

**Safer and Stronger Communities**

Table 1 shows performance against target. For comparison, December's figures are in brackets. End-of-year outturn is not yet available for all indicators which is why **Amber** judgements still remain. Table 2 shows performance compared to the same period in the previous year.

Table 1

	No. of indicators	On course to achieve target (or establish baseline)	Some progress, but data / lack of data or analysis suggests that the target may not be achieved, but should be capable of achievement if remedial action is taken	Not achieved / not expected to be achieved / no activity reported
Corporate Plan (including LAA and HCS)	<b>16</b> (16)	<b>14</b> (13)	<b>2</b> (2)	<b>0</b> (1)
of which				
Local Area Agreement (LAA)	<b>9*</b> (10)	<b>8</b> (10)	<b>1</b> (0)	<b>0</b> (0)
Herefordshire Community Strategy (HCS)	<b>10</b> (10)	<b>9</b> (8)	<b>1</b> (2)	<b>0</b> (0)
All reported indicators	<b>38</b> (38)	<b>27</b> (26)	<b>2</b> (7)	<b>9</b> (5)

Table 2

Direction of Travel		
	December	March
Improving	17	<b>18</b>
No real change	4	<b>1</b>
Deteriorating	4	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	25	<b>26</b>

\* NI 11 was previously reported as an LAA indicator, but is actually a local indicator

## Headlines

- An increased number of indicators judged **Red**, particularly in the area of young offenders.
- Generally positive in respect of Direction of Travel.
- Continued positive trend in making Herefordshire's roads safer.
- Changes since December 2008:

### **Green** from **Red**

- NI 3 'civic participation in the local area'

### **Green** from **Amber**

- BVPI 128 'the number of vehicle crimes per year, per 1,000 population in the Local Authority area'
- HCS 42c 'overall crime numbers'

### **Amber** from **Green**

- NI 30 're-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders (PPO)'

### **Red** from **Green**

- NI 39 'alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates per 100,000'
- NI 43 'young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody'

### **Red** from **Amber**

- NI 45 'young offenders' engagement in suitable education, employment or training'
- NI 46 'young offenders access to suitable accommodation'
- BVPI 225 'actions against domestic violence'

## Regeneration Director Commentary

*'The Regeneration Directorate has met the majority of targets for 2008/2009 across a range of Local Area Agreement, Herefordshire Community Strategy and Herefordshire Council Corporate Plan indicators for which the Directorate has the lead. It has been a particularly challenging year as the economic downturn has had an impact across all service areas. In particular challenges have been felt in the Housing service where there have been increasing pressures on homelessness; in the local economy where there has been significant impacts on local businesses and in the planning service where there has been a significant reduction in planning applications and therefore in the income generated to support the service. The directorate has led on the development of an action plan to respond to the broader impacts of the downturn.*

*During the year the Directorate continued to work to influence the outcome of the Place Survey, the final results of which are still awaiting publication by the Department of Communities and Local Government. Despite this we have been able to establish baselines and set a number of targets for the forthcoming years that will enable us to measure the improving performance of the Directorate against a number of key performance indicators. This change to the National Indicator set has meant*

*that greater reliance is placed in-year on monitoring services delivering agreed service plan actions and, this year, on establishing baseline data.*

*The number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents (NI 47) has seen a reduction, with the outturn being 93 compared to 133 in 2007/08. In addition the number of children killed or seriously injured (NI 48) has seen a reduction from 11 in 2007/08 to an outturn this year of 6 children. The Planning & Transportation Road Safety and Accident Investigation Prevention Teams lead on a wide range of education, training and publicity and engineering measures to address road traffic accidents; this will continue and may have an impact on the improving outturns over the coming years. In addition excellent progress is also being made increasing the number of schools with travel plans and ensuring that they are kept up to date.*

*As part of the policy and delivery of the Herefordshire Partnership which covers Stronger Communities a co-ordinated approach in addressing community and voluntary sector indicators will be created. Some of this is already evidenced as a number of targets have been established for these indicators. The Economic and Community service provides grants and project development advice to support the development of local plans, together with supporting actions being identified. In addition the Rural Access Partnership has set a local indicator on access to services, and is focussing on the services that were found to be difficult to access and which the Partnership could influence; for example local shops, advice provision, cultural facilities and public transport facilities.*

*There are also a number of crime-related indicators, which had not been identified by the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership as a priority, where performance has shown a slight deterioration; these are now being more closely monitored. The Community Safety and Drugs Partnership have been moved over to the Environment & Culture Directorate and will continue their close working relationship with partners, specifically with the Police.'*

### **Environment and Culture Director commentary**

*'Within the themes of economic development and enterprise, safer and stronger communities and sustainable communities outturn data for 2008-09 is now available for most performance indicators. Where baselines have been required for new National Indicators these have been, or are in the process of being, set.*

*Alongside the Regeneration Directorate and other partners Environment and Culture make a significant contribution to reducing deaths and injuries in road traffic collisions. The 2008 figures of 93, killed or seriously injured, 6 children killed or seriously injured and 632 slightly injured show a significant reduction on the previous year's figures.'*