



Cornwall's Local Area Agreement October 2007 Briefing

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National recognition for Cornwall's Migrant Workers Outcome (Strong 4)

The Welcome Pack developed by the Cornwall Migrant Workers Group has been praised for highlighting what the UK is doing to create a fairer and more equal society in the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All (EYEOA). The **Migrant Workers Pack** aims to eliminate barriers to service access and help provide an equality of service for migrants working in Cornwall.



The welcome pack, launched throughout Cornwall in 2006, contains information on services such as education, health and legal advice, as well as local information on accessing interpreting services, travel, religion and beliefs. Each page is in English, Polish, Portuguese, and Russian.

Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has also highlighted the work in Cornwall as best practice in her recent letter to Darra Singh, Chair of the Commission on Integration and Cohesion. Ms Blears stated "My second priority is more focused support from the centre for local areas now charged with building cohesion as part of their core business. With the new Local Area Agreements, local authorities will be properly empowered to set their own agendas on cohesion, and to decide where their own priorities lie. But Central Government needs to continue to provide targeted support.... We will also provide additional support to the group of areas you identify as experiencing particular challenges from new migration. Together with the Improvement and Development Agency we plan to produce a **consistent template for a local area information pack** – outlining to new arrivals their rights, their responsibilities and the local customs – no later than January 2008. This will build on work already done in Cornwall, and in East Lancashire, where local packs ensure that migrant workers know their rights but also give them practical advice about laws and local customs. We will also be offering **new teams to support local areas experiencing particularly rapid change.**"

Beacon Status for Cornwall: Update

Cornwall has been shortlisted for Beacon Status in round Nine of the Beacon Scheme under the theme of Partnerships and Agreements based on our LAA. The Assessors highlighted:

- Strong partnership working in delivering the LAA
- Good practice in engaging and empowering local communities and neighbourhood management
- Good use of evidence
- Innovative interventions
- Leadership in reshaping services
- Good approach to risk management and to sharing learning



It is recognition by an independent assessment of what outcome leads and their partners have achieved during the last 18 months.

The next stage is for the Beacon Assessment Team to visit Cornwall in November followed by a presentation of our work in London (Jan 2008). Beacon Status will be awarded to successful areas in March 2008.

USEFUL LINKS:

- [Previous Issues of LAA brief](#)
- [Cornwall Strategic Partnership website](#)
- [Cornwall's LAA document](#)
- [LAA refresh](#)
- [Request an LAA Stakeholder Pack](#)
- [Strategy & Action](#)
- [Objective 1 on Convergence](#)

*** DIARY DATES ***

Sustainable
Community Strategy
Interlink Events
6th, 12th & 16th
November, 2007

SCS/LAA Stakeholder
Event
27th November 2007

(See article on page 2 for
more information)

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LAA Case Study: Bill's Story



Case studies are being used to demonstrate the good partnership work being undertaken within the LAA. For the full story behind the case study snippet below, please follow [this link](#)

'Bill was a reliable, hard working, successful builder when surgery on his back went wrong resulting in an 18 month stay in hospital. A proud man, Bill became depressed misusing his medication with alcohol to manage the pain, as a result he lost his partner, his home, and ended up sleeping rough on the streets.

A chance meeting with Cornwall Works turned his life around. He is now a successful health trainer, helping those who find themselves in a similar situation to himself back into work.'

Cornwall Sustainable Community Strategy



A huge amount of work is going on at the moment to draft Issues and Aims papers. Thank you to all those who have been working on this! Early drafts of these papers are available on www.cornwallstrategicpartnership.gov.uk so that others have an opportunity to help shape these papers – please remember they are *drafts* and will change. Upcoming stakeholder events are also aimed to encourage engagement with developing Sustainable Community Strategy. More information and the relevant booking forms are available [via this link](#)

Themed Inter-Link Meetings (3)



An Opportunity for the Voluntary and Community Organisations to help develop a Vision for Cornwall. Themed Inter-Link Meetings will be taking place throughout Cornwall in November 2007 to enable Voluntary and Community Organisations to have an input in the development of Cornwall's Sustainable Community Strategy. *'Make sure that the Voluntary and Community Sector get a Voice by attending one of these events'*

Meetings for Elected Members – these will follow on from the Inter-link meetings

Sustainable Community Strategy for Cornwall and new LAA – Stakeholder Day

Purpose of this event: *Continuing engagement with stakeholders and partners to provide feedback on the emerging big issues facing Cornwall which will be included in the Sustainable Community Strategy.*

Specific tasks are:

- Provide an opportunity to check the Aims and Issues papers
- Check and refine prioritisation criteria for outcomes to be included in the new LAA

Who should attend?

Cornwall Strategic Partnership; Thematic partnerships, including voluntary and community sector reps, private sector, elected members; and, District Local Strategic Partnerships

When and where?

27th November 2007. There will be two identical sessions 10-1 p.m. and 3.30-6 p.m. Porthavallen Hotel, Sea Road, Carlyon Bay, St Austell.

Other News.....

New arrangements for LAA's: The next issue of the LAA Newsletter will provide an update on the new arrangements for LAA's. The transformation continues... so watch this space...



LAA News and events from the IDeA:
<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelD=5111795>