

Title **Development of the City Performance Plan**

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Introduction

In 2010 the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership and its family of partnerships refreshed the city's Sustainable Community Strategy. The strategy was revised during a time of unprecedented economic challenge and is focussed on shielding the city from the impacts of the recession and ensuring the city is best placed to make the most of the opportunities during and after the down turn.

In October 2010 the Coalition Government announced that it no longer expects local areas to report performance on Local Area Agreement targets. Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government emphasised that areas are now free to focus on their own priorities without the burden of reporting to central government.

Therefore for 2011/12 the Strategic Partnership is developing a new City Performance Plan. The plan will be lead by the priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It will measure and report against indicators that best demonstrate if the Partnership is achieving a change on local priorities as set in the Strategy.

About the City Performance Plan

The City Performance Plan will be the main mechanism by which the Strategic Partnership will monitor and manage the city's performance against the outcomes defined in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Where appropriate, and locally relevant, indicators from the 2008-2011 Local Area Agreement (LAA) will be used in the City Performance Plan. However, it is an opportunity to discard any LAA indicators that were not measurable, useful or relevant.

The plan will be reported to the Strategic Partnership, the Public Service Board and to meetings of the city council several times a year.

There is no financial reward attached to the City Performance Plan. The Strategic Partnership is not required to report progress against the plan to Government.

Timetable for producing the Plan

The city council is currently leading the development of the Plan on behalf of the Public Service Board and Strategic Partnership. Each partnership has submitted its content for the plan as have officers from partner organisations. A draft plan has been circulated back to partnerships and partner organisations for further input, refinement and sense checking.

The political groups within the council will also have the opportunity to comment. The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commission will review a draft of the Plan and Cabinet will endorse the final plan in April. The Public Service Board and the Strategic Partnership will give final approval to the plan in May.