

MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT

South Hampshire

Name of Partnership:

Partnership for Urban South Hampshire

Participating local authorities:

Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, East Hampshire Borough Council, Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, New Forest District Council, Test Valley Borough Council Winchester City Council

Other non-Central Government partners:

Business Link, Environment Agency, Highways Agency, Jobcentre Plus (Hampshire and Isle of Wight), Learning and Skills Council (Hampshire and Isle of Wight), Transport for South Hampshire, South East England Development Agency, English Partnerships, Housing Corporation and Homes and Communities Agency

Introduction

The South Hampshire Agreement dated 14th July 2008¹ (appended) sets out the supporting evidence and detail for the outcomes to be delivered by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire and the freedoms and flexibilities from Government which will be delivered in return, as set out below. It also sets out a further programme of actions and development work that will be undertaken by the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, in discussion with Government as appropriate.

Outcomes

The Partnership for Urban South Hampshire will deliver:

No.	Key Performance Indicator	2010-11 Outcome	National Indicator	PSA/DSO
1	GVA per resident	£41,100	No	N/A
2	Total Employment	606,958	No	N/A
3	Employment Rate	79.8%	NI 151	PSA 8
4	Working age residents qualified to level 2 and above	386,000	NI 163	PSA 2
5	Working age residents qualified to level 3 and above	273,800	NI 164	PSA 2
6	Net additional homes (annual)	4,000 (12,000 over full MAA period)	NI 154	PSA 20
7	Transport sustainable highways	147,000 AAWT (M27)	No	PSA 5

¹ Version Final

No.	Key Performance Indicator	J5-7)		PSA/DSO
		2010-11 Outcome	National Indicator	
8	Total Employment	4,000 above combined LAA targets	No	In return for Enabling Measures 2 and 3
9	Employment Rate	0.5 percentage points above combined LAA target	NI 151	
10	Residents claiming out of work benefits	Reduction of an additional 1,000 beyond combined LAA target	NI 152	
11	Working age residents qualified to level 2 and above	Additional 25,200 above combined LAA target	NI 163	
12	Working age residents qualified to level 3 and above	Additional 16,300 above combined LAA target	NI 164	
13	Hybrid Market Penetration	11,100 businesses (reduced by 1,520)	No	In return for Enabling Measure 4
14	Businesses supported with intensive assistance by Business Link	1,680 (increased by 180)	No	
15	Annual Total GVA change per annum (£) in businesses supported	£178 million (increased by £19 million)	No	

Freedoms and flexibilities

To facilitate the delivery of these outcomes the Government agrees that it will:

Action	Timescale	Direct implementation responsibility	Other interested partners
Government departments and their agencies agree to an informal duty to co-operate (pending any legal duty) with the partnership and its stakeholders to examine barriers to deliver and potential solutions and to align priorities and resources with those of the partnership, recognising that it will not always be possible for Government and its agencies to agree to solutions and alignments that the partnership would like	Immediate	All Government departments and their agencies	None

(Enabling Measure 1)			
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Action	Timescale	Direct implementation responsibility	Other interested partners
To jointly review with the partnership how to use Train to Gain funding to support Level 3 qualifications so that it provides an attractive package to employers which encourages them to support provision of Level 3 qualifications whilst recognising the principle of the employer contribution and no additional public sector contributions (EM2)	By end of September 2008	DIUS	DWP, CLG, BERR, JCP, LSC
To review the partnership's proposals for extension and additions to the Integrated Employment and Skills pilot (EM2)	September 2008	DWP	DIUS, CLG, BERR, JCP, LSC
Within the Integrated Employment and Skills pilot, review options for JCP clients to benefit from pre-work NVQ training through Train to Gain whilst not preventing them entering employment at the earliest opportunity (EM2)	By end of September 2008	DWP	DIUS, CLG, BERR, JCP, LSC
Establish the technical barrier that prevents part funded Level 4 qualifications for those with a Level 3 qualification with the presumption of removing it if there is no strong justification for it (EM2)	By end of July 2008	DIUS	LSC
To provide support, advice and periodic reviews to the partnership to support the development and introduction of an Employment and Skills Board which, subject to sufficient evidence of its effectiveness robustness and traction, can assume powers to set the binding strategy for adult skills in the partnership's area (EM3)	By end of March 2009	DIUS	DWP, CLG, JCP, LSC, SEEDA
Refocusing of national Business Link performance targets within the pilot area, specifically in relation a reduction in market penetration and an increase in intensive business support, allowing Business Link on a pilot basis to re-allocate resources with the objective of increasing GVA and productivity (EM4)	Starting by end of October 2008	BERR	Business Link, SEEDA
Department of Transport, Highways Agency and Transport for South Hampshire will develop a formal Memorandum of Understanding as a framework within which the parties will operate and develop their approaches within South Hampshire (EM5)	By end of October 2008	DfT	HA, Transport for South Hampshire
Department of Transport, Highways Agency and Transport for South Hampshire will work together on a pilot to improve the operation of the local and national highways network, including Active Traffic Management on the M3 and M27 (EM5)	By end of July 2008	DfT	HA, Transport for South Hampshire
Department of Transport, Highways Agency and Transport for South Hampshire will work together to establish a robust and comprehensive sub-regional transport	By end of July 2008	DfT	HA, Transport for South

evidence base for South Hampshire (EM5)			Hampshire
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Action	Timescale	Direct implementation responsibility	Other interested partners
Exploratory dialogue to see how Section 106 might be used to develop a scheme to attract developer contributions in support of infrastructure development (EM6)	By end of September 2008	CLG	HMT, BERR, SEEDA
Exploratory dialogue to see what scope there might be in the Community Infrastructure Levy to support developer contributions being used sub-regionally to enable sub-regional infrastructure development (EM6)	By end of September 2008	CLG	HMT, BERR, SEEDA
Exploratory dialogue to understand the constraints and potential for prudential borrowing to support sub-regional infrastructure development (EM6)	By end of September 2008	CLG	HMT, BERR, SEEDA
The partnership is to be directly involved in national discussions on the role of utility companies and utility regulators in supporting sub-regional infrastructure development (EM7)	By end of December 2008	CLG	BERR, DEFRA, SEEDA
Assistance of CLG, English Partnerships and Housing Corporation in the development of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) appropriate for the sub-region including a dialogue about the pros, cons and complexities of establishing a network of SPVs rather than a single SPV for the whole sub-region (EM8)	On-going	CLG	EP, HC, HCA, HMT
A commitment to explore the alignment of funds and investment to support estates regeneration with resources identified in the Regional Housing Strategy (EM8)	On-going	CLG	EP, HC, HCA
Negotiation and agreement of a protocol between the partnership, CLG, DEFRA and the Environment Agency on the application of PPS25, based on the partnership's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, to facilitate development in regeneration areas defended against by flooding by covering the application of the sequential test, the exception test, windfall sites and design criteria that need to apply (EM9)	By end of October 2008	CLG	DEFRA, Environment Agency

General elements

The South Hampshire Agreement dated 14th July sets out the supporting evidence for the outcomes and freedoms and flexibilities outlined above. In signing the Multi-Area Agreement (MAA) the Government confirms that it is not only content with the outcomes and actions contained above but also the economic vision and supporting evidence for them, as well as the partnership's chosen governance model, contained in the South Hampshire Agreement. The Government also gives a commitment to

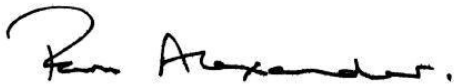
continue negotiations on development and extensions of the MAA, for example, in themes such as innovation and employment land.

Signed by:

On behalf of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire



On behalf of Transport for South Hampshire



On behalf of South East England Development Agency



On behalf of Jobcentre Plus (Hampshire and Isle of Wight)



On behalf of Learning and Skills Council (Hampshire and Isle of Wight)



On behalf of Business Link (WSX Enterprise Limited)

Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government
On behalf of Her Majesty's Government

14th July 2008