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		Reference			Indicator	Lead Directorate	2007-08	2008-09			Activity Reported	RAG rating		Direction of Travel		Reason for judgements		
NIS	LAA	HCS	CP	BVPI	PAF /	APA			Outturn	Target	July	September	September	July	September	July	September	Outturn at 6 months on
155	Yes		Yes			1.1	Number of affordable homes Jelivered (gross)	Regeneration	141	200	44	98	On target to deliver 200 units by end of year. However, it should be noted that the current financial market is likely to severely hit targets for future years due to the current downturn in house building.	A	A	Δ	Δ	track to be better than last year, although likelihood of achieving target remains challenging
156	Yes	14	Yes				Number of households living in Temporary Accommodation	Regeneration	133	109	115 (end August)	111	There has continued to be considerable demand for services from the homelessness and housing advice team. The normal decrease in applications during the summer months did not materialise, a trend common around the West Midlands. The challenge of decreasing temporary accommodation by 50% by 2010 continues to be a hurdle for us and other local authorities. Work is continuing to increase temporary self- contained accommodation via the private sector to minimise the use of bed & breakfast.	A	A	⊲⊳	Δ	Outturn at 6 months on track to be better than last year, although likelihood of achieving target remains challenging
157				109a-c		a a (Processing of planning applications as measured against targets for (a) 'major', b) 'minor' and (c) 'other' application types	Regeneration	(a) 68% (b) 80% (c) 89%	(a) 60% (b) 65% (c) 80%	(a) 63% (b) 73% (c) 85%	(a) 60% (b) 71% (c) 86%	Target for major developments is getting increasingly difficult to meet due to the downturn in economic activity. There are few new major applications coming in and hence the proportion of "old" ones still in the system is increasing, making the 60% target especially challenging. The new Planning Obligations policy is also slowing down minor developments as more of them need agreements.	G	G	⊽	▽	Outturn worse than last year, but should achieve target
175			Yes			b	Access to services and facilities y public transport, walking and cycling	Regeneration	91%	91%	Outturn known March 2009		The activity related to this indicator forms specifically around the supported (subsidised) rural bus network which has been mapped using Accession accessibility planning software and the supported services monitored to ensure that they are available to the groups which have the least access opportunities to key services in our communities. The ability to support these services and hence meet this target (91%) relies on close management of the route contracts and access to Council revenue funding (which remained static for the past 3 years) and the continued receipt of the Rural Bus Subsidy Grant. The Rural Bus Subsidy Grant is now included within Area Based Grant and hence removal of this funding or an element of it would result in a significant threat to meeting this target and more importantly providing a vital service to people with poor access choice in rural communities.		A			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available
185	·····		Yes				202 reduction from Local Authority operations	Environment & Culture		Establish	ibaseline by N	March 2009	A full inventory of the Council's vehicle fleet is currently underway. STEPS Strategy being updated for adoption in November. A meeting of the Carbon Board is scheduled for 23rd October. Eco Schools event to be held in November and currently being promoted.		G			Activity reported that should impact on the baseline

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NIS LA			APA		Leau Directorate	Outturn	Target	July	September	September	July	September	July	September				
186 Y	'es	58	Yes				Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area	Environment & Culture		13.1% less by 2010 against 2005 baseline	ss by 010 Outturn known March ainst 2009 005		Energy Saving Trust grant secured. A number of planned activities are in jeopardy due to limited staff resources.	A	A			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available
187			Yes				Tackling fuel poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	Regeneration		Establish	baseline by N	larch 2009	It has been agreed that baseline and target setting can be delayed until Apr-09 as the data presently available to calculate the baseline is inaccurate. DEFRA are currently preparing an energy efficiency survey form which local authorities can send out to a random number of households receiving income based benefits. This will be conducted in Sep 08 in Herefordshire, requiring a minimum of 400 responses. Survey results will be fed into SAP software provided by DEFRA and act as a baseline for target setting from Apr-09.	G	G			Activity reported that should impact on the baseline
191 Y	'es	56a	Yes				Residual household waste per head		851.85 kg (2006/07)		197.6kg to June	312.59kg to August		A	A			No trend data on which to judge whether target is likely to be achieved
192				82a 82b 82c 82d	i-ii i-ii		Household waste recycled and composted	Culture	30.26%	32%	June	32.68% to August	Performance at the same period last year was 29.15%	G	G	Δ	Δ	Outturn better than same period last year and on course to achieve target
193							Municipal waste landfilled	Environment & Culture		64.92%	66.4% to June	64.37% to August		A	G			Outturn better than target
195		54	Yes	199a	э-с		Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of (a) graffiti, (b) litter, (c) detritus and (d) fly posting)	Environment & Culture		(a) 10% (b) 12% (c) 2% (d) 1%		(a) 2% (b) 10% (c) 1% (d) 0%		A	G			Outturn better than target
196				199	d		Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping	Environment & Culture	Grading 3	Grading 2	Grading 3	Grading 2		R	G	$\triangleleft \triangleright$		Outturn better than last year and currently achieving target
197 Y	'es	55 57	Yes				Improved local biodiversity – active management of local sites	Regeneration	28.70%	3.5% increase (30 sites)	Outturn kn 20	own March 09	Positive conservation management is understood as including those sites with their management schemes under the Woodland Grant Scheme, English Woodland Grant Scheme, Countryside Stewardship Agreements, Environmental Stewardship Agreements; along with all of the designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Local Nature Reserves (currently 109 in Herefordshire); and local sites with other specific management plans, e.g. Community Commons Project, Pond Restoration and Celebration Project and Earth Heritage Trust.	A	A			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available

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NIS LAA HCS	S CP	BVPI	PAF AP			Outturn	Target	July	September	September	July	September	July	September	
		64		The number of non-Local Authority-owned vacant dwellings returned to occupation or demolished during the financial year as a direct result of action by the Local Authority	Regeneration	164	110	4	5	Delays in receiving information of potential properties that have been brought back into use using the Rent Deposit scheme. Early indications would suggest that once figures have been received and validated, the target will be achieved by end of year.	A	A	⊽	∇	Amber judgement applied based on the current outturn but taking into account the activity suggesting that the target will be achieved
		183a		The average length of stay in bed and breakfast accommodation of households that are unintentionally homeless and in priority need	Regeneration	5.06 weeks	1.5 weeks	5.29 weeks	10.74 weeks	Although there has been a sharp increase in the average length of stay, the figures are now calculated as all households rather than just families. Family stay averages at 6.54 weeks.	R	R	▽	V	Outturn worse than target and last year
		183b		The average length of stay in hostel accommodation of households that are unintentionally homeless and in priority need	Regeneration	27.43 weeks	1 week	11 weeks	21.46 weeks	see points 183a and NI 156 at the start of this appendix	R	R	Δ	Δ	Outturn worse than target and last year
		202		The number of people sleeping rough on a single night within the area of the Local Authority	Regeneration		Fewer than 3		7	5 of the 7 were foreign nationals. A report is to be produced to discuss any further action to be taken.		R			Outturn worse than target
		213		The number of households who considered themselves as homeless, who approached the Local Housing Authority's housing advice service(s), and for whom housing advice casework intervention resolved their situation (per 1,000 households)	Regeneration	4	4	0.8	1.14	Case closure has been increased following a review of individual officers case loads and the way cases are allocated .	R	R	▽		Despite an improvement between quarters, outturn is still behind target and last year
		204		The number of planning appeal decisions allowed against the Local Authority's decision to refuse planning applications, as a percentage of the total number of planning appeals against refusals of planning applications		36.40%	<36.4%	36.40%	40.00%	There is a potentially serious drop in performance here. The figure of 40% represents 17 decisions out of 43. Nine of those decisions were Member overturns - hence this is related to the high proportion of decisions taken contrary to recommendation in 2007/08. That trend (decisions taken contrary to recommendation) has improved significantly since April and it is therefore hoped that the current bad performance will improve. An upheld rate of over 40% may attract grant abatement and is potentially a financial risk. The indicator excludes enforcement appeals (where our record is exemplary) and if all appeals are included the performance improves to 21/56 i.e. 36%.	A	R	Þ	⊽	Outturn worse than target and last year
59a-	e			Ease of access to services	Regeneration		Establish	baseline by N	1arch 2009	The Place Survey is to be completed on a biennial basis by the Council in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG). Fieldwork is to be carried out between 29th September 2008 and 19th December 2008. Data is required to be submitted to the Audit Commission between the 5th - 30th January 2009, who will weight it and submit it directly to the CLG, and provide the Council with weighted copies of their own information. A baseline can then be established and monitored on a biennial basis.		R x5			No activity reported

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1113 [244	60b-		UVPI	Quality of Life - % of people who feel certain aspects need improving: b. Affordable decent housing c. Job prospects d. Level of crime e. Level of traffic congestion f. Wage levels and local cost of living	Regeneration			March 2009	The Place Survey is to be completed on a biennial basis by the Council in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).	, in the second s	G x5	JUly		Activity reported that should impact on the baseline