

Deadline for return – 18 August 2009 (Quarter 1 Performance Report)

Local Area Agreement 2008-2011

LAA Priority: Increased participation in cultural activities (LAA12)

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RAG Status: Amber

Delivery Board Recommendations

Delivery Board are asked to note the current position on this LAA including the positive links to be made with the DCC Building Schools for the Future bid.

Summary Statement:

The LGR recommendation announcement is still awaited. This has been seen as an important background to establishing a new Devon Cultural Partnership in what has been a rather fragmented sector.

DCC and Devon Districts have not prioritised Culture as a 'Devon Together' priority service area to be taken forward in the coming year. The working arrangements of the new SW LA Cultural Partnership have been adjusted and reduced after concerns that there were insufficient regional resources for the original proposed SW Action Plan.

An important new factor has emerged through DCC's decision to bid to enter the Building Schools for the Future programme. This requires that a Devon Arts/Culture Board should be established to provide strategic advice to the project.

Sport England has indicated that – if local authorities provide funding of £8.5k per district - it is able to enhance the 2009/10 Active People Survey that it undertakes for DCMS to provide benchmarked data on participation in culture and sport. Enhancement will provide greater statistical reliability (the present sample is based on only 500 people per District). Given that this would cost Devon some £70k annually, it is not proposed to take up this offer on a countywide basis.

Performance Indicators – National and Local

Code	Title	+/- (see 1 below)	Year	Annual Target	Status (see 2 below)	Improvement (see 3 below)	Actual to Date	Officer Notes
	Countywide Partnership established.	1+	09/10	1 P'ship	On Target	Unchanged	0	Culture Reference Gp also being set up for Exeter.
	Devon Cultural Infrastructure Strategy completed.	1+	09/10	1 Working Gp	On Target	Unchanged	0	See above

Key to symbols (insert as appropriate):

1. + equals higher figures are better and – equals lower figures are better
2. **No Data/Well Below Target/Below Target/On Target/Above Target/Well Above Target**
3. Improved Performance ↑ Worse Performance ↓ Unchanged ↔

Key Milestones (Last Quarter – Quarter 1 09/10, ends 30 June 09)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected	Achieved/missed
1.	SW LA Cultural Partnership	June	Action Plan finalised	Achieved
2.	Exeter Culture Reference Gp	June	Action Plan agreed.	Achieved (Terms of reference).
3.	Devon Cultural Partnership	June	Leader person identified and initial shadow meeting arranged.	Missed.
4.	Plymouth and Torbay Partnerships	June	Liaison arrangements established	Missed

Key Milestones (This Quarter – Quarter 2 09/10, ends 30 September 09)

	Description	Date	Outputs expected
1.	LGR Announcement	September (formerly July)	Impact for cultural services analysed; potential for community boards assessed.
2.	Devon C Partnership	September	Leader person identified and initial shadow meeting arranged.
3.	Culture Board for Devon Building Schools for the Future	September	Board with Terms of Reference established
	Plymouth and Torbay Partnerships	June	Liaison arrangements established

Key Risks (*Please refer to scoring guidelines below)

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Score	Mitigation
1. Lack of willingness for bodies to work together	4	2	8	Progress discussions post-LGR announcement
2. Lack of	4	3	12	

capacity for "Duty to Cooperate" bodies to take part in partnership				Progress liaison through new SW LA Cultural Partnership
3. Lack of capacity for key cultural bodies to take part in partnership (eg due to economic downturn)	5	Not known		Identify likely ability of key agencies. Consider need to organise smaller group of 'cultural leaders'
4. New Partnership perceived as DCC initiative	3	3	9	Appoint non-DCC lead person for the partnership
5. Lack of funding to create and invigorate partnership	5	3	15	DSP to identify budget
6.				

Spatial Implications

District	Impact (insert ✓ or x or unknown)	Disaggregated Data (✓ or x)	Examples of Local Delivery Outcomes
Exeter	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy through Planning for Culture reference group
East Devon	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
Mid Devon	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
North Devon	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
Torridge	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
West Devon	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
South Hams	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy
Teignbridge	Y	Y	Culture included in LDF infrastructure strategy

*Risks – Scoring Guidelines:

Likelihood of risk:

- 1 – Very low
- 2 – Low
- 3 – Medium
- 4 – High
- 5 – Very high

Impact of risk:

- 1 – Insignificant
- 2 – Minor
- 3 – Moderate

4 – Serious
5 – Very serious

Total risk score (likelihood x impact)

1 – 6 Low
8 – 12 Medium
14 – 20 High
Over 20 Very high