

LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENTS

FREEDOMS AND FLEXIBILITIES DATA

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- After some targets you will see in brackets BV followed by a number e.g **(BV 36)**. This indicates that for the pilot authorities a target (national or local) used a particular best value performance indicator.
- Some targets will not have any number after them. This indicates that the target is local and does not necessarily match best value performance indicators.

Disclaimer: *every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this table. However, owing to the large amount of technical information that it brings together, the LGA cannot guarantee that it is completely accurate and completely comprehensive. All information can be checked by referring back to the pilot authorities' original signed agreements.*

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	SPORT	
To improve trends of health and participation in physical education and sport. (local)	The Department for Culture, Media and Sport agrees to discuss with Sunderland the establishment of an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the rolling up of initiatives, post procurement, to deliver more efficient and effective use of resources.	Sunderland (local)
	The Department for Culture, Media and Sport agrees to discuss with Sunderland the establishment of a secondary measurement mechanism to gauge the overall health gains derived from Sunderland City Council's LPSA, through the identification and application of agreed health indicators.	
	The DFEE confirms that Sunderland can apply for specialist sports college status for further schools within the LEA, as part of the competitive bidding process. It is expected that competitions will be held in October and March each academic year for operational starts the following September	

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To develop E-Government through more effective communication and service delivery to the public. (22)</p>	<p>ELECTRONIC SERVICE DELIVERY</p>	
	<p>The Council to be informed of the indicative resource allocations to be made available to the Authority from the Local Government On Line Fund for the financial years 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 by the 31st March 2001, subject to production of a satisfactory Implementing E-Government statement.</p> <p>The Council to be informed by letter by the DETR.</p>	<p>Birmingham (22) Richmond (22)</p>
	<p>The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames believes that uncertainty about how much external funding will be available to support investment decisions and partnership arrangements makes planning Electronic Service Delivery more difficult than should be the case. In recognition of this:</p> <p>The Office of the E-Envoy will consider with the Treasury how co-ordination of the various funding streams available (eg the Invest to Save Budget, the New Opportunities Fund and the On Line Fund) might be improved.</p>	<p>Richmond (22)</p>
	<p>The Government, led by OeE and DETR, will also continue to provide guidance to authorities on implementation of Electronic Service Delivery, taking into account Richmond's concerns about: the need for clarity about responsibilities where service delivery involves several agencies; legal issues such as confidentiality and data protection on shared databases; and security.</p>	
<p>Sheffield City Council has asked to be involved in the development of initiatives to encourage innovation and progress in ICT development (particularly in relation to future guidance on issues of confidentiality, security, data protection and national standards for electronic ID). The Council has also asked to be involved in any discussion of ways in which Government ICT initiatives are best co-ordinated for the benefit of public access to services.</p> <p>DETR and the Office of the e-Envoy have already established consultation processes on these issues with key stakeholders and will, through these processes, discuss with its partners and Sheffield City Council how the Council might be involved in the development of ICT initiatives.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Minister for the Cabinet Office.</p>	<p>Sheffield (22)</p>	

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To develop E-Government through more effective communication and service delivery to the public. (22)	The DETR and the Office of the E-Envoy to use their best endeavours to involve the Council in the development of GSX (extra net).	Tameside (22)
	The DETR to involve Tameside Council in discussions about the roll-out of Local Government Online funds.	
	That the DETR will use its best endeavours to fast track consideration of Newham Council's specific application(s) for exemption from local government regulations regarding the Council's ability to participate in joint venture companies that support EDS development and delivery.	Newham (22)
	The Government will discuss with the Council ways in which inter-authority links can be fostered within the Local Government Secure Internet and how the existing mechanisms for information exchange and joined-up working on electronic service delivery can be strengthened. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.	Surrey (22)

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	Positive recognition by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions of the role of LPSA pilots in participating in the e-government structures and projects, to include the provision of clear guidance on relevant issues from Central Government or, where there is no guidance already in place, a fast and positive response is given by Government to requests for guidance including the development of, and consultation on, that guidance; and the provision of 'fast track' access to continuing developments in service specification and XML Standards.	Norfolk (22)
To develop E-Government through more effective communication and service delivery to the public. (22)	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues, recognises the Council's commitment to stretched targets as an LPSA authority in seeking access to central government funds, and agrees in principle the Council's application for £5.5M of PFI credits to support the extension of E-government in joining up services, subject to meeting both Project Review Group criteria, including the demonstration of value for money, and the criteria for electronic service delivery pathfinder authorities as described in Annex 2 of "Delivering Local Government Online" published in February 2001 by DETR (DETR) and the Local Government Association.	Norfolk (22)

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<p>To develop E-Government through more effective communication and service delivery to the public. (22)</p>	<p>The Council to be informed of the indicative resource allocations to be made available to the Authority from the Local Government On Line Fund for the financial years 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04 by the 31st March 2001, subject to production of a satisfactory Implementing E-Government statement.</p> <p>The Council to be informed by letter by the DETR.</p> <p>In addition, DETR will issue an Unsupported Credit Approval to Borough Council permitting capital expenditure which is not charged to revenue in connection with the council's proposals (target area 11) for accelerating the availability of services delivered electronically, if the authority is allocated less than £500,000 in total in grants to be given under the Local Government On-Line Fund in respect of the financial years 2001/02, 2002/03 and 2003/04. The amount of the Unsupported Credit Approval will be the amount by which the total of grants is less than £500,000. Allocation will be subject to conditions precedent to payment</p>	<p>Stockton (22)</p>
	<p>Sheffield City Council has asked to be involved in the development of initiatives to encourage innovation and progress in ICT development (particularly in relation to future guidance on issues of confidentiality, security, data protection and national standards for electronic ID). The Council has also asked to be involved in any discussion of ways in which Government ICT initiatives are best co-ordinated for the benefit of public access to services.</p> <p>DETR and the Office of the e-Envoy have already established consultation processes on these issues with key stakeholders and will, through these processes, discuss with its partners and Sheffield City Council how the Council might be involved in the development of ICT initiatives.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Minister for the Cabinet Office.</p>	<p>Sheffield (22)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	HOUSING	
To improve the quality of local housing. (13)	The Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions will use its best endeavours to work with the London Borough to reduce the complexity of funding arrangements for Home Repairs and Maintenance. This will be achieved through the development of brought forward flexibilities in the forthcoming guidance being prepared by DETR.	Camden (13)
To increase the total use of libraries, particularly in areas identified as being deprived or with identified socially and economically excluded groups or communities. (local)	<p>The Government will, when considering measures to ameliorate recruitment and retention difficulties of key workers, take into account the views of Cambridgeshire County Council on the high cost of housing in parts of the county and the impact this would have on the achievement of its PSA targets.</p> <p>In evaluating bids received under the Starter Home Initiative, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will, subject to consideration and comparison of all bids against the criteria established for the scheme, take into account the contribution that the Council's SHI proposals would make to the achievement of its PSA targets.</p>	Cambridgeshire (local)
To provide high quality pre-admission and rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible by reducing preventable hospitalisation and minimising delays in moving people on from hospital. (7)	The DETR will use its best endeavours to work with the Council to reduce the complexity of current DFG grant processes, and funding arrangements for Home Repairs and Maintenance. This will be achieved through the development, and enhancement if necessary, of forthcoming guidance being prepared by the Department of Health and the DETR.	Middlesbrough (7)
To reduce the % of homeless households in temporary accommodation during the year in bed and breakfast accommodation. (local)	DETR will continue to discuss with The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames how to work within planning guidelines to address the difficulties faced by the Borough in providing affordable housing which accords with the priorities set out in the Borough's Housing Strategy.	Richmond (local)

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<p>To help older people live independently in the community by reducing preventable hospitalisation and minimising delays in moving people on from hospital. (7)</p>	<p>Although the current rules on eligibility preclude payment of Disabled Facilities Grant to foster carers of disabled children, the issue will be taken into account in the review of the scheme currently under way.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p>	Kent (7)
	<p>The Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions will use its best endeavours to work with the Council to reduce the complexity of current Disabled Facilities Grant processes.</p>	Camden (7)
	<p>The DETR will use its best endeavours to facilitate Camden's proposed partnering agreement for the delivery of its capital programme, whilst ensuring adequate protection of leaseholders' rights. DETR will continue to discuss with Camden how best this might be achieved, taking into account planned changes to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 through the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill and the alternative possibility of secondary legislation under the Local Government Acts. The aim will be to change the relevant provisions of the existing law by April 2002.</p>	
<p>To reduce key recorded crime categories. (19)</p> <p>To ensure that all social housing meets standards of decency. (13)</p>	<p>Sheffield City Council can install burglar alarms in its council houses and recover a contribution towards the cost of the scheme through increased rents charged for the properties, provided that the benefits of the scheme are not confined to those tenants in receipt of housing benefit. Sheffield City Council should also have regard to the effect of this scheme over time on its Housing Revenue Account.</p>	Sheffield (19)
	<p>The DETR will, in the first half of 2001, commence consultation process on proposals for legislation concerning selective licensing schemes for landlords in low demand areas.</p>	Middlesbrough (19) Newcastle (13)
	<p>The DETR and the Home Office are content for the Council to provide grant based incentives to private landlords for the purpose of target hardening their properties in the campaign areas covered by this PSA (target 11).</p>	Newham (19)

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<p>Statement of intent:</p> <p>The special challenge of coastal communities.</p>	<p>Thanet and Shepway figure significantly in the Index of Local Deprivation and have a dependency on benefits well above the county average.</p> <p>Where there is a national or local target for which district-level performance is below the county average, performance in the district will improve by more than the target that has been set for the county as a whole – so that over the period of the PSA performance across Kent as a whole will converge and not diverge. “Convergence” targets have also been set for services, which do not form part of the countywide suite. Initially, across Thanet and Shepway together there are 17 elements to the overall target consistent with the priority areas of government’s ‘National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal’ education, employment, health, crime and housing. Kent will also monitor overarching measures of dependency and economic performance i.e. levels of benefit, the number of claimants and the unemployment rate.</p>	<p>Kent</p>
<p>To reduce key recorded categories of crime. (19)</p>	<p><u>Burglary</u> Coventry propose that the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (or relevant ministerial colleague(s)) use their best endeavours to enter into discussions with the Council about the powers:</p> <p>(a) to serve statutory orders for owners to secure buildings that pose potential community safety dangers with a reasonable period of time; and</p> <p>(b) which also provide for local authorities to secure and make visually acceptable such buildings and to recover costs through a fast track Charging Order and sale process, for both known and unknown owner situations.</p> <p><u>Burglary</u> Coventry seek further discussions with the Government about providing councils with the power to charge for security (and other) services under section 150 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.</p>	<p>Coventry (19)</p>
<p>To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services (22)</p>	<p>The Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions will consider expeditiously an application for a direction under section 74(3)(d) of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989, with a view to enabling closure of Richmond upon Thames’ Housing Revenue Account with effect from March 2002.</p>	<p>Richmond (22)</p>

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	FINANCE	
To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services. (22)	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues, undertakes to consider proposals from the Council to re-negotiate existing terms and conditions of challenge funded projects so that they may be combined to deliver agreed targets more cost effectively, stretch targets for the same money, or achieve other added value benefits while staying within the overall objectives of the challenge funds.	Norfolk (22)
	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues, recognises the Council's commitment to stretched targets as an LPSA authority in seeking access to central government funds, and agrees in principle the Council's application for £5.5M of PFI credits to support the extension of E-government in joining up services, subject to meeting both Project Review Group criteria, including the demonstration of value for money, and the criteria for electronic service delivery pathfinder authorities as described in Annex 2 of "Delivering Local Government Online" published in February 2001 by DETR (DETR) and the Local Government Association.	
To reduce the key recorded crime care group. (19)	Provide councils with a specific power to charge for security (and other) services under section 150 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 DETR will do this through Regulations issued under Section 150 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.	Stockton (19)
To promote urban regeneration through bringing forward brown field sites for housing and economic development. (local)	The Government Office for the North East will work with the City Council, the DETR and the Treasury to identify by the end of July 2001 situations where clawback of grant in relation to past regeneration and housing grant regimes will be waived. The arrangements will need to satisfy the requirements of the NAO. Where the waiver of clawback would affect the programmes run by One NorthEast or English Partnerships, particularly where the money would otherwise be retained by them for regeneration purposes, their views will also be taken into account.	Newcastle (local)
	As part of the wider consideration of possible changes to the "Receipts Taken into Account" regime for 2002-03. DETR will examine the implications for urban renewal and regeneration and will consider, among other matters, the effects of regulations 86 to 93 in the Capital Finance Regulations 1997 and the treatment of receipts from the disposal of local authority interest in airports. The Council will be consulted as part of this exercise.	

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To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services. (22)	<p>To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of services through an annual improvement of at least 2%.</p> <p>All the authorities have agreed to agree a model with the Government in late summer 2001, and to consider substituting in an alternative if Government's Best Value inspired research throws up a suitable model.</p>	All authorities (22)
To reduce the key recorded crime category of domestic burglary. (19)	<p>Provide councils with a specific power to charge for security (and other) services under section 150 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989</p> <p>DETR will do this through Regulations issued under Section 150 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.</p>	Stockton (19)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	INSPECTIONS	
<p>Council wide targets. Inspection.</p>	<p>The Best Value Inspectorate forum is sympathetic towards the general principle that it might seek to agree a lighter touch approach to best value inspection in relation to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council where risk assessment suggests this is appropriate, and without prejudice to existing inspection programmes. Such a light touch, and the extent to which it may be applied will be dependent upon a considered assessment of the Council's best value review programme and its current levels of performance and targets for improvement.</p> <p>Light touch inspection will commence, where appropriate, and within the above parameters, by summer 2002.</p> <p>SSI and OFSTED will continue to inspect social care and education services respectively in the Council as part of their ongoing assessment role. The Audit Commission continues to exercise its powers as set out in the Audit Commission Act 1998.</p>	<p>Blackburn (22) Lewisham (22) Stockton (22)</p>

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	NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAMMES	
To improve management of services in most disadvantaged neighbourhoods. (local)	The Government will consider whether to remove restrictions which prevent managers within Government departments and agencies acting as directors within formal constituted partnership structures, and how this could be done.	Middlesbrough (local)
	The DETR will work with Middlesbrough Council to develop models of neighbourhood management as part of policy development work.	Middlesbrough (local)
To reduce the key recorded crime categories. (19)	In the event that Middlesbrough Council can demonstrate that government departments and agencies at a local level are not contributing to the delivery of improved local PSA targets in disadvantaged neighbourhoods, the Government undertakes to mediate between interested parties with the aim of maximising such contributions.	Middlesbrough (19)
	The DETR will work with Middlesbrough Council to support their proposed pilot of community supported neighbourhood level service agreements, which aims to improve service delivery in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.	
	The Government will consider further whether, and how, it might relax some of the financial restrictions that prevent residents being rewarded for playing a full role in neighbourhood management, for example, by becoming a member of relevant trust boards and steering groups.	
	In the event of another bidding round for Neighbourhood Wardens grants, the DETR will discuss with Middlesbrough Council their concerns about the last round, and will aim to take account of these concerns when framing the bidding criteria.	

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	PLANNING	
To reduce the key recorded crime categories. (19)	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (or relevant ministerial colleague(s)) intends that their Departments will use their best endeavours to enter into discussions with the Council about the powers:</p> <p>(a) to serve statutory orders for owners to secure buildings that pose potential community safety dangers within a reasonable period of time; and</p> <p>(c) which also provide for local authorities to secure and make visually acceptable such buildings and to recover costs through a fast track Charging Order and sale process, for both known and unknown owner situations.</p>	Stockton (19)
To achieve faster land assembly of two large strategic projects in the City Centre. (local)	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and Chief Planning Inspector have agreed that the Planning Inspectorate will enter into a specific Service Level Agreement with Sheffield City Council for dealing with Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) which will be based on the guidance for development plan enquiries issued to local authorities and the Planning Inspectorate in March 2000. This Service Level Agreement will effectively mean that within 50 working days of notifying the Planning Inspectorate, an Inspector will be appointed to the case and a date for an enquiry set.</p> <p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions further confirms the existing target for Government Offices to issue a decision on opposed CPOs within 13 weeks of receiving the inspector's report.</p>	Sheffield (local)
To promote urban regeneration through bringing forward brown field sites for housing and economic development. (local)	<p>The DETR will use its best endeavours to publish a comprehensive manual and Government Best Practice Guidance, complementing Circular 14/94 (as recommended in the Fundamental Review of the laws and procedures relating to compulsory purchase and compensation). This will include guidance on the use of CPO powers under S226 of the Town and Country Planning Act as part of a regeneration project to bring wider economic and environmental benefits.</p> <p>The DETR, GONE and NCC will implement the DETR Best Practice Guidance (Statutory and Non Statutory Consultation Report, Jan 2001, DETR) by seeking to develop a local agreement and protocol of best practice with the Environment Agency and English Heritage with particular regard to timescales for consultation on planning applications once referred to DETR. GONE and NCC will approach all other statutory consultees and encourage them to participate in the local agreement and protocol.</p>	Newcastle (local)

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<p>To promote urban regeneration through bringing forward brown field sites for housing and economic development. (local)</p>	<p>The DETR and GONE will, wherever possible, deal with Article 14 directions, planning referrals and CPO applications within the primary targets set out in their Service Level Agreement and which are reproduced here below:</p> <p><u>Decisions on called-in planning applications and other planning referrals</u> Issue decision in 80% of cases within 13 weeks of receipt of Inspector’s report.</p> <p><u>Unopposed Compulsory Purchase Orders</u> Decide whether to confirm all orders within 10 weeks of the last date of the last objection period, receipt of full details from the local planning authority, or receipt of all papers from PINS when all objections to opposed CPOs are withdrawn before inquiry, whichever is the later.</p> <p><u>Opposed Compulsory Purchase Orders</u> Issue decision in all cases within 13 weeks (or 20 weeks if a case linked with a called in case) of receipt of Inspector’s report and all relevant documentation.</p>	<p>Newcastle (local)</p>
<p>To improve the approvals process in relation to planning applications. (local)</p>	<p>The DETR will support Camden piloting the removal of statutory requirement to publicise individual press notices relating to planning applications with the exception of Environmental Impact Assessments.</p>	<p>Camden (local)</p>
	<p>Annex A to Schedule 2 Regeneration in Newham’s Arc of Opportunity</p> <p>Newham London Borough Council and the Government agree that regeneration and the reclamation of brownfield land along the Stratford to Thameside corridor of the ‘Arc of Opportunity’, is an important priority.</p> <p>Discussions in the context of this local PSA have identified some potential improvements to existing Compulsory Purchase Order procedures:</p>	<p>Newham</p>

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	<p>The DETR (DETR) and the Government Office for London will, wherever possible, deal with Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) applications within the primary targets set out in their Service Level Agreement.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate is prepared to discuss a specific Service Level Agreement with the London Borough of Newham for dealing with CPOs which would be based on the guidance for development plan enquiries issued to local authorities and the Planning Inspectorate in March 2000.</p> <p>DETR will also be arranging during 2001 for the publication of a comprehensive manual and Government Best Practice Guidance, complementing Circular 14/94.</p>	Newham
Statement of intent	The special challenge of coastal communities (please see page 19 for description of the commitment here)	Kent

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	REGENERATION	
To increase the number of childcare places in North Wisbech through a multi-agency centre, which will provide a range of such surplus places plus access to support services from health and education. (local)	<p>The Government and County Council agree to work with other PSA authorities to explore the impact of different Government funding programmes on the problems of deprived rural communities and disadvantaged individuals living in rural areas.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p>	Cambridgeshire (local)
To increase by 2008 60% of additional housing should be provided on previously developed land through conversions of existing buildings. (18)	<p><u>BROWNFIELD SITE DEVELOPMENT</u></p> <p>The Government Office for the North East will work with the City Council, the DETR and the Treasury to identify by the end of July 2001 situations where clawback of grant in relation to past regeneration and housing grant regimes will be waived. The arrangements will need to satisfy the requirements of the NAO. Where the waiver of clawback would affect the programmes run by One NorthEast or English Partnerships, particularly where the money would otherwise be retained by them for regeneration purposes, their views will also be taken into account.</p>	Newcastle(18)
	Newcastle City Council to provide written details to the Treasury and DETR of their ideas for national criteria for areas to be exempted from stamp duty.	

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<p>Over the 3 years to 2004 increase the employment rates of disadvantaged areas and groups taking account of the economic cycle. (conceived as a local target)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government will take all reasonable steps to ensure that its departments and agencies support programmes and projects that contribute to Kent's PSA target L1. 2. In the absence of resources from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), the Government will, when making decisions about other relevant funding programmes, give weight to representations by Kent and/or its partner bodies that would materially advance the achievement of the PSA target L1. This commitment relates to decisions on the allocation of funds that are based on consideration of individual cases as distinct from those based on formulae. This commitment applies to applications from Kent, Thanet and Shepway District Councils, Kent Police Authority, Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority and East Kent Health Authority 3. The Government and Kent agree that the grant payable under Schedule 3 in support of PSA target L1 will be regulated in such a way that no greater restrictions will be placed on its use than would have been the case if NRF grant had been available to support this target. <p>These assurances are given by the Government signatories to this Agreement.</p>	<p>Kent (local)</p>
<p>To increase by 2008 60% of additional housing should be provided on previously developed land through conversions of existing buildings. (18)</p>	<p>HM Treasury will work with the DETR, Government Office for the North East and the City Council to explore whether and how potential clawback of grant in relation to past regeneration and housing grant regimes might be waived to assist with the early development of brown field sites.</p>	<p>Newcastle (18)</p>

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	TRANSPORT	
To reduce avoidable traffic congestion. (14)	The Government will consider revising the current provisions of notification served under section 58 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, to remove the current requirement to advertise in the London Gazette.	Birmingham (14) Middlesbrough (14)
	The DETR will consider, within the current review of the Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Highways, the case for full or half width reinstatement in areas of flexible construction where section 58 restrictions are in force, or on bus routes where that route lies within a classified road.	Camden (14)
To accelerate reduction of the highway maintenance backlog through a Special Purpose Vehicle (local) To ensure % year on year increase in bus use. (15)	The Government has made clear that a high level of expenditure on road maintenance will be necessary to achieve the targets set in <i>Transport 2010: The Ten Year Plan</i> . The Government is aiming to provide sufficient resources to each local authority to halt the deterioration in the condition of local roads by 2004 and to eliminate the backlog by the end of the period covered by the Plan. These resources will be made available in the form of both revenue and capital provision. Currently revenue resources are allocated to authorities through the highway maintenance standard spending assessment formula. Capital provision is allocated by means of formulae in respect of principal roads, bridges and non-principal roads. In respect of capital provision, the Government has guaranteed to provide £6.2 million in 2001/02 and £6.2 million in 2002/03 for the road maintenance element of Birmingham's local transport capital settlement. In addition, the Government has guaranteed that no authority will receive less than 75% of the amount of its 2002/03 maintenance allocation for each of the years from 2003/04 to 2005/06. The Government has made provision for further capital resources – above and beyond these minimum allocations which for Birmingham total £26.3 million - to be made available in respect of road maintenance for the period 2003/4 to 2005/6.	Birmingham (local) (15)

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<p>To accelerate reduction of the highway maintenance backlog through a Special Purpose Vehicle (local)</p> <p>To ensure % year on year increase in bus use. (15)</p>	<p>All other things being equal, Birmingham can expect to receive a significant additional amount in each of these years. The size of that amount will be determined through the application of the formulae described above.</p> <p>However, the Government is aware that Birmingham intend to enter into a PPP agreement to fund their accelerated programme of maintenance. Accordingly, the Government would be willing to discuss with Birmingham how liabilities arising from this agreement are to met in the light of the amounts to be made available to the authority through the formulaic allocation of resources for the period 2003/04-2005/06.</p>	<p>Birmingham (local) (15)</p>
<p>To accelerate reduction of the highway maintenance backlog through a Special Purpose Vehicle (local)</p> <p>To ensure % year on year increase in bus use. (15) (local) (15)</p>	<p>The Ten Year Plan also sets out the Government's intention to make provision, for England outside London, for £10.9 billion of public capital for the period 2006/7 to 2010/11. Save for that element which is made available in respect of major schemes, authorities will have discretion to use the available resources as they see fit. The Government has, however, earmarked £6.2 billion of that amount for road maintenance. In addition, the Government has made provision for £10.1 billion of revenue for local road maintenance for the same period. This represents an increase of 18% in real terms over the total available for 2001/02 to 2005/06.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council can reasonably expect to continue to receive very substantial allocations from this increased aggregate of planned expenditure on road maintenance for the second LTP period.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p> <p>The DETR advises that Birmingham City Council, as an approved authority for the purposes of decriminalised parking enforcement, will be eligible to receive powers under regulations to be made under the provisions of Section 144 of the Transport Act 2000 to enforce bus lanes. Provided Birmingham meet the conditions for approval by the Secretary of State, as provided for under Section 144 of the 2000 Act, the DETR will include Birmingham in the first phase of authorities allowed to take up bus lane enforcement powers. Subject to the drafting and laying of the regulations these powers will be effective from 1 April 2002.</p>	<p>Birmingham (local) (15)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To increase bus patronage on radial route corridors into/out of Cambridge (local)	<p>The Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions agrees to facilitate the development and implementation of a quality bus partnership for the Cambridge area that increases bus use, in particular by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • actively encouraging joint ticketing arrangements in supporting a mechanism (e.g. trial scheme for Cambridgeshire) under the new powers available in the Transport Act 2000 and the ticketing block exemption; • providing support to the Council in ensuring that information on patronage levels and performance are provided by bus operators; • supporting (in principle) the Council's inclusion of fare and frequency levels in the proposed partnership arrangements (consistent with Office of Fair Trading requirements); • providing support in monitoring the implementation of the partnership. 	Cambridgeshire (local)
<p>To increase bus patronage on radial route corridors into/out of Cambridge (local)</p> <p>To reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured and the number of children killed and seriously injured in road accidents. (17)</p>	<p>The DETR will support the Council by continuing to work with the Radio communications Agency in connection with the release of radio frequencies to support Real Time Bus information and standardisation of systems.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p> <p>Consideration will be given in the future to the inclusion of skidding resistance as a factor in the formula for distributing grants for principal roads maintenance.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire (local)</p> <p>Cambridgeshire (17)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured and the number of children killed and seriously injured in road accidents. (17)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions will include Cambridgeshire in the next phase of local authorities allowed to use speeding fines for enforcement measures, providing that the Council meets the rules of the scheme and subject to the passage of the necessary legislation.</p> <p>The Government will give consideration to how speed camera fines and savings to the Exchequer arising from reductions in road accident casualties can be reinvested in a wider range of preventive measures. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p> <p>The Government will give consideration to the use of speed camera fines for reinvestment in a wider range of preventative measures. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p> <p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) has agreed that Sheffield City Council will be included in the first phase of local authorities allowed to use speeding fines for enforcement measures. This will apply to all roads in Sheffield. Subject to the passage of legislation, this will be effective from October 2001, and is conditional on the City Council meeting the rules of the scheme and subject to undertaking consultation with the Police and other authorities in South Yorkshire. In addition, the DETR has agreed to give the City Council additional powers to use a proportion of the income from the speeding fines to fund further installation of cameras on other sites in the City (in addition to powers to administer, operate and enforce set out in the legislation).</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire (17) Derbyshire (17) Kent (17) Warwickshire (17) Sunderland (17) Surrey (17) Tameside (17) Newcastle (17) Coventry (17) Sheffield (17)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To reduce road accident casualties (17)	The speed camera fines hypothecation scheme allows expenditure only on speed camera related safety measures. The Government will give consideration to the possibility of the local reinvestment of speed camera fines to promote other road safety measures including education, training and publicity.	Milton Keynes (17)
To increase bus usage in Derbyshire. (15)	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will consider sympathetically proposals from the Council for a relaxation in the interpretation of the "three mile" rule allowing Rural Bus Subsidy Grant support to existing rural bus services rather than just new services, in the context of changes already announced which allow more flexibility in the use of this grant for existing services.	Derbyshire (15)
	Consideration will be given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to increasing the de minimis restrictions on public transport operators under the Transport Act 1985 Regulations. The effect being to increase the de minimis level of £12,000 to £15,000 per contract; and an increase from £75,000 to £110,000 per operator. The Council undertakes to maintain an auditable register of any changes	Derbyshire (15) Milton Keynes (15)
To reduce avoidable traffic congestion. (14)	The Government will, subject to the approval of the necessary regulations by Parliament, consider permitting Middlesbrough Council and Camden to operate a pilot study to assess the impact of lane rental as a possible means to reduce the element of congestion caused by street works. The detailed arrangements of such a pilot would be the subject of further discussion between Middlesbrough Council and the DETR.	Middlesbrough (14) Camden (14)
	The Government will permit use of the revenue generated from the lane rental pilot scheme to fund the rapid reaction parking enforcement on bus routes. (Camden extra): and other specified strategic route obstructions.	
	The DETR will consider Middlesbrough Council's and Camden's involvement in a study into the effect of reinstatements as regards long term damage to highways.	

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To reduce avoidable traffic congestion. (14)	The DETR will use its best endeavours to support Middlesbrough Council and Camden in their attempts to reach agreement with the utility companies to co-operate with better identification of reinstatements via a pilot study into the use of passive detectors. Subject to agreement with the utility companies, Middlesbrough Council will, within the PSA, attempt to gather information for the Government in support of the study into the long term damaging effect of carriageway reinstatements.	Middlesbrough (14) Camden (14)
To increase the number of bus passenger journeys from 2000 levels by 10% by 2010. (15)	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues will waive the requirement for competitive tendering where local bus projects are funded through Rural Transport Partnership Action Plans or Rural Bus Challenge bids, subject to best value requirements being met in the project submission.	Norfolk (15)
	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues will provide support for Travel Plans in Planning Policy Guidance 13. PPG 13 will emphasise the importance of public transport accessibility in the location of development.	
	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, or relevant Ministerial colleagues undertakes to actively consider resubmitted (and previously unsuccessful) Rural Bus Challenge Fund bids and discuss these with the Council.	
To reduce road accident casualties. (17)	The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames will co-operate with Transport for London, the police and the courts in London to deliver a scheme for netting off speed and red-light fines against costs. This is subject to the passage of legislation and is conditional on the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames meeting the conditions of the scheme agreed for London. It will be effective from October 2001.	Richmond (17) Newham (17)
To remove flyposting from council owned buildings and structures. (local)	The Government will support the piloting of arrangements for the Council to share enforcement work with the Metropolitan Police and the DVLA.	Camden (local)
To reduce road accident casualties. (17)	DETR will consider relaxing the conditions imposed on warning and regulatory signs in urban areas to allow the Council the opportunity to innovate and introduce problem solving initiatives.	Newham (17)

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To reduce road accident casualties (17)	The DETR will approve the introduction of signs showing maximum advisory speeds of 10mph in designated Home Zones which are supported by appropriate speed management measures.	Newcastle (17)
	The DETR will offer the City Council advice about speed management techniques suitable for city centre clear zones (and outside schools if there is a road safety problem there too).	
	The City Council already have powers to make Traffic Regulation Orders to restrict vehicle access in specific areas to create environmental benefits through pollution reduction. The Department will work with the City Council to see how these can be used to restrict the access of particular vehicles to reduce pollution.	
	DETR and Home Office will work with Newcastle City Council and the Police to explore the potential to improve the enforcement of access restrictions (eg the use of camera evidence in prosecution) in Clear Zones.	

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase bus use in England from 2000 levels by 10% by 2010, while at the same time securing improvements in punctuality and reliability. (15)</p>	<p>Fuel duty rebates are currently only payable to operators of commercial bus services and certain section 22 community bus services under the 1985 Transport Act. The permit arrangements for section 19 and 22 of the 1985 Transport Act are very complex and currently the permit allows both types of scheme to operate for 'hire and reward'. Section 19, however, only allows an operator to transport individuals on a pre-booked membership basis, while Section 22 services can run registered bus services and can be hailed by any member of the public. However, Section 22 services are controlled by a very complex set of requirements and must meet stringent standards before a permit is issued by the traffic commissioner. To achieve the target, the following changes are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide fuel duty rebates to the operators of all dial-a-ride and community transport schemes. This will lower the running costs and help the schemes to be more financially viable, and so encourage more schemes to be set up and expand existing schemes. • Amend the 1985 Transport Act to allow dial-a-ride operators to establish services that could pick up anyone without pre-booking or membership. This would free up the voluntary sector to provide a better, more comprehensive service. This would not conflict with bus operators who could still operate the services if they wanted to. It would also lead to more flexible community transport schemes, particularly in rural areas where public transport is less likely to be available. 	<p>Surrey (15)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To reduce road accident casualties (17)	The stretch target of a 5% (4% above baseline) increase in journeys per year is conditional on the removal of the above inhibitors, and will commence from the date of their removal. Surrey County Council will work closely with DETR to find ways of implementing the Rural White Paper commitment to more flexible arrangements for community transport. The Council will use its practical experience of community transport both to inform possible legislative change and, if possible, to help develop a pilot scheme within the current legislative framework.	Surrey (17)
	The Council will actively participate in DETR's investigation of effective speed management and speed limit signing in rural areas. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions	
	Recognising their importance to the achievement of the proposed reduction in road casualties in Tameside the Highways Agency has agreed to participate in and work closely with Tameside on its Streetsafe Initiative.	Tameside (17)
	Road Safety is part of Personal Health and Social Education within the National Curriculum. The DfEE are working with experts in this field to develop guidance on aspects of safety education. When any guidance has been approved, the DfEE will share this with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council prior publication. The authority will also be offered the opportunity to discuss the progress on the development of the guidance with the DfEE.	Tameside (17) Blackburn (17)
	Recognising their importance to the achievement of the proposed reduction in road casualties in Tameside, the Highways Agency has agreed to participate in and work closely with Tameside on its Streetsafe Initiative.	Tameside (17)
To ensure % year on year increase in bus use. (15)	The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will work to ensure that any further short-term measures recommended by the CHUMMS study are implemented as quickly as possible.	Cambridge (15)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	WASTE and LITTER	
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p> <p>(Blackburn with Darwen – target 10 but no flexibilities required)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will support Warwickshire County Council's initiatives to increase recycling and recovery of materials at Household Waste Recycling Centres. In particular, DETR will make best endeavours to legislate to enable pilot schemes on:</p> <p>charging householders for the disposal of mixed waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres; and giving councils the power to direct waste collection authorities to separate the collection of waste, particularly recyclable materials</p>	Warwickshire (12)
	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will support Birmingham City Council's initiatives to increase recycling and recovery of materials. In particular, DETR will make best endeavours to legislate to enable pilot schemes on:</p> <p>charging householders for the disposal of mixed waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres; and</p>	Birmingham (12) Norfolk (12)
	<p>giving councils the power to direct waste collection authorities to separate the collection of waste, particularly recyclable materials</p>	Birmingham (12) Tameside (12)
	<p>The Council has taken the decision to remove the waste recycling target from the agreement. However, the Council would wish to be involved in further discussions with the Government about the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme and any early opportunities to pilot new arrangements.</p>	Milton Keynes (12)
	<p>The Government will explore with The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames how resources going through the Landfill Tax Credit Schemes could be better used to increase recycling rates, particularly of household waste. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will take into account in funding decisions whether an authority is operating under a local PSA for waste management. The Government will encourage the Waste and Resources Action Programme to work closely with such authorities</p>	Richmond (12)
<p>To remove flyposting from council owned buildings and structures. (local)</p>	<p>The DETR will support Camden piloting changes to s.224 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Date needed.</p>	Camden (local)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will support Cambridgeshire County Council's initiatives to increase recycling and recovery of materials. In particular, DETR will make best endeavours to introduce legislation that would enable the Council to introduce pilot schemes to levy charges for non-segregated household waste at its Civic Amenity sites.</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire (12)</p>
	<p>DETR will support the County Council in developing with Cambridgeshire Waste Collection Authorities, the payment of waste minimisation credits in addition to the statutory recycling credits, to take account of reductions in the amount of household waste collected, utilising the powers to promote community well being provided in the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p>	
	<p>For the purposes of this PSA only Kent may include rubble in the definition of "all waste collected by Waste Collection Authorities ("WCAs")" shown against BVPI 82.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p> <p>The Government agrees, in principle, to allow Kent to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">levy charges at its Civic Amenity sites for non-segregated waste, and adjust, in consultation with WCAs, the basis for the payment of waste recycling credits to take account of the amount of waste collected.</p> <p>This will be subject to constraints of legislation.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p>	<p>Kent (12)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p>	<p>The Government will discuss with the Environment Agency the issues raised by Kent in relation to the licensing of waste composting sites.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p>	<p>Kent (12)</p>
	<p>The Government will invite Kent to participate in discussions on the operation of the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme to inform policy formulation in this area ahead of the 2001 budget.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p>	
	<p>Acknowledgement by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues that the 2003/04 stretch target for recycling and composting (31%) will require increased expenditure by all authorities in Norfolk on new or extended facilities and services. The Council has a formal partnership with the seven Collection Authorities and is developing an integrated long-term strategy, with interim targets and a complementary urgent action programme. The Government will explore with the Council how the resources going through the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme could be better used to increase recycling rates, particularly of household waste. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will take into account in funding decisions whether an authority is operating under a local PSA for waste management. The Government will encourage the Waste and Resources Action Programme to work closely with such authorities.</p>	<p>Norfolk (12)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues shall bring forward legislation quickly to end the requirement in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for competitive tendering to allow the County Council to negotiate contracts to pilot alternative waste treatment technologies in Norfolk (e.g. anaerobic digestion and gasification).</p> <p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will support Norfolk County Council initiatives to increase recycling and recovery of materials at Household Waste Recycling Centres and to monitor and enforce against unauthorised disposal of trade-type waste and associated fly-tipping. In particular, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will make best endeavours to legislate to enable experiments in charging householders for the disposal of mixed waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres.</p> <p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will ensure that support is given to the development of any future Waste Management PFI submission for Norfolk and ensure that it is processed for decision quickly.</p>	
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will support the application of monies that would normally be payable by the County Council as recycling credits under Section 52 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 towards partnership initiatives promoted jointly by the Waste Disposal Authority and one or more of the Collection authorities</p> <p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions or Ministerial colleagues will ensure that support is given to the development of any future Waste Management PFI submission for Norfolk and ensure that it is processed for decision quickly.</p>	<p>Norfolk (12)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State (or relevant Ministerial colleagues) intends that their Departments should conduct discussions with Coventry City Council on the issues set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coventry seek to hold discussions with DETR on potential monitoring schemes for household waste minimisation and home composting, based on current research projects. 	<p>Coventry (12)</p>
	<p>The Secretary of State (or relevant Ministerial colleagues) intends that their Departments should conduct discussions with Coventry City Council on the issues set out below.</p> <p><u>Waste Management/Recycling</u></p> <p>The Government believes that local authorities have a key role in promoting household recycling and would like to see them benefit from funds in the LTCS.</p> <p>HM Treasury will shortly be challenging the waste industry to meet demanding targets to allocate a greater proportion of tax credits towards sustainable waste management projects and especially projects which promote recycling.</p> <p>In the longer-term the Government is attracted to replacing all or part of the LTCS with a public spending programme to direct resources towards Government priorities on sustainable waste management. The Government, led by HM Treasury and the DETR, will consult with interested parties, including Coventry City Council, on how this transition can be managed to ensure that worthwhile projects continue to attract funding both under the current scheme and under any replacement regime.</p>	

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To reduce the number of vehicles abandoned/unlicensed on Newham's streets and reduce the time currently taken to deal with abandoned/unlicensed vehicles. (local)</p>	<p>In respect of targets covering reduction of fly-tipping and reduction of abandoned vehicles:</p> <p>a) DETR will, in consultation with local authorities and the Environment Agency through the Fly Tipping Forum, actively consider and conclude by October 2001 ways of strengthening the measures in place to prevent the fly-tipping of waste and, where it occurs, to increase the effectiveness of the enforcement action taken by local authorities. Discussions will include consideration of amending Regulation 4 of the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 in time for 2002-03.</p> <p>b) As part of the pilot on abandoned vehicles, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency will consider whether there is an operational need to store large numbers of low value vehicles for 35 days or more.</p>	<p>Lewisham (local)</p>
	<p>DETR and the DVLA are content for the Council to act as agent for the DVLA in Newham with regard to wheel clamping and impounding of unlicensed vehicles on a pilot basis.</p>	<p>Newham (local)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase the recycling and composting of household waste. (12)</p>	<p>The Government believes that local authorities have a key role in promoting household recycling and would like to see them benefit from funds in the LTCS.</p> <p>HM Treasury will shortly be challenging the waste industry to meet demanding targets to allocate a greater proportion of tax credits towards sustainable waste management projects and especially projects which promote recycling.</p> <p>In the longer-term the Government is attracted to replacing all or part of the LTCS with a public spending programme to direct resources towards Government priorities on sustainable waste management. The Government, led HM Treasury and the DETR, will consult with interested parties, including Newcastle City Council, on how this transition can be managed to ensure that worthwhile projects continue to attract funding both under the current scheme and under any replacement regime.</p>	<p>Newcastle (12) Camden (12)</p>
	<p>The <i>Treasury and Customs & Excise</i> will conduct constructive discussions with Birmingham City Council on options for reforming the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, with the aim of increasing recycling rates of household waste.</p>	<p>Birmingham (12) Cambridgeshire (12)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	LITTER	
To improve the local environment and raise standards and conditions of housing in the private rented sector within the targeted localised areas. (local)	<p>The DETR will increase the level of fixed penalty fines which may be imposed for littering and dog fouling from the current £25. This would be achieved by making an order under the power conferred by section 88 in the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p> <p>The DETR will establish arrangements which will allow for receipts arising from Fixed Penalty Notices for littering (Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IV Section 88) and dog fouling (Fouling of Land Act 1996) surrendered by Newcastle City Council to the Secretary of State, to be repaid to the Authority for use in relation to approved categories of initiatives to further improve street cleanliness in Newcastle.</p>	Newcastle (local)
<p>To improve street cleanliness and improve quality of environment for residents. (local)</p> <p>To increase the % of highways that are either of a high or acceptable standard of cleanliness. (local)</p>	The DETR will establish arrangements which allow for receipts arising from Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling and street littering issued under the Dog Fouling - Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and the Environmental Protection Act, surrendered by Middlesbrough Council to the Secretary of State, to be repaid to the Authority for use in relation to approved categories of initiatives to further improve street cleanliness in Middlesbrough.	Middlesbrough (local) Stockton (local)
To improve street cleanliness and improve quality of environment for residents (local)	<p>The DETR will permit Middlesbrough Council to increase the maximum level of fixed penalty fines for littering and dog fouling from the current £25. This would be achieved by amending administrative arrangements for the collection of Fixed Penalty income from Middlesbrough Council.</p> <p>The DETR will encourage the Tidy Britain Group and Middlesbrough Council in their work to jointly develop and pilot a more resident-owned street cleanliness index.</p>	Middlesbrough (local)
To reduce fly-tipping. (local)	DETR will, in consultation with local authorities and the Environment Agency through the Fly Tipping Forum, consider ways of strengthening the measures in place to prevent the fly-tipping of waste and, where it occurs, to increase the effectiveness of the enforcement action taken by local authorities and the Environment Agency.	Newcastle (local)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To reduce fly tipping (local)	<p>DETR will, in consultation with local authorities and the Environment Agency through the Fly Tipping Forum, consider ways of strengthening the measures in place to prevent the fly-tipping of waste and, where it occurs, to increase the effectiveness of the enforcement action taken by local authorities and the Environment Agency. Discussions will include consideration of amending Regulation 4 of the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 in time for 2002-03.</p>	Lewisham (local)
	<p>DETR is content for the Council by agreement with the Environment Agency to act as agent for the Agency in examining waste transfer documents and take such legal action as is deemed appropriate in respect of Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.</p>	Newham (local)
To reduce fly-posting (local)	<p>To facilitate local authorities' enforcement of flyposting legislation, the DETR intends to amend sections 224 and 225 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. DETR are exploring the scope for effecting this earlier than would be the case if primary legislation was needed, by means of secondary legislation under the Local Government Act 2000.</p>	Camden (local)
To achieve an annual reduction in time taken to remove flytips in the City. (local)	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions has agreed to explore with Sheffield City Council the potential for allowing easier and cheaper local authority e-access to land registry. In addition, the DETR has agreed to collaborate with the City Council and the Environment Agency to examine ways of strengthening the measures in place to prevent the fly-tipping of waste, and, where it occurs, to increase the effectiveness of the enforcement action taken by local authorities and the Environment Agency. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions.</p>	Sheffield (local)

	EDUCATION	
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Education is the most complex section of this data table. In order to make it easier to follow and to help link these targets to local authorities, we have used the letters (a) to (g) inclusive for local targets which do not match Best Value Indicators or the national targets set out in Annex A of 'Local Public Service Agreements' – A prospectus for pilot Authorities.

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase % of 11 year olds at or above expected standard of literacy and numeracy. (1)</p> <p>To increase % of 14 year olds at or above standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for age. (2)</p> <p>To increase the % of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A* -C (or equivalent) (3)</p> <p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p> <p>To reduce school truancies. (5)</p> <p>To reduce the number of schools requiring special measures and schools with serious weaknesses to below national and 'shire' average. (BV 48)</p> <p>90% of pupils will leave school with a nationally recognised qualification by 2004. (a)</p> <p>To raise literacy attainment of pupils at schools in lowest quartile of achievement at KS1. (b)</p>	<p>Within each of the Standards Fund categories listed below, permit the Council to use the amounts falling within those elements of the Standards Fund defined as being amounts retained by the Local Education Authority as a single total which could be applied without restriction to any of the purposes relevant to those sections of the Standards Fund; and subject to the agreement of the secretary of the state for Education and Employment, to permit the Council to apply amounts retained by the Local Education Authority to any of the purposes relevant to sections of the Standards Fund outside the Standards Fund category for which the amount was originally allocated.</p> <p>For the purposes of this change, the relevant Standards Fund categories are School Improvement; Inclusion; Standards and Curriculum; Diversity and Excellence; and Teachers and Support.</p> <p>Assurance to be given by the Secretary of the State for Education and Employment. Other conditions placed on the authority, in relation to the acceptance of individual grants within these categories, will not be affected by this change.</p>	<p>Birmingham (3)</p> <p>Blackburn (2)</p> <p>Cambridgeshire (1)(2) (3)</p> <p>Camden (1) (2) – not ICT</p> <p>Coventry (1) (3) (a)</p> <p>Derbyshire (1) (2) (BV 48) (4)</p> <p>Kent (4)</p> <p>Lewisham (2) (3)</p> <p>Middlesbrough (5) (b) (d) (6)</p> <p>Milton Keynes (2) (3) (4) (5)</p> <p>Newcastle (2) (5)</p> <p>Newham (2) (4) (5)</p> <p>Norfolk (1) (2) (3) (h)</p> <p>Richmond (2) (3) (4)</p> <p>Sheffield (2) (3)</p> <p>Stockton (2) (3)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase number of 7 year olds who achieve the appropriate standards for their age in literacy and numeracy. (c)</p> <p>To raise literacy attainment at GCSE for ethnic minority pupils. (d)</p> <p>To increase the % of children in North Guildford who score within or above the average range on the baseline screening on entry to school. (e)</p> <p>To improve the educational achievement in English and Mathematics (Key Stage 2) of children with a Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage. (f)</p> <p>To increase the average GCSE point score. (g)</p>		<p>Surrey (4) (5) (c) (e)</p> <p>Tameside (4), (f)</p> <p>Warwickshire (1) (2), (3)</p>
<p>To increase the standards of educational attainment and pupil achievement in schools in three identified areas of Norfolk: the rural community of the Fens, urban West Norwich, and the town of Kings Lynn (h)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for Education will also consider agreeing to allow the LEA to include in a Formal Warning Notice (as set out in the Code of Practice on LEA: School relations) the possibility of withdrawing devolution of the Standards Fund.</p>	<p>Norfolk (1) (2) (3) (h)</p>

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	<p>The Council is given assurance of a minimum resource allocation through the Standard Fund of 95% of the 2001/2002 allocation for the duration of the period covered by this Public Service Agreement.</p> <p>Such assurances to be given by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment</p>	<p>Birmingham (3) Cambridgeshire (1) (3) Camden (1) (2) – ICT Coventry (1) (3) (a) Derbyshire (1) (2) (BV 48) (4) Kent (4) Lewisham (2) (3) Middlesbrough (5) (b) (d) (6) Milton Keynes (2) (3) (4) (5) Newcastle (2) (5) Newham (2) (4) (5) Norfolk (1) (2) (3) For the whole country and (1) (3) for (3) identifies areas in county. Richmond (2) (3) (4) Sheffield (3) Stockton (2) (3) Surrey (4) (5) (c) (e) Tameside (4) (f)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To increase % of 14 year olds at or above standard of literacy, numberacy, science and ICT for age (2)</p> <p>To increase the % of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A* -C (or equivalent) (3)</p>	<p>The Department of Education and employment accept that the purpose to which the agreed investment (to enable achievement of targets 1 and 2) shown in Schedule 2 of this agreement is to be applied, be excepted from any target figure for delegation of money to schools adopted from time to time by them.</p> <p>To be reflected in such targets or judgement upon achievement of such targets by the Department for Education and Employment.</p>	<p>Birmingham (2) (3)</p>
<p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS 2. (1)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS3. (2)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievement at KS4. (3)</p> <p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p>	<p>To use its best endeavours to work with [Birmingham City Council], with a view to reaching agreement (for implementation at a date to be agreed) by 1st April 2001, on the timetable and process for review and rationalisation of the number of Education based plans required to be produced by the Council under statute or departmental guidance. The objective of the review is to consolidate and rationalise insofar as possible into a single Education and Lifelong Learning Development Plan existing separate plan requirements.</p> <p>This will be done through exercise of the Secretary of State for Education and Employment's discretion or by order under Section 5 or Section 6 of the Local Government Act 2000 as appropriate.</p>	<p>Birmingham (1)</p> <p>Blackburn (1)</p> <p>Derbyshire (1) (2) (3) (4)</p> <p>Stockton (1) (2)</p> <p>Warwickshire (1) (2) (3)</p>
<p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS3. (2)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievement at KS4. (3)</p> <p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p> <p>To reduce school trancies. (5)</p>	<p>DfEE to recognise that, within overall retained funds, costs of strategic management and school improvement may be higher in recognition of the strategic role of the LEA in joining up initiatives and undertaking new pro-active work for the PSA.</p>	<p>Birmingham (2) (3)</p> <p>Blackburn (2)</p> <p>Milton Keynes (2) (3) (4) (5)</p>

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	<p>In the next round of LEA inspections (beginning in Spring 2002), OFSTED, in determining the intensity, nature and form of an inspection of an individual LEA, will take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the LEA's performance in the earlier inspection; -it's performance against a range of performance indicators; and - any relevant data. 	Blackburn (2)
<p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS3. (2)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievement at KS4. (3)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p> <p>To increase the average GCSE point score. (g)</p>	<p>In future school inspections and for the next round of LEA inspections (beginning Spring 2002), OFSTED, in determining the intensity, nature and form of an inspection of an individual school or LEA, will take into account the school's or LEA's performance in an earlier inspection; performance against a range of performance indicators; and any relevant data which would include evidence from moderated self-evaluation.</p> <p>Within the first six months of the PSA the DfEE, OFSTED and Birmingham City Council will discuss together ways of strengthening moderated self-evaluation as an important dimension of the approach to inspection.</p>	Birmingham (2) (3) (8) (g)
	<p>In order to encourage schools to set both minimum expectations of performance and more challenging targets, the City Council and Birmingham schools to set statutory performance targets for education as a range from modest to ambitious, with due regard being given to these ranges in publication of targets and judgements about performance, beyond any statutory requirement.</p>	Birmingham (2), (3), (8), (g)
	<p>The Government recognise that, in the local publication of examination results, the City Council may choose to show separately results relating to children looked after, beyond the statutory requirements.</p>	Birmingham (2) (3) (8) (g)

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To improve road safety. (17)	Road Safety is part of Personal Health and Social Education within the National Curriculum. The DfEE are working with experts in this field to develop guidance on aspects of safety education. When any guidance has been approved, the DfEE will share this with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council prior publication. The authority will also be offered the opportunity to discuss the progress on the development of the guidance with the DfEE.	Blackburn (17) Tameside (17)
<p>To increase % of 11 year olds at or above expected standard of literacy and numeracy. (1)</p> <p>To increase % of 14 year olds at or above standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for age. (2)</p> <p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p>	The DFEE and the County Council use its best endeavours to build on the links established with designated teachers for looked after children to promote and add value to existing guidance in this area.	Derbyshire (1), (2) (4), (8)

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<p>To increase active citizenship among young people. (local)</p> <p>To increase % of 14 year olds at or above standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for age. (2)</p> <p>To increase the % of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSEs at A* -C (or equivalent) (3)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS 2. (1)</p> <p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p>	<p>c) Prior to any other changes to the arrangements for the remuneration of school governors, the DFEE will allow Lewisham to remunerate additional governors who have been appointed to schools in accordance with statutory arrangements.</p>	<p>Lewisham (2) (3) (local) Kent (4)</p>
	<p>Kent may, subject to further consideration by DfEE, be allowed to include in a Formal Warning Notice (as set out in the Code of Practice on LEA: School Relations) the possibility of withdrawing devolution of Standards Fund.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment</p>	

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<p>To increase % of 14 year olds at or above standard of literacy, numeracy, science and ICT for age. (2)</p>	<p>The DFEE confirms that the London Borough of Richmond can arrange ICT national curriculum provision for some Key Stage 3 pupils at a Tertiary College provided that they are registered to attend their school and remain the responsibility of that school.</p> <p>The DFEE agrees that the London Borough of Richmond may arrange with their schools to use Key Stage 3 Standards Fund allocated for numeracy and literacy summer schools to provide numeracy and literacy schools for years 7-9, including at Easter, provided that each school formally agrees to using devolved Standards Fund in this way.</p> <p>The DFEE will allow London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to be a spoke in an EiC authority's City Learning Centre, provided that the EiC partnership to be approached agrees with this arrangement and that Richmond bears the cost of the arrangement.</p>	<p>Richmond (2)</p>
<p>To promote learning and increased achievement at KS4. (3)</p>	<p>The key objective behind the common transfer form is that specific items of pupil information held by the school the pupil is transferring from ('old school') are received by the school that the pupil is transferring to ('new school'). It is the aim of the DFEE that all such transfers should take place electronically by May 2002. This being the case, the Secretary of State for the DFEE does not object in principle to Sheffield's request that pupil information should go from the old school to the new school in electronic form via the LEA so long as :</p> <p>(a) all the information which would be included on a paper common transfer form is sent to the new school; and,</p> <p>(b) the new school is willing and able to receive information this way.</p> <p>The DFEE will invite Sheffield LEA to join its Rapid Implementation Group which considers, amongst others, possible changes to data collection/transfer systems and associated software issues.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment</p>	<p>Sheffield (3)</p>

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To promote learning and increased achievements at KS3. (2) To promote learning and increased achievement at KS4. (3)	The Department of Education and Employment accept that the purpose to which the agreed investment (to enable achievement of targets 1 and 2) shown in Schedule 2 of this agreement is to be applied, be excepted from any target figure for delegation of money to schools adopted from time to time by them. To be reflected in such targets or judgement upon achievement of such targets by the Department for Education and Employment.	Sheffield (2) (3) Stockton (2) (3)
To increase the % of students staying on post-16. (BV 36d)	The DFEE agrees that it will consider the inclusion of staying on allowances, in addition to transport costs, in any future revision of the EMA pilot scheme. The DFEE will use its best endeavours to ensure that, in progressing proposals to facilitate the transfer of basic pupil data between schools, post-16 providers and the Connexions Service, it does so in a way that encompasses all school leavers including those identified by Sunderland as currently being lost to the system.	Sunderland (BV 36d)
To reduce unauthorised absence. (5)	The DFEE supports, if appropriate, the gradual re-integration into school of medically certified school phobics. Where this occurs, the days of attendance should be counted as present, and those of non-attendance as authorised absence.	Sunderland (5)
To improve trends of health and participation in physical education and sport. (local)	The DFEE confirms that Sunderland can apply for specialist sports college status for further schools within the LEA, as part of the competitive bidding process. It is expected that competitions will be held in October and March each academic year for operational starts the following September.	Sunderland (local)
To increase the % of students staying on post-16. (BV 36d)	The DFEE agrees to discuss with Sunderland the existing possible options for funding further education college placements for statutory age pupils. The DFEE will let the Learning and Skills Council know about these discussions.	Sunderland (BV 36d)
To improve trends of health and participation in physical education and sport. (local)	The DFEE will discuss with Sunderland what scope there is for curriculum development work or experiments to be carried out in specified schools.	Sunderland (local)

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<p>To increase % 16 year olds obtaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* - G by 2004. (4)</p> <p>To promote learning and increased achievements at KS 2. (1) – for children with a Bangladeshi and Pakistani heritage.</p>	<p>The Council may use their retained School Improvement Grant allocation, within the Standards Fund, to develop and accredit an out of hours ICT learning scheme.</p> <hr/> <p>DfEE has confirmed that the Council may use the Standards Fund to secure out of hours literacy support in the local mosque and community buildings.</p>	Tameside (1) (4)
<p>To provide learning in the early years. (BV 30)</p>	<p>Funding to be made available on a 3-year basis to enable effective planning for the creation, sustaining and delivery of places for Early Years education and childcare. Childminder start-up grant rules to allow incentives to sustain existing childminders as well as fund new places.</p>	Warwickshire (BV 30)
<p>To promote lifelong learning, community development and social inclusion. (BV 42) (BV 158)</p>	<p>For Lifelong Learning, Community Development and Social Inclusion Target 6</p> <p>Simpler planning structures, linked to the Learning and Skills Council.</p>	Warwickshire (BV 42) (BV 158)
<p>To provide for SEN. (e)</p>	<p>The operation of the Area School Organisation Committees which take decisions on schools' proposals for large scale capital expenditure, typically new buildings. Warwickshire County Council would like to reduce the potential for abortive work in dealing with the committee by enabling an outline green or red light to be given before moving to detailed discussion on a proposal which the committee will not accept.</p>	Warwickshire (e)

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To reduce the % of children of all ages who are re-registered within the space of 12 months on the Child Protection Register. (BV 162)	This would be achieved by inclusion of representatives from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council on the Personal Social Services Performance Assessment Framework Development Group project - Monitoring Joint Working Between the NHS and Social Services: Interface Performance Indicators	Stockton (162)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	EMPLOYMENT	
<p>To increase % of 11 year olds at or above expected standard of literacy and numeracy. (1)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p>	Coventry proposed that they be allowed to pay a social inclusion allowance to teachers in specified schools to aid recruitment and retention. The School Teachers' Review Body has addressed Coventry's concerns about recruitment and retention in schools in socially disadvantaged areas, and has made recommendations which will give all LEAs more flexibility in making payments to teachers to attract them and to retain them in their schools.	Coventry (1), (8)
To increase the employment rates of disadvantaged areas and groups taking account of the economic cycle. (6)	The DFEE will encourage the Employment Service and the Learning and Skills Council and the Benefits Agency to work as co-operatively as possible with [Blankshire Council] to develop the partnership arrangements necessary to deliver local PSA targets, e.g. on local co-ordination of employment programmes.	Birmingham (6) Middlesbrough (6)
	The DFEE will use its best endeavours to work with the authority over the period covered by the local PSA in further developing the New Deal. (6)	Birmingham (6) Blackburn (6)
	The DFEE will use its best endeavours to work with Newcastle City Council over the period covered by the PSA in further developing the New Deal. The Employment Service will make appropriate use of New Deal Personal Adviser discretion to allow voluntary early entry to the New Deal for people considered being at labour market disadvantage. For example people who have experienced a minimum of 9 months unemployment in the preceding 12-month period. Further consideration will be given to flexibility of movement between job options and initiatives, and to the development of New Deal training opportunities that are more market responsive to meet emerging labour market needs and changes.	Newcastle (6)
	The DFEE will use its best endeavours to provide improved local data, including employment rates by ethnicity, in Summer 2001.	Birmingham (6) Middlesbrough (6) Coventry (6)
	The DFEE will encourage the Employment Service (Northern Region) to support any joint initiative to co-ordinate action across the local PSA pilot authorities in the North East region.	Middlesbrough (6) Newcastle (6)

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<p>To reduce the proportion of people under the age of 25 reporting the use of class A drugs by 25% by 2005 (and by 50% by 2008). (9)</p>	<p>Permit the Authority to provide a specially tailored New Deal Full Time Education and Training option for young people aged 18 – 24 from the most deprived wards in the Borough. The tailored option to involve a specific package of support including the payment by the Authority of a £15 enhancement to benefit (costs to be met by the Employment Service for the first 6 months and by the Authority for the second 6 months) and mandating of clients by the Employment Service to a special enhanced Basic Skills provision to improve literacy and numeracy.</p> <p>Changes to the tailored option to be made by the Employment Service through changes in the administration arrangements of the New Deal Framework.</p>	<p>Stockton (9)</p>
<p>To provide high quality pre-admission and rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible, by reducing preventable hospitalisation and ensuring year on year reductions in delays in moving people over 75 on from hospital. (7)</p> <p>To reduce the % of children of all ages who are re-registered within the space of 12 months on the Child Protection Register. (BV 162)</p>	<p>The Council and DfEE (through Employment Services) to use their best endeavours to work together to develop improved joint management information and information systems on New Deal clients and the employment rates in local wards within the Borough.</p>	<p>Stockton (7) (BV 162)</p>
<p>To reduce unemployment rates amongst young people in those City wards within the 10% most deprived nationally. (6)</p>	<p>The DFEE will hold discussions with the Council regarding exploration of possible designation of an Employment Zone or other method of utilising benefits already paid to unemployed young people for positive action on employment. (Non removal of this inhibitor or inability to find alternative will impact greatly (60%) on City Council's ability to reach target).</p>	<p>Sunderland (6)</p>

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<p>To reduce unemployment rates amongst young people in those City wards within the 10% most deprived nationally. (6)</p>	<p>The DFEE will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council and other North East pilot (LPSA) authorities regarding better local co-ordination of employment initiatives and establishing either stronger local strategic co-ordination of funds or single funding pots, in the NRF wards in Sunderland's case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the DFEE will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding the use of a short term employment focused programme to educate pupils in the value of work "beyond the wage"; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding rationalisation of eligibility criteria for different employment initiatives; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding effective information exchange between agencies; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding ability to offer alternatives to "centre-based" (i.e. Job or Careers Centres) processes of job seeking; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding streamlining auditing, accounting processes, etc., amongst delivery agents; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding ability to develop and use common (cross-agency) ICT Performance Management System; • the DFEE and the Employment Service will hold discussions with Sunderland City Council regarding addressing or rationalising the focus on numerous, varied outputs for employment funding initiatives which often distract providers of employment services from their core objectives. 	<p>Sunderland (6)</p>

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<p>To reduce unemployment rates amongst young people in those City wards within the 10% most deprived nationally. (6)</p>	<p>Coventry propose that the DFEE should encourage the Employment Service and the Learning and Skills Council to work as co-operatively as possible with local PSA pilot authorities on local co-ordination of employment programmes, and education and training programmes to improve employability.</p> <p>Coventry propose that the Employment Service should use its best endeavours to work with the authority over the period covered by the local PSA in further developing the Council's project - which might include testing new approaches to address the needs of the most disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Coventry seeks further discussions concerning a number of issues related to this Target, these are outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would help if ES, the Benefits Agency, the Working Age Agency, were allowed to publicise our services to non-New Deal clients, and to give information about us to all their clients 2. It would help if people who are voluntarily participating in barrier-breaking activities promoted by this initiative were allowed the flexibility for signing-on times, and did not face any danger of loss of benefits because of their participation. 3. It would help if regulations could be adapted and agreed to allow an experimental sharing between ES/WAA and the City Council of baseline data for the city in order to develop appropriate strategic and operational responses to tackling unemployment. 4. It would help if the City Council could work more closely with ES and BA to analyse data on whether clients have "signed off" or moved to other benefits. 5. It would help to understand what has been learned from the New Deal for Lone Parents in the way that eligible clients were identified from computer records and then invited to join, voluntarily, the New Deal. 6. It would be innovative if this employment initiative could have some line of accountability to Coventry's new Jobs Strategy Group which is the evolution of the very-successful Joint Venture Partnership (JVP) that came together to oversee the New Deals. 	<p>Coventry (6)</p>

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<p>To reduce unemployment rates amongst young people in those City wards within the 10% most deprived nationally. (6)</p>	<p>The Employment Service and the Office of National Statistics will use their best endeavours to collate and publish the count of claimants in Newham monthly to include ethnicity.</p>	<p>Newham (6)</p>
	<p>The Employment Service (Working Age Agency) and the Council will use their best endeavours to share the opportunities for joint resourcing in the delivery of this PSA target in Newham.</p>	
	<p>The DfEE will continue to encourage flexibility in learning and training opportunities for the unemployed in receipt of benefits within the existing framework, which allows highly intensive full-time training courses to be undertaken for up to two weeks in any 12 month period without loss of benefit. Unemployed people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) will continue to be allowed to undertake part-time training in any specialism. These flexibilities will be taken into account by the Employment Service in connection with training courses to meet specific skills shortages within the local economy.</p>	<p>Newcastle (6)</p>
	<p>The Government will use its best endeavours to address [Blankshire Council's] points about disincentives that act against supporting people with learning disabilities into work, and to hold further discussions about any relevant proposals that might arise from the White Paper: "Valuing People: A New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21st Century". The Council would, in particular, welcome discussions about the interaction between the aims of the target with the benefits system. The Department of Health will then be in a position to take into cross government discussions as identified in paragraph 10.4(2?) of the White Paper.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health.</p>	<p>Milton Keynes (6) Surrey (6)</p>

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<p>To reduce unemployment rates amongst young people in those City wards within the 10% most deprived nationally. (6)</p>	<p>The DfEE will continue to encourage flexibility in learning and training opportunities for the unemployed in receipt of benefits within the existing framework, which allows highly intensive full-time training courses to be undertaken for up to two weeks in any 12 month period without loss of benefit. Unemployed people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) will continue to be allowed to undertake part-time training in any specialism. These flexibilities will be taken into account by the Employment Service in connection with training courses to meet specific skills shortages within the local economy.</p>	<p>Newcastle (6)</p>
	<p>The DfEE will use its best endeavours to work with authority over period covered by local PSA in further developing New Deal, might include testing new Approaches to address needs of most disadvantaged of groups.</p>	<p>Middlesbrough (6)</p>

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	SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTH	
<p>To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p> <p>To reduce the number of young people under 25 reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)</p>	<p>The Department of Health will work with the Council to clarify procedures for information sharing between agencies, and will discuss with the Council how they might participate in any pilot programmes that arise from the Department's work on information sharing.</p>	<p>Birmingham (8)</p> <p>Norfolk (7)</p> <p>Middlesbrough (7) (8) (9)</p>
	<p>The Secretary of State for Health will support the Council in its development and production of a Children's Service Plan in a local style, which is outcome based.</p>	<p>Cambridgeshire (8)</p>
	<p>The Secretary of State/Government to use their best endeavours to work with the Council to reduce the complexity of the current Disabled Facilities Grant process and funding arrangements for the home repairs and maintenance. This will be achieved through the development and enhancement, if necessary, of the forthcoming guidance being prepared by the Department of Health and Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions.</p>	<p>Derbyshire (7)</p> <p>Norfolk (7)</p>
	<p>The Department of Health will work with the council to enhance assessment of older people within the new single assessment process. This may be achieved through the Health Authority use of Local Development Schemes, in consultation with the Local Medical Committee, in particular the model scheme for people in residential care homes contained in HSC 107/1999 or through PMS pilots. The Department is also willing to hear more about the work of the council in this area.</p>	<p>Derbyshire (7)</p> <p>Middlesbrough (7)</p>

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	The Secretaries of State for Health and for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to extend the current Prevention Grant to provide services for people with less complex needs beyond the current end date of 31 st March 2002. This will be achieved through the development and enhancement, if necessary, of the Department of Health's detailed guidance on the use of the Promoting Independence Grant.	Derbyshire (7)
<p>To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p>	<p>As part of the effort to stimulate new approaches to providing public services, the Government invited local authorities piloting PSAs to present proposals for PFI schemes that will deliver joined-up services to local communities and enable the authorities to achieve more demanding targets. Kent's proposals related to intermediate care schemes in support of these two targets.</p> <p>In furtherance of these aims, the Government agrees to earmark £7million from the 2001/2 allocation for joined-up PFI schemes against the Kent project for developing intermediate care facilities for the elderly. The project will have to satisfy the normal requirements of the PFI Project Review Group before the earmarked sum is committed to Kent.</p>	Kent (7)
	Although the existing restriction on the direct employment of registered nursing staff as nurses by local authorities is confirmed in the provisions of the Health and Social Services Bill currently before Parliament, Kent can employ registered nursing staff as nurses where this is necessary to carrying out functions delegated to it by health authorities under the provisions of the Health Act 1999.	Kent (7)
	The personal care element of charges made to clients for health and social care packages will be exempt from VAT from 1 April 2001.	Kent (7)
	The Department of Health will involve the Council in the development of interface targets in relation to Intermediate Care provision.	Middlesbrough (7) (8)
	The Department of Health will work with Blackburn over the six months to Sept 2001 to identify ways of simplifying the adoption process as outlined in December 2000 White Paper "Adoption: a New Approach" in support of their local PSA project.	Blackburn (8)

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	<p>The Secretary of State for Health, or relevant Ministerial colleagues, will discuss with the Council the possibility of piloting proposals made in the White Paper on Adoption, and in particular those that address:</p> <p>The difficulty of finding suitable, safe alternative families locally, sufficient to meet demand. More adoptive parents to increase choice and enable us to better address issues of race, culture and religion by meeting the needs of children from ethnic minorities. Ensuring speedy responses to requests and enquiries from applicants. Reducing the time Looked After Children wait for adoption Increasing the numbers of Looked After Children adopted within six months of a decision -being made by the Adoption Panel.</p> <p>The comprehensive checking and assessment of potential families.</p>	Norfolk (8)
<p>To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p>	<p>The Department of Health will welcome the London Borough of Richmond on Thames' full involvement in the implementation plan for the National Service Framework for Older People. As signalled in the NHS Plan, the Framework will address the need for more integrated systems between Social Care and Health Services for the assessment and care planning for older people.</p> <p>The Department of Health is willing to discuss, through its Social Care and NHS Regional Offices, how best to build on local relationships and good practice in developing the principles underlying the arrangements for determining responsibility between GPs and hospital consultants for older people with high level needs in intensive residential rehabilitation, in line with the forthcoming National Service Framework for Older People.</p>	<p>Richmond (7)</p> <p>Camden (7) (8)</p>

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<p>To reduce the % of children of all ages who are re-registered within the space of 12 months on the Child Protection Register (BV162)</p>	<p>The Department of Health to use its best endeavours to work with the Council, with a view to reaching agreement (for implementation at a date to be agreed) by 1st May 2001 on the review and rationalisation of the number of Social Services based plans required to be produced by the Council under statute or departmental guidance. The objective of the review is to consolidate and rationalise insofar as possible existing separate plan requirements.</p> <p>The review will consider how this can be achieved (for example, through exercise of the Secretary of State for Health's discretion or by order under Section 5 or Section 6 of the Local Government Act 2000 or by other means).</p>	<p>Stockton (7) (BV 162) Sunderland (BV 162)</p>
	<p>The Secretaries of States for Health and for Education and Employment intend that their Departments will use their best endeavours to work with the Authority to develop an integrated set of health and social services performance indicators and monitoring framework in respect of care for children and older people.</p> <p>This would be achieved by inclusion of representatives from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council on the Personal Social Services Performance Assessment Framework Development Group project - Monitoring Joint Working Between the NHS and Social Services: Interface Performance Indicators</p>	<p>Stockton (7) (BV 162)</p>
<p>To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7) To increase the number of households receiving intensive home care support to help older people live independently within their own home. (BV 53)</p>	<p>The Secretary of State for Health will use his best endeavours to ensure that Promoting Independence Grant resources are available beyond March 2002 to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council for approved schemes.</p>	<p>Stockton (7)</p>
	<p>Providing that Tameside Council meets the criteria set out in the "Call for Proposals" for the 'Information for Social Care Demonstrator' project, the Department of Health is happy to agree their participation in this project.</p>	<p>Tameside (7) (BV 53)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To ensure that children are securely attached to their carers. (local)	The Department of Health and Warwickshire County Council to work jointly to pilot a streamlined approach to reduce the administration of the Looked after Children and Assessment Framework systems, within the framework provided by the proposed Core Information system requirements for Children's Personal Social Services outlined in LASSL (2000) 12.	Warwickshire (local)
To be agreed.	<p><u>Food Poverty (to be agreed)</u></p> <p>The Government understands that Coventry City Council would like to include within their PSA a target focused on food poverty – but that it has proved difficult to develop suitable targets in the time available. The city council has undertaken to commission an external research project on existing and proposed activity, and is hopeful that this will allow it to develop a satisfactory target. In view of the potential benefits that a target on improved diet could bring, and the efforts the City council has and continues to make in this area, the Government agrees that it will consider agreeing to a modification of this PSA to include an additional target on Food poverty. Any proposal will need to be agreed by 30 September 2001 – and will require a consequential change to reduce the PRG paid per target to reflect the increased number of targets.</p>	Coventry
To help older people live independently in the community by reducing preventable hospitalisation and minimising delays in moving people on from hospital. (7)	The Department of Health would be willing to initiate dialogue with the London Borough of Camden about Section 47 orders for older people under the National Assistance Act 1948, in the context of supporting independence and the overall risk management of older people in the community and of the Human Rights Act 2000.	Camden (7)
To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)	<p>Camden is seeking to run an intermediate care short stay nursing home facility for older people and separately a long stay nursing home for older people with mental health problems. The Department of Health considers that in principle it is possible for the Camden and Islington Health Authority to delegate certain functions to the council to enable it to run such facilities, using the powers of Section 31 of the Health Act 1999. The Department of Health will explore further with Camden issues of registration under the Registered Homes Act 1984 and Care Standards Act 2000.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health.</p>	Camden (7)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)	The Department of Health intends to work with the London Borough of Camden particularly in relation to work to identify indicators of straightforward adoptions and how best to speed up these cases.	Camden (8)
	The Department of Health intends to work with the London Borough of Camden with a view to early implementation of various aspects of the measures contained in the White Paper "Adoption: a new approach" published in December 2000 which support this target.	Camden (8)
	The Department of Health intends to work with the London Borough of Camden particularly in relation to work to identify indicators of straightforward adoptions and how best to speed up these cases. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health.	Camden (8)
	The Department of Health is currently in discussion with the Department for Social Security about the interaction of adoption allowances and benefits. The Department of Health will use its best endeavours to give priority to Camden for any pilots that may result from these discussions. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health.	Camden (8)
To provide personal funding for people with disabilities so that they can choose their own support services. (local)	The Government is prepared to discuss with Surrey County Council innovative ways of encouraging the use of direct payments, and to explore the role of direct payments in joint funding arrangements. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health	Surrey (local)
To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)	Although the current rules on eligibility preclude payment of Disabled Facilities Grant to foster carers of disabled children, the issue will be taken into account in the review of the scheme currently under way. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions	Kent (8)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)	The DETR will use its best endeavours to work with the Council to reduce the complexity of current DFG grant processes, and funding arrangements for Home Repairs and Maintenance. This will be achieved through the development, and enhancement if necessary, of forthcoming guidance being prepared by the Department of Health and the DETR.	Middlesbrough (7)
To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services. (22)	<p>The Best Value Inspectorate forum is sympathetic towards the general principle that it might seek to agree a lighter touch approach to best value inspection in relation to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council where risk assessment suggests this is appropriate, and without prejudice to existing inspection programmes. Such a light touch, and the extent to which it may be applied will be dependent upon a considered assessment of the Council's best value review programme and its current levels of performance and targets for improvement.</p> <p>Light touch inspection will commence, where appropriate, and within the above parameters, by summer 2002.</p> <p>SSI and OFSTED will continue to inspect social care and education services respectively in the Council as part of their ongoing assessment role. The Audit Commission continues to exercise its powers as set out in the Audit Commission Act 1998.</p>	Blackburn (22) Lewisham (22) Stockton (22)
To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)	The Department of Social Security, in collaboration with the Department of Health, is prepared to discuss with the Council how the benefit system interacts with people's access to respite or rehabilitation or recuperative care services and what if any barriers exist. Where there are solutions that could be achieved by better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Local Authority and health services, DSS will facilitate this.	Tameside (7)
To increase benefit take-up amongst people aged 60 and over (local)	The Department of Social Security, in collaboration with the Department of Health, is prepared to discuss with the Council how the benefit system interacts with people's access to respite or rehabilitation or recuperative care services and what if any barriers exist. Where there are solutions that could be achieved by better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Local Authority and health services, DSS will facilitate this.	Tameside (local)

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<p>To achieve a reduction in the number of older people supported in residential care and in the number of older people whose discharge from hospital is delayed, by 2004. (7)</p>	<p>Sheffield City Council proposed flexibilities in relation to the transfer of local authority residential homes to the independent sector. The implementation of new regulations for residential homes, enacted in the Care Standards Act 2000, occurs from April 2002. Currently, local authority homes do not have to be registered or meet registration requirements. However, from April 2002, local authority homes will have to meet the new standards. As the Council's current homes will be treated as existing registrations they will have until April 2007 to meet all of the new standards. This will allow the Council to transfer eight of its homes during the transitional period 2002-2007 as the specified space standards would not apply until 2007.</p>	<p>Sheffield (7)</p>
<p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p>	<p>The incidence of LAC across Kent (5 per 1000) masks abnormal concentrations in East Kent (7.4 per 1000) and most particularly in Thanet (11.4 per 1000). Significant numbers of children (about 1000) are placed in Kent by other authorities over and above those taken into care by Kent. This, again, is particularly marked in Thanet where the proportion (in excess of 2.5% of the local child population) is extremely high by national standards. It is the view of Kent that this situation is not acceptable and must be addressed.</p> <p>It is recognised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the needs of LAC have a greater than proportionate impact on public services including health, police, housing, schools, social services and other community services the problems of LAC placed in Thanet by other authorities are particularly acute because they are remote from the corporate parent many local agencies are not resourced to deal with this influx of LAC as many funding programmes distribute resources on the basis of local population and indigenous deprivation. <p>Kent accepts that these issues are complex and require significant consultation with other agencies. Any solutions to these problems must recognise the legitimate interests of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the children the placing authorities (including the requirement for them to achieve Best Value) the host communities the Courts the wider public (including long-term implications for public expenditure) 	<p>Kent (8)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p> <p>(continued from previous sheet)</p>	<p>(continued from previous sheet)</p> <p><i>The Government and Kent agree to produce and participate in a programme of work, which the LGA will be asked to join, to review policies affecting LAC. Kent will be invited to participate in any working group formed with local authority representation to examine these issues.</i></p> <p>Subject to any overriding public policy considerations, the Government will actively consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ways of enforcing the present obligation on placing authorities to notify host social services authorities introducing a new Performance Assessment Framework indicator with relevant targets to monitor the distance at which children are placed from their place of origin automatic statementing of out of county LAC including the top-slicing of schools budgets of placing authorities to block-book school places in receiving authorities improving processes for dealing with LAC who offend . <p>The Government response will be led by the Department of Health</p>	<p>Kent (8)</p>
<p>To achieve a reduction in the number of older people supported in residential care and in the number of older people whose discharge from hospital is delayed, by 2004. (7)</p> <p>To improve the life chance of children in care. (8)</p> <p>To reduce the total number of children in the care of Kent County Council. (BV 163)</p> <p>To reduce the rate of admission of people over 65 to residential and nursing care. (BV 54)</p>	<p>VAT</p> <p>Kent expects that health and social services targets will be achieved most cost effectively by the “pooling” of certain budgets using flexibilities under the Health Act 1999. It has been identified that the different VAT regimes for local authorities and health authorities risk distorting the most cost effective solution from the perspective of public service delivery.</p> <p>Whilst it is accepted that VAT regimes themselves cannot be changed immediately to accommodate this problem, the Government and Kent agree to work together to secure, as far as possible, that different VAT regimes do not lead to less efficient solutions, in overall economic terms, to the management of pooled budgets. Where it appears that narrow financial and broader economic best solutions are at variance in managing pooled budgets, the Government agrees to use its best endeavours to eliminate this divergence by whatever means are most convenient in the particular situation.</p> <p>The Government response will be led by the Department of Health.</p>	<p>Kent (7) (8) (BV 163) (BV 54)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	DRUGS	
To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)	The Department of Health will work with the Council to seek ways and means to ensure that drug rehabilitation support is available to families, as well as individuals, and so the 'whole' drug problem will be addressed especially with more young people under 16 years of age.	Middlesbrough (9)
To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)	Permit the Authority to provide joint arrangements (joint service provision; lead commissioning; pooled budgets) in respect of services to address the abuse of drugs by people in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, Coventry and Middlesbrough with local NHS trusts, Tees/West Midlands Health Authority, West Midlands Police, Cleveland Police and West Midlands/Cleveland Probation Service. This would be achieved by the use of the powers in the Health Act 1999 or by the use of the well-being powers in section 2 of the Local Government act 2000. This would be achieved by use of the Health Act 1999 and/or following the issuing of guidance by the DETR on the use of the well-being power in the Local Government Act 2000.	Middlesbrough (9) Stockton (9) Coventry (9)
	The Government will work with the Council to simplify benefits arrangements in relation to the drug rehabilitation programmes, which involve people in residential provision.	Middlesbrough (9)
	The Government will use its best endeavours to review the clinical guidelines for GPs in relation to their responsibilities for the health and treatment of drug misusers, and seek to encourage the establishment of a PMS element to integrated drug misuse services.	Middlesbrough (9)
	The Department of Health will work with the Council to seek ways and means to ensure that drug rehabilitation support is available to families, as well as individuals, and so the 'whole' drug problem will be addressed especially with more young people under 16 years of age. [This will be taken forward through further discussions with NHS and Social Care Region Regional Office colleagues – Coventry.]	Coventry (9)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)</p>	<p>The Minister of State for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Ministerial colleagues, will support the Council, through the Drug Action Team, in gaining specialised support from the Home Office, UKADCUC and other Government departments as appropriate in order to submit applications to access the Confiscated Assets Fund or any other appropriate funding programmes.</p>	<p>Norfolk (9) Coventry (9)</p>
	<p>In setting the parameters for funding programmes, and in making decisions about relevant applications, the Government will seek ways of giving weight to submissions by the Council or the Drug Action Team which contribute to the achievement of the PSA targets.</p>	
	<p>The Department of Social Security will discuss with Coventry Council how the benefits system interacts with people's access to drug rehabilitation programmes and what, if any, barriers exist. In the event that such discussions identify a need for better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Coventry Council and local health services, the Department will use its best endeavours to facilitate this co-operation.</p>	
<p>To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)</p>	<p>Young People's Drug and Alcohol Outreach Support Scheme</p> <p>Government will give the Council an early indication of whether or not additional funding can be made available to support the Council's proposed outreach, treatment and supported accommodation service. If additional funding as described under Target 11 in Schedule 1 is provided, the extended performance targets for Target 11 set out in Schedule 1 will replace the fallback performance targets for the purposes of determining and calculating entitlement to the Performance Reward Grant specified in Schedule 4 in respect of Target 11.</p>	<p>Milton Keynes (9)</p>

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To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)	<p>Note on potential performance indicator</p> <p>Reducing the levels of repeat offending is a key outcome under this target. In principle, the Council would wish for performance under this target to be measured also by the level of repeat offending amongst drug and alcohol-misusing young offenders accessing treatment services. This might be based on the National Drugs Strategy KPT. Drugs and alcohol-related crime is defined as acquisitive crime, supply and anti-social behaviour. It is not possible for the Council to determine a realistic target and measure for such a performance measure because there are no reliable baseline data. The current lack of a specialist treatment service for young people makes the reliable collection of any baseline data difficult. In addition, the Young Offending Team Substance Misuse Worker has been in post only 9 months. It takes time to establish trust with young people and enable them to “open up” to drug and alcohol related issues. The Council is committed to developing an appropriate target and measure in discussion and with agreement of the Government and UKADCU.</p>	Milton Keynes (9)
	<p>The Government will endorse the actions of the Council in developing outreach services in order to support the improved performance under this target. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Health.</p>	Surrey (9)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local authorities
	SOCIAL SECURITY	
Over the 3 years to 2004 increase the employment rates of disadvantaged areas and groups, taking account of the economic cycle. (6)	That the Department for Social Security consider granting authority, for the period of this PSA and for job seekers in the Council's 'Arc of Opportunity', for DSS benefits to be re-instated automatically at their previous levels where a job comes to an end within a six month period.	Newham (6)
	The Department of Social Security is willing to use its best endeavours with the Council to facilitate local co-operation where this has been identified as an issue for the Council. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Social Security	Surrey (6)
To achieve a reduction in the length of time taken to process new claims for benefit from tenants of Housing Associations, by 2004. (BV 78a)	The Secretary of State for Social Security (DSS) will consider inviting Sheffield City Council to take part in a possible national pilot scheme to test the effect of changes in the Verification Framework over a 6 to 12 month period from summer 2001, including piloting a scheme to enable nominated Housing Associations to be involved in the verification process. In the event that the national pilot is not implemented, or that Sheffield City Council is not selected to take part in the national pilot, or that the national pilot is not extended following the 12 month trial period, it is agreed that Sheffield City Council should have the flexibility to decide to delete this target from forming part of this local Public Service Agreement or to substitute an alternative agreed with DETR.	Sheffield (BV 78a)
To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9) To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)	The Department of Social Security will discuss with the Council how the benefits system interacts with people's access to respite, rehabilitation or recuperative care services and what, if any, barriers exist. Where there are solutions that could be achieved by better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Derbyshire County Council and local health services, the Department of Social Services would be prepared to facilitate further discussions <i>(Derbyshire addition):</i> In this service area particular attention will be paid to minimising delayed discharges from acute and community hospitals. The Council will use its best endeavours to achieve the aim of a countywide rate of no greater than 0.8.	Derbyshire (7) Middlesbrough (9) (7) Tameside (7)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local authorities
To provide high quality pre-admission or quality rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible. (7)	The Department of Social Security, in collaboration with the Department of Health, is prepared to discuss with the Council how the benefit system interacts with people's access to respite or rehabilitation or recuperative care services and what if any barriers exist. Where there are solutions that could be achieved by better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Local Authority and health services, DSS will facilitate this.	
To improve nutritional levels by improving free school meal take-up and identifying good eating habits. (local)	The Department of Social Security has agreed to discuss further with the Council ways in which DSS and the Benefits Agency might help to improve the current registration process for eligible families/young people in relation to free school meals.	Sunderland (local)
To increase benefit take-up amongst people aged 60 and over. (local)	Department of Social Security will involve Tameside MBC in its working group on Partnerships against Poverty, which is seeking to develop joint initiatives with local authorities and voluntary organisations to ensure pensioners receive benefits and services to which they are entitled. This will include discussion of how information can be more effectively exchanged.	Tameside (local)
Over the 3 years to 2004 increase the employment rates of disadvantaged areas and groups, taking account of the economic cycle. (6)	The Department of Social Security is willing to use its best endeavours with the Council to facilitate local co-operation where this has been identified as an issue for the Council. This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for Social Security	Surrey (6)
To reduce the number of young people reporting use of Class A drugs. (9)	The Department of Social Security will discuss with Coventry Council how the benefits system interacts with people's access to drug rehabilitation programmes and what, if any, barriers exist. In the event that such discussions identify a need for better local co-operation between the Benefits Agency, Coventry Council and local health services, the Department will use its best endeavours to facilitate this co-operation.	Coventry (9)

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<p>Statement of intent.</p>	<p>Impact of this PSA in reducing dependency</p> <p>The aim of this PSA is to “reduce dependency, increase employment and fulfilment” in Kent.</p> <p>The Government and Kent agree to produce and participate in a programme of work to explore ways of tracking the impact of the PSA in terms of reducing the uptake of state benefits which are most associated with deprivation and exclusion e.g. income support.</p> <p>If it is demonstrated that the PSA has had a beneficial effect in these terms, the Government accepts the principle that it will run a pilot scheme with Kent to explore ways in which the savings or sums reflecting them can be reinvested in public services in Kent.</p> <p>It is further agreed that, if a satisfactory basis can be established for so doing, targets for benefit savings and reinvestment will be considered for inclusion in future PSAs between the Government and Kent.</p> <p>The Government response will be led by the Treasury and the Department of Social Security.</p>	<p>Kent</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	CRIME, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FIRE	
To reduce the key recorded crime categories. (19)	<p>The Home Secretary to work with Birmingham City Council and the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership to explore options for providing stability in the funding stream for that partnership (Exploration of funding streams for the Partnership to be in discussion with the Regional Crime Reduction Director). Such assurance to be given by the Home Secretary.</p> <p>The Council to be given assurances as to the minimum annual allocations it will receive from the Crime Reduction Programme for 2001/02 (current bids, if approved, to count towards "agreed minimum" for 2001/02), 2002/03 and 2003/04, by 31st March 2001. (Actual payment of grant to be subject to approval of specific project bid(s) by the Regional Crime Reduction Director - both in crime reduction and financial terms). Furthermore, the maximum length of project duration for Authority schemes submitted to the Crime Reduction Programme to be extended from 18 months to 3 years, subject to approval of specific project bid(s) by the Regional Crime Reduction Director.</p> <p>Assurance to be given by the Home Secretary. Extension of project duration to be made through amendment to the administrative rules governing the Crime Reduction Programme.</p>	<p>Birmingham (19)</p> <p>Stockton (19)</p>
To reduce the rate of reconvictions. (20)	<p>Provided the authority delivers the outputs promised when bidding for grants, the Youth Justice Board is content for the authority to switch the grants given between programmes [and the cash they hold between years – Blackburn], [during the period of the local PSA – Sunderland]. The Youth Justice Board has to account for its grant and must receive an audit certificate from the authority making clear what has happened to all the money the YJB provided.</p> <p>Provided the authority delivers the outputs promised when bidding for grants, the Youth Justice Board is content for the authority to roll forward funds from one financial year to the next during the period of the local PSA. The Youth Justice Board has to account for its grant and must receive an audit certificate from the authority making clear what has happened to all the money the YJB provided. NB: change applies in addition to any new funding programmes introduced during the period of the LPSA.</p>	<p>Blackburn (20)</p> <p>Sunderland (20)</p>
To reduce the rate of reconviction (20)	The Home Secretary and the Youth Justice Board agree to endorse the Cambridgeshire approach to peer review in relation to Referral Orders for young offenders, subject to meeting the requirements of the Home Office guidance.	Cambridgeshire (20)

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To reduce the key recorded crime categories (19)	Advance notification to local authorities of national road safety campaigns to enable local publicity campaigns to be co-ordinated.	Derbyshire (19)
To reduce the rate of reconvictions. (20)	The Youth Justice Board will review the Kent shortened assessment tool with a view to allowing its use by Kent Youth Offending Team in appropriate circumstances.	Kent (20)
	<p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p> <p>Kent Youth Offending Team will, in individual cases, be allowed to sign off national standards relating to secure accommodation and detention and training for young people placed more than 70 miles from their home where there are unusual circumstances, subject to the requirement to record the reasons on the case file and to meeting any other conditions laid down by the Youth Justice Board.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p>	
To reduce the number of reported incidences of public disorder. (BV 130)	<p>Kent's PSA proposals identified a number of areas where it was seeking wider powers to regulate aspects of the night time economy of urban areas. In this respect Kent and its partner agencies will be able to make use of the provisions of new legislation set out in the Private Security Industry Bill and the Criminal Justice and Police Bill currently before Parliament.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p>	Kent (BV 130)
To reduce the rate of reconvictions. (20)	Professional judgement can be exercised locally in relation to breaches of court orders, provided the Youth Offending Team Manager's supporting signature is on file and the reasons are recorded. (Confirmation).	Kent (20)
To reduce key recorded crime categories (19)	<p>The Home Office support the following improvements in local working arrangements to support target 2 (reducing the rate of robbery):</p> <p>a) closer working between the British Transport Police (BTP) and Metropolitan Police, to allow BTP information systems to be routed into a Lewisham Police Station for operation there, probably on a part-time basis by a BTP officer; and,</p> <p>b) The London Borough of Lewisham and local police addressing confidentiality concerns to allow the linkage of the local authority CCTV control room to police radios.</p>	Lewisham (19)

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To increase participation by young people in voting and consultation processes. (local)	Sunderland City Council to develop/extend election pilots in consultation with the Home Office/Electoral Commission.	Sunderland (local)
To reduce the key recorded crime categories. (19)	The DETR and the Home Office are content for the Council to provide grant based incentives to private landlords for the purpose of target hardening their properties in the campaign areas covered by this PSA (target 11).	Newham (19) Milton Keynes (19)
	<p>The introduction of new local arrangements for the reporting and recording of crime to meet the enhanced performance targets relies on the ability to share personalised and aggregated information with Parish Councils and other participating agencies. Despite the potential freedom of information exchange conferred by Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 there remain concerns about confidentiality between local organisations. The Government will consider making appropriate changes in the legislation if the opportunity arises. In the meantime Milton Keynes Council will work to establish protocols on information sharing with its partner bodies.</p> <p>The Government will consider undertaking an evaluation of the effectiveness of the community-based crime reduction initiative in Milton Keynes. The Government recognises that this (Section 115) is a potential difficulty for the operation of the scheme in Milton Keynes. The Government and Milton Keynes Council will use any evaluation process to identify how these recognised difficulties might be overcome.</p>	Milton Keynes (19)
To reduce the number of accidental fires in dwellings by 20% averaged over the 5 year period to March 2004 compared to the average recorded in the 5 year period to March 1999. (21)	<p>At this stage, there are no specific changes required in relation to this target, but the Government acknowledges that the Council and the Fire Authority would expect their views on standards of fire cover and charging for services to be taken into account in the national reviews of these issues currently taking place.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p>	Birmingham (21) Kent (21)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
<p>To reduce the number of accidental fires in dwellings by 20% averaged over the 5 year period to March 2004 compared to the average recorded in the 5 year period to March 1999. (21)</p>	<p>The Government will use its best endeavours to: Develop legislation to require fire protection system installation in new build/reconstruction of residential properties.</p> <p>Consider in consultation with the LGA the funding of fire safety enforcement and education in the context of the current review of local government finance</p> <p>Re-consider EU driven reduction in the UK legislative controls on the manufacture of household furniture and furnishings</p> <p>Consider the provision of grants to home owners/landlords for the installation of fire protection systems</p>	<p>Surrey (21)</p>
<p>To reduce the number of road casualties. (17)</p>	<p>DETR and Home Office will work with Newcastle City Council and the Police to explore the potential to improve the enforcement of access restrictions (e.g. the use of camera evidence in prosecution) in Clear Zones.</p>	<p>Newcastle (17)</p>
<p>To reduce the rate of reconvictions. (20)</p>	<p>Kent Youth Offending Team will, in individual cases, be allowed to sign off national standards relating to community disposals, subject to the requirement to record the reasons on the case file and to meeting any other conditions laid down by the Youth Justice Board.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p> <p>The Kent Youth Offending Team will be allowed to use hypothecated funding for other projects provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Youth Justice Board is in agreement it can be demonstrated that all projected outcomes have been met and efficiency savings have been made, and the funds are not generated by salary slippage. <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Home Department</p>	<p>Kent (20)</p>

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To reduce the key recorded crime categories. (19)	<p>The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions (or relevant ministerial colleague(s)) intends that their Departments will use their best endeavours to enter into discussions with the Council about the powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to serve statutory orders for owners to secure buildings that pose potential community safety dangers with a reasonable period of time; and (b) which also provide for local authorities to secure and make visually acceptable such buildings and to recover costs through a fast track Charging Order and sale process, for both known and unknown owner situations. 	Stockton (19)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	TREASURY IN THE LEAD	
To increase the % of household waste that is recycled. (12)	<p>The Government believes that local authorities have a key role in promoting household recycling and would like to see them benefit from funds in the LTCS.</p> <p>HM Treasury will shortly be challenging the waste industry to meet demanding targets to allocate a greater proportion of tax credits towards sustainable waste management projects and especially projects which promote recycling.</p> <p>In the longer term the Government is attracted to replacing all or part of the LCTS with a public spending programme to direct resources towards Government priorities on sustainable waste management. The Government, led by HM Treasury and the DETR, will consult with interested parties, including the London Borough of Camden, on how this transition can be managed to ensure the worthwhile projects continue to attract funding both under the current scheme and under any replacement regime.</p>	Camden (12)
	<p>The <i>Treasury and Customs & Excise</i> will conduct constructive discussions with the Council on options for reforming the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, with the aim of increasing recycling rates of household waste.</p>	Birmingham Cambridgeshire (Gov) Milton Keynes (12) Kent (12)
	<p>The Government will invite Kent to participate in discussions on the operation of the Landfill Tax Credits Scheme to inform policy formulation in this area ahead of the 2001 budget.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions</p>	Kent (12)
By 2008 60% of additional housing should be provided on previously developed land and through conversions of existing buildings. (18)	<p>The Government Office for the North East will work with the City Council, the DETR and the Treasury to identify by the end of July 2001 situations where clawback of grant in relation to past regeneration and housing grant regimes will be waived. The arrangements will need to satisfy the requirements of the NAO. Where the waiver of clawback would affect the programmes run by One NorthEast or English Partnerships, particularly where the money would otherwise be retained by them for regeneration purposes, their views will also be taken into account.</p>	Newcastle (18)
	<p>Newcastle City Council to provide written details to the Treasury and DETR of their ideas for national criteria for areas to be exempted from stamp duty.</p>	

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	<p>It is further agreed that, if a satisfactory basis can be established for so doing, targets for benefit savings and reinvestment will be considered for inclusion in future PSAs between the Government and Kent</p> <p>The Government response will be led by the Treasury and the Department of Social Security.</p> <p>In keeping with the local targets for parts of East Kent the local convergence targets (L1) will be monitored for their impact on benefit uptake specifically in Thanet and Shepway.</p>	
Statement of intent.	<p>Efficient use of Public Private Partnerships and the PFI</p> <p>Kent has made representations that the procedures governing the PFI are slow and fragmented and for an authority the size of Kent it can be difficult to fit a coherent programme of investment within the system of PFI credits that is sized to a different order of magnitude.</p> <p>It is recognised that the efficient use of PFI will be critical to the achievement of the PSA targets, particularly those on the health/social services frontier (N7/L2a) that require a large-scale investment in facilities to back up new forms of intermediate care.</p> <p>The Government and Kent agree to produce and participate in a programme of work to explore ways in which PFI procedures and credit allocations can be adapted to facilitate the achievement of the targets in this PSA. Kent agrees to participate in an evaluation of any agreed modifications to PFI processes and, where appropriate, will share its experience with other agencies.</p> <p>The Government response will be led by the Treasury.</p>	Kent
To increase the amount of waste recycled or composted. (12)	The <i>Treasury and Customs & Excise</i> will conduct constructive discussions with Birmingham City Council on options for reforming the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, with the aim of increasing recycling rates of household waste.	Birmingham (12) Cambridgeshire (12)

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	OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE LEAD	
Over the 3 years to 2004 increase the employment rates of disadvantaged areas and groups, taking account of the economic cycle. (6)	That the Employment Service and the Office of National Statistics use their best endeavours to collate and publish the count of claimants in Newham monthly to include ethnicity.	Newham (6)
	That the Employment Service (Working Age Agency) and the Council use their best endeavours to share the opportunities for joint resourcing in the delivery of this PSA target in Newham.	
To reduce the % of people under the age of 25 reporting the use of Class A drugs by 25% by 2005. (9)	The Minister of State for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, or relevant Ministerial colleagues, undertakes to consider proposals from the Council to re-negotiate existing terms and conditions for funded projects so that they may be combined to deliver agreed targets more cost effectively, stretch targets for the same money or achieve other added value benefits whilst staying within the overall objectives of the funding streams.	Norfolk (9)
To reduce the number of untaxed and abandoned vehicles on the streets and estates of the New Cross Gate New Deal for Communities (NDC) area which is one of the top two areas for reports of nuisance vehicles in the borough. (local)	As part of the pilot on abandoned vehicles, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency will consider whether there is an operational need to store large numbers of low value vehicles for 35 days or more	Lewisham (local)

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	<p>DETR and the DVLA are content for the Council to act as agent for the DVLA in Newham with regard to wheel clamping and impounding of unlicensed vehicles on a pilot basis.</p>	<p>Newham (local)</p>

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE LEAD	
By 2008 60% of additional housing should be provided on previously developed land and through conversions of existing buildings. (18)	<p>The Government Office for the North East will work with the City Council, the DETR and the Treasury to identify by the end of July 2001 situations where clawback of grant in relation to past regeneration and housing grant regimes will be waived. The arrangements will need to satisfy the requirements of the NAO. Where the waiver of clawback would affect the programmes run by One NorthEast or English Partnerships, particularly where the money would otherwise be retained by them for regeneration purposes, their views will also be taken into account.</p> <p>The DETR and GONE will, wherever possible, deal with Article 14 directions, planning referrals and CPO applications within the primary targets set out in their Service Level Agreement and which are reproduced here below: <u>Decisions on called-in planning applications and other planning referrals</u> Issue decision in 80% of cases within 13 weeks of receipt of Inspector's report. Unopposed Compulsory Purchase Orders</p> <p>Decide whether to confirm all orders within 10 weeks of the last date of the last objection period, receipt of full details from the local planning authority, or receipt of all papers from PINS when all objections to opposed CPOs are withdrawn before inquiry, whichever is the later. Opposed Compulsory Purchase Orders</p> <p>Issue decision in all cases within 13 weeks (or 20 weeks if a case linked with a called in case) of receipt of Inspector's report and all relevant documentation.</p> <p>The DETR, GONE and NCC will implement the DETR Best Practice Guidance (Statutory and Non Statutory Consultation Report, Jan 2001, DETR) by seeking to develop a local agreement and protocol of best practice with the Environment Agency and English Heritage with particular regard to timescales for consultation on planning applications once referred to DETR.</p> <p>GO-NE and NCC will approach all other statutory consultees and encourage them to participate in the local agreement and protocol.</p>	Newcastle (18)

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CABINET OFFICE		
To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services. (22)	<p>Sheffield City Council has asked to be involved in the development of initiatives to encourage innovation and progress in ICT development (particularly in relation to future guidance on issues of confidentiality, security, data protection and national standards for electronic ID). The Council has also asked to be involved in any discussion of ways in which Government ICT initiatives are best co-ordinated for the benefit of public access to services.</p> <p>DETR and the Office of the e-Envoy have already established consultation processes on these issues with key stakeholders and will, through these processes, discuss with its partners and Sheffield City Council how the Council might be involved in the development of ICT initiatives.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Minister for the Cabinet Office.</p>	Sheffield (22)
Statement of intent.	<p>Performance indicators, targets, plans and inspections</p> <p>Kent will continue to participate in the Cabinet Office initiative that seeks to ease the regulatory framework within which local authorities are required to operate. This includes reducing the number of statutory and non statutory plans local authorities are required to prepare, having an inspection regime which is proportionate to risk and in "inverse proportion to success", and adopting a coherent monitoring framework concentrating on core performance indicators. Significant progress will be sought at the Central/Local Partnership meeting in March 2001. Kent offers to assist Government in piloting any proposals.</p> <p>The Government and Kent agree to work together to establish the feasibility of a pilot scheme, using powers available under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 2000, to reduce the requirements on local authorities to produce and/or publish various plans and strategies.</p> <p>The Government response will be led by the Cabinet Office.</p>	Kent
To ensure continuous improvement in the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of local services. (22)	<p>The Government will discuss with the Council ways in which inter-authority links can be fostered within the Local Government Secure Internet and how the existing mechanisms for information exchange and joined-up working on electronic service delivery can be strengthened.</p> <p>This assurance is given by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions and the Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.</p>	Surrey (22)

TARGETS	FREEDOMS	Local Authority
	GENERAL ISSUES AFFECTING ALL DEPARTMENTS	
	The Government, in agreeing to the PSA targets, accepts them as its own and will, where it is possible to exercise discretion in the application of statutory or administrative requirements, give weight to representations from Cambridgeshire County Council and/or its partners that actions by the Government's departments or agencies would materially inhibit or constrain the council and/or its partners in achieving the PSA targets.	Cambridgeshire
	<p>The Government will, when considering measures to ameliorate recruitment and retention difficulties of key workers, take into account the views of Cambridgeshire County Council on the high cost of housing in parts of the county and the impact this would have on the achievement of its PSA targets.</p> <p>In evaluating bids received under the Starter Home Initiative, the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions will, subject to consideration and comparison of all bids against the criteria established for the scheme, take into account the contribution that the Council's SHI proposals would make to the achievement of its PSA targets.</p>	Cambridgeshire
	<p>The Government and Milton Keynes Council agree to jointly examine those aspects of the Council's context that place a unique burden on its finances, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid population growth Unique infrastructure Costs of rapid development <p>The parties will work together to develop solutions that will recognise these factors in the wider context of reform of the local government finance system.</p>	Milton Keynes

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	<p>In relation to the statements of intent made in Schedule 5 to the Agreement, the Government will make all reasonable efforts to work with Kent and its partners to overcome the factors that would inhibit the achievement of the PSA targets. If the inhibiting factors cannot be overcome and this has had a demonstrable and substantial effect on the achievement of the PSA targets, the Government accepts that the implications for this Agreement should be discussed with.</p> <p>1. The Government will take all reasonable steps to ensure that its departments and agencies support programmes and projects that contribute to PSA target L1.</p> <p>2. In the absence of resources from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), the Government will, when making decisions about other relevant funding programmes, give weight to representations by Kent and/or its partner bodies that would materially advance the achievement of the PSA target L1. This commitment relates to decisions on the allocation of funds that are based on consideration of individual cases as distinct from those based on formulae. This commitment applies to applications from Kent, Thanet and Shepway District Councils, Kent Police Authority, Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority and East Kent Health Authority</p>	Kent
	<p>3. The Government and Kent agree that the grant payable under Schedule 3 in support of PSA target L1 will be regulated in such a way that no greater restrictions will be placed on its use than would have been the case if NRF grant had been available to support this target.</p> <p>These assurances are given by the Government signatories to this Agreement.</p> <p><u>Confirmation of existing powers</u></p> <p>Kent's original PSA proposal identified a number of areas where it was seeking wider powers but where it was established through subsequent discussion that these or similar powers may already exist or are to be introduced before the start of the PSA period. These are set out below as a matter of record, but this does not constitute a legal opinion and Kent should satisfy itself about the legal position.</p>	Kent

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	<p>2. In the absence of resources from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), the Government will, when making decisions about other relevant funding programmes, give weight to representations by Kent and/or its partner bodies that would materially advance the achievement of the PSA target L1. This commitment relates to decisions on the allocation of funds that are based on consideration of individual cases as distinct from those based on formulae. This commitment applies to applications from KCC, Thanet and Shepway District Councils, Kent Police Authority, Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority and East Kent Health Authority</p>	Kent
	<p>Efficient access to special-purpose funds</p> <p>To the extent that stretched targets require resources, KENT intends to achieve this through the more intensive use of existing resources. However as core funding is at "full stretch" in the BVPP it is important that KENT and its partners are able to make the most efficient and effective use of the many special-purpose funds by which the Government achieves its objectives - existing and new. It is the view of KENT that, when the local partners to the PSA apply for special purpose funds for projects that are contributory to a PSA target, the existence of that target should create a presumption in favour of eligibility.</p> <p>The Government and KENT agree that the targets in this PSA are shared targets that are consistent with national policies and priorities. The Government will, when making decisions about relevant special purpose funding programmes, give weight to representations that participation by KENT and/or its partner bodies would materially advance the achievement of the PSA targets. This commitment relates to decisions on the allocation of funds that are based on consideration of individual cases as distinct from those based on formulae.</p>	Kent
	<p>FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HM GOVERNMENT AND SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL</p> <p>The Secretaries of State (or relevant Ministerial colleagues) intend that their Departments should conduct discussions with Surrey County Council on the scope for piloting a whole- authority Public Service Agreement</p>	Surrey

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	DETR COUNTRYSIDE LEGISLATION DIVISION	
To reduce the level of domestic burglary. (19)	The DETR will invite Middlesbrough to take part in any forthcoming consultation on the procedures for bringing into effect the crime prevention provisions in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.	Middlesbrough (19)
	DETR URBAN POLICY	
To improve the environment of Coventry City Centre. (local)	The DETR agrees to write a letter to the City Centre Company, which the Company may use to assist fund-raising efforts. DETR and the City Centre Company will seek to agree the exact text of the letter in further discussions. DETR would like to discuss with the Council and the City Centre Company how the Government can draw on Coventry's experience as a model for other local authorities in establishing Town Improvement Scheme type business partnerships. In the event of enabling legislation being passed, DETR agrees to discuss with the Council how they might develop a Town Improvement Scheme.	Coventry (local)

Appendix A: Changes to Government Departments

Following the changes in the machinery of government announced on 8 June 2001, some areas of work have been transferred between departments (some of which have also been renamed and some are unchanged). The following is a list of policy areas and current Departments' responsibilities:

Best Value:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Education:	Department for Education and Skills (DfES)
Electronic Service Delivery:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Employment:	The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Fire:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Housing:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Local Government Finance:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Neighbourhoods:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Planning:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Regeneration:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Social Security:	The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Transport & Road Safety:	Department for Transport Local Government and Regions (DTLR)
Waste:	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
Sport:	Department of Culture Media and Sports (DCMS)
Health & Social Services:	Department of Health (DOH)
Drugs:	Home Office (HO)
Crime & Community Safety:	Home Office (HO)