

Herts 2021 Bulletin

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These monthly bulletins update partners on the development and work of the Hertfordshire Forward partnerships family – the governance diagram for which is available [here](#).

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Hertfordshire's self-assessment

New bulletin for Members

Summary version available online

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Performance Reward Grant (PRG)

26 March meeting and beyond

Latest group and strategy development

2009 Conference – date and contact

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Who, what, where...

CAA (inc self-assessment)

Partnerships throughout the county have completed the first countywide self-assessment for Hertfordshire, comprising of chapters from each of the six countywide partnerships, each district LSP and an introduction for partnership working more generally. A draft was submitted to the Audit Commission on Friday 24th April.

The draft will now go to the Leader's Group (11th May) and then the HF Core Group (20 May) with suggested amendments made and a further draft submitted to the Audit Commission soon afterwards. The Audit Commission will provide the Core Group with an initial headline response on the 20th May, and early draft judgements and feedback in June. Self-assessment is an iterative process and for partnerships to use to their benefit over time and it is envisaged that a further draft will be produced by the end of the year updating each. Contact stewart.martin@hertscc.gov.uk for more.

CAA Member Update

The Audit Commission have produced a new bulletin aimed specifically at councillors. It summarises information about the Commission and its activities and can be found here: <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/councillorupdate/issue1/mar09.asp>

Sustainable Community Strategy

A summary version of the strategy has also been produced providing an accessible overview of the 2021 vision and objectives. Hard copies are available on request from joan.green@hertscc.gov.uk while the pdf version is available [here](#). The full SCS is [here](#).

Local Area Agreement 1

Performance data has recently been updated (to end September 2008). Due to the impact of the recession, performance in two key indicators has deteriorated – please see the Core Group's 4th February papers which can be found [here](#). This will affect the final PRG estimate - now standing between £15 – 18m (meaning District LSPs are expected to receive between £750,000 – 900,000). For more contact victor.wan@hertscc.gov.uk.

Local Area Agreement 2

Thematic partnerships have now produced action plans for all LAA2 targets. The latest LAA2 performance data has been collated and will be made available shortly. Going forward, LAA2 performance data will be made available on a quarterly basis.

Review and refresh: the LAA2 template has now been 'refreshed' as the latest iteration of what Hertfordshire has signed up to deliver (and can be found [here](#)) It has gone through all relevant stages before now being sent to DCLG (Hertfordshire's was the second 'refresh' in the country to get to this stage).

Performance Management: using funds secured from Improvement East, PricewaterhouseCoopers consultants will be working in Hertfordshire to help build performance management capacity. Their work will focus upon district LSP contributions and accountability to LAA2 targets. The focus areas will be:

- Dacorum LSP and "business climate" - focusing on NI 172
- St Albans and District LSP and "achieving independent living" - focusing on NI 125
- Hertsmeres LSP and "family resilience" - focusing on NI 116

For more please see [Ciara Magee's slides](#) or contact Ben.Wood@hertscc.gov.uk

Hertfordshire Forward Delivery Group (interim)

Pending a review of Governance arrangements (see March Bulletin) an 'Interim Delivery Group' has been set up to carry out urgent tasks including the development of the countywide performance reward grant (PRG) with an external facilitator, shaping the self assessment for CAA (see [above](#)), and shaping the performance scorecard. The outcomes of these tasks will be taken to the HF Core Group for their meeting on 20 May. Papers for this group's meetings can be found [here](#).

Hertfordshire Forward LSP Network

The 26 March meeting ([minutes here](#)) included further development of district chapters for the countywide self-assessment, performance management, and Stevenage's use of a partnership toolkit. Contact rs.projects@broxbourne.gov.uk for more.

Developing Stronger more Cohesive Communities

Cohesion Strategy - evidence base now completed, public facing version being drafted. Cohesion Group is now finalising key messages arising from the evidence base and drafting a specification for additional market research which will take place during the summer months. The Group will also be working to identify how they might be able to support the first ever 'Inter Faith Week' which will run from 15 to 21 November.

Migrant Impact Fund - Hertfordshire Forward LSP have supported a bid to this new funding source which aims to provide a joined up and co-ordinated response to addressing the impact of a significant new migrant community in the county. Although migrant workers and asylum seekers are not necessarily new to Hertfordshire the volume of new workers in recent years has had a direct impact on the provision of many public services.

Credit Unions - Hertfordshire County Council is actively seeking becoming an employee sponsor of the new HertSavers Credit Union.

'Generations Together' Fund - A bidding group is being established to prepare a bid to 'Generations Together', a new £5.5 million fund to help close the widening generation gap through volunteering. 12 projects will be funded across the country for young and older people to engage with each other on equal terms, break down barriers and challenge negative stereotypes.

Hertfordshire Equality Council - adverts for the post of Project Manager to work to establish the new county wide organisation have been placed in local and national media.

Hertfordshire Volunteering Strategy - following the successful workshop in March the development Group will be drafting the Strategy in time for launch in June. Volunteering and active citizenship are twin drivers in community cohesion, the more people engage in voluntary activities the more likely that they will feel part of their communities.

Volunteer Centres Herts Open Meeting - 17th June 2009 2pm at Beales Hotel, Hatfield. The meeting will be in 2 parts:-

- Launch of a Volunteering Strategy for Herts
- Presentation of the Valuing Volunteer Management Award. The award will be given to an organisation that is nominated by its volunteers for good practice. The High Sheriff, Janie Wentworth Stanley will present the award. See [here](#) for more.

Hertfordshire Forward Annual Conference

The 2009 Annual Conference (6 November 2009 at the Fielder Centre) will focus on the economy. Contact david.hughes@hertsc.gov.uk for more.

Last month

3 & 21 April Interim Delivery Group meetings (papers [here](#))

Future dates

07 May Interim Delivery Group meeting (PRG only)
20 May HF Core Group meeting (Fielder Centre, Hatfield)
17 June Volunteer Centres Herts Open Meeting - 2pm at Beales Hotel, Hatfield.
22 June LSP Network (Broxbourne)
6 Nov Hertfordshire Forward Annual Conference
2009 Core Group meetings: 30 September and 9 December

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