smoking Services from staff and users of mental health services identified either by inclusion in the GP register of those suffering from severe & enduring mental health problems or accessed through mental health user groups. (Existing PRG target)	Baseline 0	Without stretch N/a	Without stretch 0	No target set – existing reward target	
			With stretch N/a	With stretch 30 (cumulative 2007 – 2010)	No target set – existing reward target	
Safer & Stronger Communities	* Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality within South Ward, Weston-super-Mare. (NI 4)	A statistically significant increase in the percentage of people who feel able to influence decisions in their local area between the first Place Survey (reporting early 2009) and the second Place Survey (reporting early 2011)	-	-	-	North Somerset Council Sara Brown South Ward Neighbourhood Manager
	* Overall/general satisfaction with local area within South Ward, Weston-super-Mare. (NI 5)	A statistically significant improvement on the 2008 Place Survey Baseline (with option to review in 2009)	To be set in early 2009	-	-	North Somerset Council Sara Brown South Ward Neighbourhood Manager

<p>* Serious acquisitive crime rate (NI 16) N.B: A reduction in recorded SAC from a rate of 10.99 crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (2214 offences) to a rate of 10.44 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 5%</p>	<p>2007/08 2,214 (10.99 per 1,000 population)</p>	<p>2,176 (10.81 per 1,000 population) (-1.6% reduction)</p>	<p>2,139 (10.64 per 1,000 population) (-3.2% cumulative reduction)</p>	<p>2,103 (10.44 per 1,000 population) (-5% cumulative reduction)</p>	<p>Avon & Somerset Constabulary Stephen Baggs Performance Analyst</p>
<p>* Assault with injury crime rate (NI 20) N.B: A reduction in recorded Assault with less Serious Injury from a rate of 7.44 crimes per 1,000 population in 2007/08 based on mid-2006 population estimates (1,498 offences) to a rate of 6.07 crimes per 1,000 population in 2010/11 based on mid-2009 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 10%. The expected level after Year 1 is a rate of 7.19 crimes per 1,000 population in 2008/09 based on mid-2007 population estimates, equivalent to a reduction of 3.33%. This will be reassessed after Year 1, as data for 2007/08 is only a proxy for the correct dataset as it uses the wider category of Less Serious Wounding.</p>	<p>2007/08 1498 offences 7.44 crimes per 1,000 population</p>	<p>7.19 crimes per 1,000 population (-3.33%) (cumulative)</p>	<p>6.94 crimes per 1,000 population (-6.66%) (cumulative)</p>	<p>6.70 crimes per 1,000 population (-10%) (cumulative)</p>	<p>Avon & Somerset Constabulary Stephen Baggs Performance Analyst</p>
<p>*Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (NI 21)</p>	<p>Placeholder - Baseline to be set in 2008/09 and targets negotiated in 2009/10.</p>				<p>North Somerset Council Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team</p>
<p>* Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders (NI 30)</p>	<p>Audited baseline available in June 2008</p>	<p>18% reduction in offending by prolific and</p>	<p>Targets to be set annually</p>	<p>Targets to be set annually</p>	<p>Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership</p>

			priority offenders			Kay Wozniak District Commander, Avon & Somerset Constabulary
	* Drug users in effective treatment (NI 40)	2007/08 583	606 (4% increase on baseline)	630 (4% increase on previous years target)	655 (4% increase on previous years target)	North Somerset Council Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team Manager
	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates (NI 39) (Local target)	1499 per 100,000 population	1605 per 100,000 population	1685 per 100,000 population	1727 per 100,000 population	North Somerset Primary Care Trust & North Somerset Council Mary Hart Head of Health Improvement Robert Hayward Drugs & Alcohol coordinator
	Repeat incidents of domestic violence (NI 32) (Local target) For cases which have been to a MARAC in the previous 12 months and where a repeat is an incident recorded as a crime by the police	2007/08 22.6%	21.6%	20.6%	20%	North Somerset Council Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team Manager Louise Branch

						Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator
Increase the number of incidents of domestic violence reported annually to the Police. (Existing PRG target)	Baseline year 2005/06 1,825	Without stretch 1916 (+5%)	Without stretch 2007 (+10%)	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council / Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team Manager
		With Stretch 2007 (+10%)	With Stretch 2135 (+17%)	No target set – existing reward target		
Reduce the proportion of repeat incidents of domestic violence in the total number of incidents reported to the Police. (Existing PRG target)	Baseline year 2005/06 567 'repeats' from 1,825 incidents (31.1%)	Without stretch 547 repeats 30%	Without stretch 529 repeats 29%	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council / Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team Manager
		With Stretch 529 repeats 29%	With Stretch 493 repeats 27%	No target set – existing reward target		
Increase the number of people recorded as or reporting that they have engaged in formal volunteering on an average of at least two hours per week over the last year (Existing PRG target)	(2007) 10.84%	Without stretch Baseline + 0%	Without stretch Baseline + 0%	No target set – existing reward target	Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) / North Somerset Council	Pamela Lacy Chief Executive VANS
		With stretch Baseline + 2 % (cumulative)	With stretch Baseline + 4% (cumulative)	No target set – existing reward target		
Reduction in recorded criminal damage offences (Existing PRG target)	Baseline 2005/6 3,666 offences Projected 2006/07	Without stretch 3,143 offences (-5%)	Without stretch 2,986 offences (-5%)	No target set – existing reward target	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Stephen Baggs Performance

		without stretch 3,483 offences with stretch 3,299 offences	With Stretch 2,673 offences (-10%)	With Stretch 2,405 offences (-10%)	No target set – existing reward target	Analyst
	Reduce drug-related deaths by 1 deaths by 2010 (using 2003 – 2006 aggregated baseline) (Existing PRG target)	Baseline: 27 deaths reported as drug related between 2003 and 2006	Without stretch No improvement from baseline	Without stretch No improvement from baseline	No target set – existing reward target	North Somerset Council
			With Stretch N/a	With Stretch reduction of 1 drug related death between 2007-2010: (26 deaths)	No target set – existing reward target	Gina Dormer Community Safety & Drug Action Team Manager

Note: Indicators in *'italics'* are statutory DCSF education and early years targets
Indicators marked with an asterisk (*) are designated targets. All other indicators are local indicators including existing
reward targets

North Somerset has agreed to the following LAA targets around adapting to climate change. (NI 188)

Preparation Level 1 - in year 1 (2008/09)

Preparation Level 2 - in year 2 (2009/10)

Preparation Level 3 - in year 3 (2010/11)

However in reaching agreement certain conditions/ caveats have been agreed:

- **Level 3 will be reviewed by the end of year 1:** Through detailed negotiations with GOSW agreement has been reached to aim to achieve level 3 in 2010/11. However this is with agreement that level 3 will be reviewed at the end of year 1 when a better understanding of the requirements has been obtained and specific actions needed to achieve level 3 have been defined. GOSW have also confirmed that as this is a process target building over 3 years they would expect all areas pursuing NI 188 to review progress each year to identify any issues of slippage and implement remedial action(s).
- **Additional dedicated support from GOSW, EA & SWCCIP:** GOSW have committed to support North Somerset and the 6 other LAs in the delivery of NI 188 and the agreed targets. They have advised that during year 1 they intend to hold best practice sharing/guidance workshops to support the LAs pursuing this target (first session expected in Autumn 2008). They will also work with the Environment Agency & the South West Climate Change Impacts Partnership (SWCCIP) to aid the sharing of best practice and facilitate achievement of Level 3. At a national level GOSW will also work with partners such as the UK Climate Change Impact Programme (UKCIP) who are committed to providing advice and support to deliver Level 3. GOSW have also confirmed that the Environment Agency are investigating how existing Civil Contingency Act requirements will assist in delivery of this target. This work is due to be completed by the end of year 1 and their findings circulated. As a new area of work GOSW have committed to sharing knowledge and experiences in delivering this agenda and reassured LAs that they will work closely with agencies to ensure the appropriate tools, advice and guidance are available to deliver NI 188.
- **Embedding climate change within partners organisations:** GOSW have confirmed that in achieving level 3 Defra are *not* looking for all LSP Partners to be at the same level as the LAs in the same timescale. Therefore achievement of level 3 should still be possible if LSP partners have not fully embedded climate impacts and risks into their work.
- **Process target:** GOSW have confirmed that as this is a process target the judgement about whether level 3 has been achieved could be subjective. The guidance from Defra refers to implementing 'appropriate adaptive responses' in priority areas. As these will be defined by the LA/LSP the level of challenge will be in part set by the LA/LSP.