

Agenda item No: 8

EAST MIDLANDS IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING: 3rd February 2009

Report of the Director

Review of the East Midlands Regional Improvement and Efficiency Strategy Targets

1. Purpose of the report
 - 1.1 To summarise the process leading to a revision of targets for the region as a whole for 2009/10.
 - 1.2 To provide an overview of the 9 regions RIES targets.
 - 1.3 To present the outcomes of the consultation exercise with regional and sub regional stakeholders and recommendations of the Officer Steering Group.
2. Background
 - 2.1 At the meeting on 15th January 09 the EM IEP Officer Steering Group considered the attached report and presentation of the outcomes of the consultation exercise.
 - 2.2 The Steering Group noted the endorsement of the 3 themes, previously agreed as the framework for the development of the Sub Regional Programmes i.e. Capacity Building, Service Improvement and Efficiency. All background documents considered by the Steering Group as the basis for the revised RIES targets can be viewed on the following link:
http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk/about_us.htm#Board
 - 2.3 The following conclusions were agreed and recommended to the Board, in respect of the proposed performance targets, outlined in the presentation:
 - All targets should be ranked in priority order within each of the three themes
 - Failing services should be referred to as 'services for improvement'
 - The target relating to the % reduction of red flags through the CAA regime, should be changed to a target based on the ratio of red flags to green flags, as this would also show improvement by highlighting excellence in service delivery
 - There was support for a use of resources target, subject to CAA criteria
 - There was a preference for the current LAA target – where a minimum % level is specified to be achieved across the range of all stretch targets in each LAA/MAA
 - That additional targets are included for Adult Social Care and Children's Services, if applicable, when the CAA criteria is published

- Economic downturn should be addressed in the business delivery plan rather than being expressed as a target.
- It was agreed that procurement was an issue for both the local community and local authority efficiency. This should be considered as a target i.e identifying a % of expenditure to be placed with the local (EM) business community.

Appendix one contains the revised list of targets suggested by the Steering Group.

- 2.4 The Steering Group noted that the Member/Officer seminar scheduled for 26th February may cause difficulty for both Members and Officers and asked the Board to consider if the event should go ahead in the context of the deadline of March 13th for the annual report to be submitted to the LGA.
- 2.5 The Steering Group recommended that after the Board has considered the conclusions outlined above and the proposed targets in appendix one, that a further consultation exercise is undertaken of the revised proposed targets with the Sub Regional Partnerships.
3. Recommendations
- 3.1 The Board consider the background data, presentation and conclusions for the proposed targets.
- 3.2 The Board approve a further consultation exercise with the Sub Regional Partnerships on the revised proposed targets
- 3.3 The Board consider if the Member/ Officer event should go ahead on the 26th February as previously agreed

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Director EM IEP

Revised Targets Suggested by the Officer Steering Group

Capacity Building

1. Services for Improvement
 - By March 2011 there should be a reduction in the Ratio of red to green flags from the 2009/10 baseline figure for local authority services as identified in the CAA regime.
2. Use of Resources/Organisational Assessment
 - This will need to be considered again when the CAA criteria are published.
3. Equalities Standard
 - By 2010/11 all authorities to be accredited as 'achieving' or better as per the new Equalities Framework for Local Government (equivalent to current level 3).

Service Improvement

4. Local Area Agreements
 - All stretch targets established under the LAA/MAA regime need to demonstrate a minimum level of 80% achievement across the range for each LAA/MAA by 2011.
5. Adult Social Care
 - This will need to be considered again when the CAA criteria are published.
6. Children & Young Peoples' Services
 - This will need to be considered again when the CAA criteria are published.
7. Comprehensive Area Assessment (partnership/collaborative working)
 - This will need to be considered again when the CAA criteria are published.
8. Supporting the Local Economy
 - ?% of local authority expenditure to be placed with local (EM) business community. (*This data will have to be collected and reported by the 46 local authorities and 5 Fire & Rescue authorities and will be a very challenging task.*)

Efficiency

9. Cashable Efficiency Gains
 - All authorities to have achieved 3% (9.3% over 3 years = £384m for East Midlands region) cashable efficiency gains by March 2011 as measured by NI 179.

**EAST MIDLANDS IMPROVEMENT AND EFFICIENCY PARTNERSHIP
OFFICER STEERING GROUP MEETING: 15th JANUARY 2009**

Report of the Director

**Review of the East Midlands Regional Improvement and Efficiency
Strategy Targets**

1. Purpose of the report
 - 1.1 To summarise the process leading to a revision of targets for the region as a whole for 2009/10.

2. Background
 - 2.1 At its meeting on the 25 November 2008 the Steering Group noted the broad timetable approved previously by the EMIEP Board. This is **attached** for information as Appendix 1.
 - 2.2 It can be seen that the revised targets need to be submitted to the LGA/CLG in March 2009. The vehicle for this will be the Annual Report of the EMIEP Board which has to be submitted by 31st March. The outline of the Annual Report forms a separate item on the agenda.

3. Process
 - 3.1 The process required to achieve the milestones set out in Appendix 1, resulting in the RIES targets revisions, is as follows:
 - Written consultation period ends 2nd January
 - First cut of the consultation findings examined by the Officer Steering Group 15th January
 - Suggested changes framed for the Board meeting on 3rd February
 - The draft annual report with revised performance targets to be considered at the Member/Officer seminar on the 26th February.
 - Refinements to the targets/annual report during March including consultation, with submission to the LGA/CLG by the 31st March.

4. Outline of Consultation Exercise
 - 4.1 Given the above time frame, a presentation will be made to the steering Group with the views/recommendations made by local authorities and professional networks, summarised for further refinement by the Steering Group.
 - 4.2 Appendix 2 contains a summary of the targets utilised by the 8 other RIEPs and Appendix 3 contains the current EM IEP targets.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Steering Group note the timetable for reviewing/changing the RIES targets.
- 5.2 The Steering Group agree appropriate revisions to targets following the presentation of the outcomes of the consultation exercise.

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