FAMILY BENCHMARKING EXERCISE – 2008

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Question No. 1	Authority Name	Response
Where do the regeneration and economic development functions sit within your organisation? If you can provide an	Amber Valley Borough Council Carlisle City Council	Within the Regeneration & Sustainability Business Unit, which site within the Chief Executive's Department See Appendix A ED is within Development Services, as is regeneration generally although there is no separate team entitled 'regeneration'. The Business and Employment team within ED includes rural support/regeneration, economic regeneration, external funding and business development. The City
organisational structure diagram please do so either by adding it at the end of this questionnaire of by separate e mail		Council and Cumbria County Council have just set up a new private sector chaired regeneration partnership Board to oversee the Carlisle Renaissance programme, with a dedicated team to manage the programme. The team is employed by the City Council but answerable to the Board. It mirrors a UDC type operation but is not a stand alone company. The staff are on 3 year fixed term contracts. Structure of Development Services, ED Service and Carlisle Renaissance Team Structure attached (See Appendix B). Separate page on Carlisle Renaissance figures (See Appendix C)
	Erewash Borough Council	The Council Economic Development, Regeneration and Funding functions are combined with each other and sit with the Planning Policy Section of Development & Regulatory Directorate.
	Kettering Borough Council	Within Community Services (which also covers town centre, community development, sports, leisure, culture, open spaces, Tourist Information Centre and community safety) Attached as appendix
	Malvern Hills District Council	ED is part of the Community and Economic Development Service within the Chief Executives Department
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	Planning & Regeneration Directorate
	Redditch Borough Council	Economic development sits within the Environment & Planning Directorate under the Head of Planning & Building Control. (Organizational structure – See Appendix D).

Question No. 2	Authority Name	Response
Does your Tourism function sit with regeneration and/or	Amber Valley Borough Council	This sits alongside the regeneration/economic development function within the regeneration & sustainability business unit (see attached)
economic development? If not, where does it sit?	Carlisle City Council	Within Economy, Property and Tourism Service, one of 2 services within Development Directorate. The other service is Planning and Housing.
,	Erewash Borough Council	No, the Tourism function is located within the Culture & Leisure Directorate
	Kettering Borough Council	The Tourist Information Centre does but tourism is delivered through a countywide organization, 'Explore Northamptonshire'
	Malvern Hills District Council	Tourism is part of the ED Service
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	It is part of Economic Regeneration Service
	Redditch Borough Council	Business tourism is one of Redditch Borough Council's draft Economic Development priorities and therefore sits within Economic Development. However leisure tourism falls within Cultural and Leisure Services.

Question No. 3	Authority Name	Response
Within the Principal team carrying out regeneration and/or economic development, how many	Amber Valley Borough Council	3.1 - 4 3.2 - 2 3.3 - 0.5
FTE staff do you employ in: 1. Professional roles (e.g. Regeneration Officer, Economic	Carlisle City Council	 3.1 - 4 (Incl 1 fixed term externally funded post) Business & Telecentre tutor 1 FTE 3.2 - 1 (fixed term externally funded 3.3 - 2 FTE - Enterprise Centre 2 FTE - Business & Telecentre No dedicated gen admin staff, share of Director's secretary (1 FTE) plus 1 FTE Service Admin support.
Development Officer) 2. Technical roles (e.g. Research Officer)	Erewash Borough Council Kettering Borough Council	3.1 - 1 professional officer responsible for Economic Development 3.2 - 0 3.3 - 0 3.1 - 3 (1 Economic & Community Development Manager, 1 Senior Economic Development Officer,
3. Admin/Support roles (e.g. Secretarial)	Malvern Hills District Council	1 Town Centre BID co-coordinator) 3.2 - 0 3.3 - 2.5 (members of staff covering whole of community services) 3.1 - 3.4 FTE (1 EDM, 1EDO, 1Toruism Officer, 0.4 Town Centre)
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	3.2 - 0 3.3 0.25 FTE 3.1 - 4 3.2 - 1
	Redditch Borough Council	3.3 - 2 3.1 - 1 FTE – Economic Development Manager (vacant since May 2007) 3.2 - 0.68 FTE 3.3 - 0

Question No. 4	Authority Name	Response					
What are the main regeneration and	Amber Valley Borough Council	See Attached Service Proformas (Sub-Heading: 'Outline of service provided')					
economic development (and tourism if included) roles that your Council undertakes?	Carlisle City Council	The main roles are: Economic Strategy Business liaison and development – includes running managed workspace and a training 'telecentre' Rural support External funding Economic Regeneration Tourism Strategy Tourist Information, 2x TICs Conference Desk City Centre partnership activity Market Towns Initiative programme (ended 31 Mar 2008) [included for purposes of budget info below]					
	Erewash Borough Council	 The main roles are: The production and delivery and review of the Erewash Economic Regeneration Strategy. Design, secure funding for the delivery of Economic Development & Regeneration projects. Improves the look and vitality of Erewash high streets through the delivery of the Ilkeston town centre Masterplan. Improve the look and vitality of Erewash high streets through the delivery of the Long Easton town centre Masterplan. Secure funding for and assist in the delivery of the Long Eaton Townscape heritage Initiative. Bring forward the development of the former Stanton Ironworks Brownfield Site. Promote and encourage inward investment and business relocation. Secure funding for Erewash Borough Council strategic projects. The strategic economic reuse of derelict and vacant land and properties. Supporting the social regeneration and engagement of the boroughs most deprived communities. Working with partners, such as the Erewash partnership, to assist in the wider development of Erewash and the region. Advising and implementation of planning policies and planning applications. The marketing and promotion of the Borough as a business location. Supporting partnerships in Erewash including town centre forums and Chamber of Trades. 					

Question No. 4	Authority Name	Response
Continued/	Kettering Borough Council	Not filled in
Continued/	Malvern Hills District Council	 Development and strategic management of workspace and ED projects i.e. MHSP Leading on Development team approach around ED and Job creation projects Development of ED policy and support for Related Council policy such as Planning. IAG for businesses on funding, sites and premises (evolutive), expansion, market research, recruitment and training, Planning, etc Promotion and marketing of the area Partnership working in Market Towns, Town Centres, Business Parks and with specific interest Groups Managing Malvern and Upton TIC's and delivery of Tenbury Volunteer run TIC Working with Destination Worcestershire to support and promote the tourism offer
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	 Provision of business support inc start-up grants Information and data management/sign-posting businesses Promotion & Marketing of the District Inward Investment handling Management of Council's Business Centre Budget responsibility for other property portfolio Provision of Tourism services inc TIC management (2) Partnership working on range of strategic projects Area specific regeneration projects Preparing & Implementing Econ Regen Strategy Securing external funding support as appropriate Supporting local market towns
	Redditch Borough Council	Currently, due to limited staff, we offer: Commercial Property Database Signposting Service for business support services Strategic overview of the economic well-being agenda within the Council Partnership and networking activities Labour market policies / skills issues Liaison regarding the development and application of policies relation to employment land Marketing economic development services and promoting Redditch as a business location However, the Council has recently agreed new draft economic development priorities for the Borough for the purposes of consultation and for inclusion in the Worcestershire Economic Strategy and Joint Investment Plan. It is anticipated that the implementation of the economic development priorities will increase the number of officers employed and the workload of the team. The draft economic development priorities are attached.

Question No. 5

What are your regeneration and economic development (and tourism if included) gross budgets for the last 3 years (please separate out figures for tourism from regeneration/economic development)

		A. Reven	ue		B. Incom	е		C. Empl	oyee Cos	ts	D. Capital		
		06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09
Amber Valley Borough Council	Regen & Economic Dev			345,100			0			182,500			
Figures not available for 06/07 & 07/08	Tourism			487,700			16,400			20%			
06/07 & 07/06	TOTAL												
Carlisle City Council Business & Emp Team Enterprise Centre Business & Telecentre	Regen & Economic Dev	465,300 216,100 287,500 24,100	444,200 238,100 299,100 307,600	419,500 239,100 316,800	102,100 134,300 114,900 8,500	104,700 135,100 117,100 291,500	114,900 142,000 69,000	215,200 44,800 82,900 15,400	186,200 46,100 84,900 94,200	179,100 49,200 77,800	-	-	-
Tourism Strat/City Centre TIC	Tourism	296,000 195,800 63,800	265,700 283,300 56,400	282,300 184,000 40,600	0 62,100 16,400	0 138,800 11,700	0 51,800 12,100	97,700 128,000 33,100	99,500 138,800 28,600	102,800 139,500 29,800	-	-	-
Conference Grp MTI	TOTAL	1,548,800	1,895,000	1,482,300	438,300	798,900	390,600	617,100	678,300	587,200	-	-	-
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Erewash Borough Council	Regen & Economic Dev	8,465	20,810	24,710	0	0	0	22,194	23,460	24,800	0	0	0
	Tourism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL	8,465	20,810	24,710	0	0	0	22,194	23,460	24,800	0	0	0

		A. Revenue		B. Income			C. Employee Costs			D. Capital			
		06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09	06/07	07/08	08/09
Kettering Borough Council	Regen & Economic Dev	?	68,300	68,300	?	1,500	1,500	?	123,000	126,600	0	0	200,000
	Tourism	3,900	3,900	3,900	?	16,200	16,200	?	52,600	53,600	0	0	0
	TOTAL	-	72,200	72,200		17,700	17,700		175,600	180,200			200,000
Malvern Hills District Council	Regen & Economic Dev	?	158,000	270,000	?			-	115,000 (12%)	130,000 (12%)		25,000	
	Tourism	?	236,000	211,000	?	63,000	60,000	-	130,000 (12%)	135,000 (12%)			
	TOTAL	?	331,000	421,000	?			-					
Newark & Sherwood District Council	Regen & Economic Dev	409,530	407,690	314,900	0	0	0						
	Tourism	197,158	216,530	207,560	3,385	3,500	7,500				n/a	n/a	n/a
	TOTAL												
									1				
Redditch Borough Council	Regen & Economic Dev												
(No Figures supplied)	Tourism												1
	TOTAL												

Question No. 6

What is the total value of grant assistance your Council has made available to businesses in support of regeneration and economic development over the last 3 years?

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Amber Valley Borough Council	38,680	-	-
Carlisle City Council	-	10,000	30,000
Erewash Borough Council	50,000	51,500	76,500
Kettering Borough Council	30,000	30,000	30,000
Malvern Hills District Council (Externally funded)	-	-	-
Newark & Sherwood District Council	38,000	38,000	10,000
Redditch Borough Council	-	-	-

Question No. 7

How much external funding has your Council levered in over the last 3 years to support the regeneration and economic development functions?

a) From the Regional Development Agency:	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Amber Valley Borough Council	235,818	133,754	54,373
Carlisle City Council	436,000	2,151,750	1,560,000
Erewash Borough Council	98,000	310,000	1,135,000
Kettering Borough Council	0	0	200,000
Malvern Hills District Council	245,000	200,000	0
Newark & Sherwood District Council	3,250,000	0	4,000,000
Redditch Borough Council	0	0	0

Question No. 7 – Continued/							
b) From other external sources (please identify them):		2006/07		2007/08		2008/09	
Amber Valley Borough Council	407,267		434,972		54,615	(up to end of July 2008)	
Carlisle City Council	40,000 3,000 10,000	(Other) (European) (Private)	177,500 90,000 10,000	(Other) (European) (Private)	200,000 4,000 10,000	(Other) (European) (Private)	
	Total = 53,0	000	Total = 27	77,500	Total = 214,000		
Erewash Borough Council	5,000 25,000	(Private) (Groundwork SLA)	310,000 25,000	(Section 106) (Groundwork SLA)	957,000 215,000	(Heritage Lottery) (Private)	
Kettering Borough Council	0		0		0		
Malvern Hills District Council	143,000	(ERDF)	50,000	(ERDF)	60,000	(Better Welcome)	
Newark & Sherwood District Council	750,000	(Notts CC)	25,000	(NCC)	0		
Redditch Borough Council	0		0		15,000	(from WCC)	

Question No. 8							
a) How do you monitor your performance in delivering regeneration and economic development (National Indicators and/or Local Pls)? Please list them.	Amber Valley Borough Council	Up to and including 2007-08: - see attached list of local performance measure (x9) –includes tourism (See Appendix E) From 2008-09: N1 153, N1 172, plus attached list of local performance measures (x11) – includes tourism (See Appendix F)					
	Carlisle City Council	 Revenue generated into Conference Group LPI Visitors to TICs – LPI Additional PIs being developed for Economic Strategy Action Plan. Also targets set for grant funded projects by funding organisations 					
	Erewash Borough Council	Local – Erewash Regeneration Strategy & Erewash Borough Council Corporate					
	Kettering Borough Council	No official indicators but monitor against Community Plan, Local Economic Development Strategy, Community Services Annual Service Plan and Service Level Agreements.					
	Malvern Hills District Council	Performance management via in house database called TEN Local indicators are- CEDLPI 19 % of traders feeling confident about business CEDLPI 20 Number of businesses supported through the small business service CEDLPI 21 Pedestrian footfall in the town centre CEDLPI 22 Number of visitors to Malvern TIC CEDLPI 23 Number of visitors to Upton TIC EDLPI 17 User satisfaction with town centre EDLPI 18 % of ground floor units vacant EDLPI 19 % of ground floor units that are charity shops					
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	We utilize long-term macro-economic indicators in monitoring local economy eg Economic activity rates, business start-up rates, numbers claiming benefits etc and use quarterly performance plans to monitor service outputs including, numbers businesses assisted, numbers tourist visitors, events organized etc					
	Redditch Borough Council	National Indicators: NI 151, NI 152, NI 153, NI 171, NI 172, NI 173 Average annual earning for full-time workers working in Redditch (ECR4a) % change in VAT registered businesses in the area over the year (ECR7) Number of jobs created, safe-guarded or relocated by companies that have used the commercial property service (ECR18 – modified) Proportion of respondents to the commercial property service questionnaire that are satisfied or very satisfied with the service (Local)					

particular to your locality	Amber Valley Borough Council	As a mixed urban/rural area, Amber Valley does not attract funding available more readily to either predominantly urban or rural areas.
that may affect your delivery performance?	Carlisle City Council	Sparse rural area and small city/urban area Historic city and recognised visitor destination Pockets of deprivation rather than single area of focus Perceptions of isolation, far NW corner of England
		Below average wage levels
	Erewash Borough Council	A predominantly rural area with 2 distinct market towns.
		Located a few miles between the high growth citifies of Nottingham & Derby
		Major green belt implications across the Borough
		Limited Brownfield opportunities within the Borough.
		Lower than average wage levels though below average unemployment.
		Limited capacity to deliver the service.
	Kettering Borough Council	We are a small council and therefore it is more costs effective and efficient to link into countywide agencies where possible e.g. tourism, inward investment – we do not have the resources to deliver this ourselves.
	Malvern Hills District Council	Broad area with differing challenges – Tenbury Wells is isolated rural town to development of High tech business in Malvern and reliance on Tourism for Malvern and Upton
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	Huge rural District over 63,000 Hectares. Great dichotomy of local economy from former coalfield in the western area to agricultural background in central and eastern areas. Also 3 market towns of Newark, Southwell and Ollerton. Tourism assets very important to local economy.
	Redditch Borough Council	Workers in Redditch on average earn the lowest gross weekly wage in the County (and considerably less than the regional and GB average). Educational attainment levels are low. Nearly one quarter of jobs in Redditch are in the manufacturing sector.
		Redditch is peripheral to Worcestershire's issues and activities and has more natural linkages to the conurbation. However, in the context of the conurbation, Redditch is not significant.

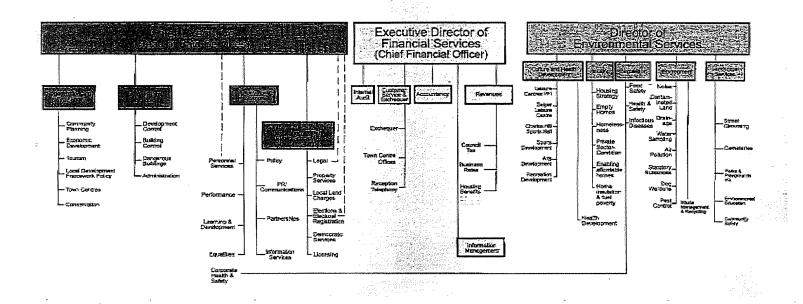
Question No. 8		
c) Do you have any user satisfaction surveys that rate	Amber Valley Borough Council	None within time period of assessment
your performance? If so what results do they indicate and when were they carried out?	Carlisle City Council	Quality of life survey 2006, 84% of residents satisfied with Carlisle as a place to live Cumbria visitor survey 2006 – main reason for enjoying visit to Carlisle – a chance to experience history and heritage Carlisle visitor survey 2005: 88.7% of visitors describe the range/quality of visitor attractions as excellent or good 75.5% of visitors describe the range/quality/choice of shops as good or excellent 89.6% of visitors describe the range/quality of places to eat and drink as excellent or good 82.1% of visitors the standard to tourist and pedestrian signposting as good or excellent 79.2% of visitors describe the cleanliness of streets as good or excellent 63.2% of visitors describe Carlisle as Good or Very Good as a shopping destination 56.6% of visitors describe the customer service in shops as good or very good 53.8% of visitors were enjoying their trip very much, and 42.5% of visitors were enjoying their visit quite a lot
	Erewash Borough Council	None
	Kettering Borough Council	No – we monitor as above but we deliver few services. Those we do are by Service Level Agreement (e.g. Business Support in the past) and these are monitored by user satisfaction surveys annually
	Malvern Hills District Council	Not currently but we are starting to consider approaches and would be keen to establish common practices in this regard
	Newark & Sherwood District Council	No
	Redditch Borough Council	A survey of 730 businesses in Redditch was undertaken in 2008. There was 184 respondents; a response rate of 25%. The respondents were asked to comment on Redditch Borough Council. 60% made no comment, 16% made positive comments, 12% made negative comments and 11% made neutral comments. The comments were not restricted to delivery of economic development services. A customer satisfaction questionnaire is sent out to all users of the commercial property service 2 calendar months after the initial enquiry. 100% of respondents in 2008 were either satisfied or very satisfied although we have a very low response rate.

Question No. 9		
What would you say are your top 3 most successful achievements from a	Amber Valley Borough Council	Securing significant levels of external funding in circumstances where funding sources are not readily available on basis of assessment of need.
regeneration and economic development perspective?		Successful regeneration of historic market town (Belper) through Townscape heritage Initiative (THI)
		 Maintaining existing level of staff resources during period of considerable pressure on Council budgets
	Carlisle City Council	Since 2007 – 1. Agreed way forward with partners in public, private and community/voluntary sector for economic development in Carlisle and its City Region, in Economic Strategy adopted last year
		Package of projects to address worklessness and support business through the interim Carlisle Renaissance programme
		Ambitious 'Carlisle Christmas City' programme helping Carlisle to compete with larger and more well known visitor destinations
		CARLISLE RENAISSANCE
		Total service costs
		2006/07 407,620 2007/08 514,300 2008/09 359,900
		Employee costs
		2006/07 228,500 2007/08 221,100 2008/09 221,100
	Erewash Borough Council	Creating, providing and maintaining the Economic Development Service within Erewash
		2. Establishing close working with regional agencies, partners and local groups.
		 Securing funding and assisting the delivery of numerous development and regeneration projects across the Borough

Question No. 9 – Continued/	
Kettering Borough Council	 Town Centre Regeneration Allocation of employment land linking with growth of Kettering Drawing down growth area funding and LABGI
Malvern Hills District Council	Development of the Malvern Hills Science PArkHSP Delivery of some of the best TIC's in the Country
Newark & Sherwood District Council	 Facilitating diversification of former coalfield local industrial structure and regenerating several key former colliery sites with new investment. Regeneration of Newark Riverside, attracting 3 National Best practice awards from BURA/English Partnership/Waterways Trust Development of Newark Beacon Business Innovation Centre creating 31 business units, conference facilities, café & break-out area.
Redditch Borough Council	 Commercial Property Database Development of the Single Business Account Securing the location of an industrial estate Learning Zone in Redditch

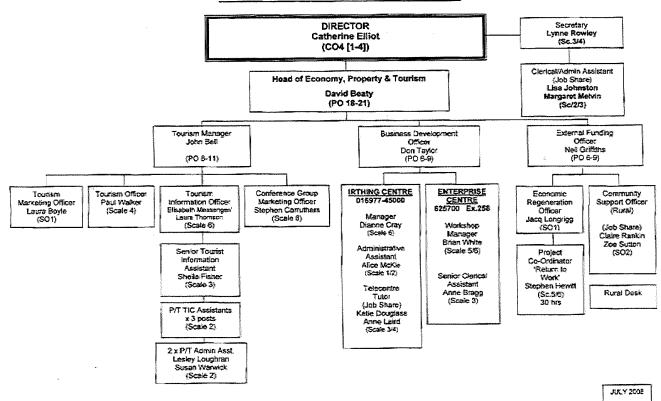
APPENDIX A

INTERIM - ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

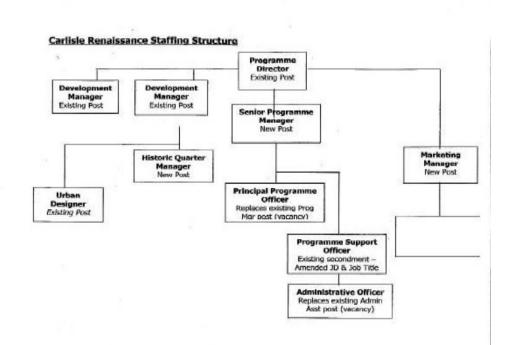


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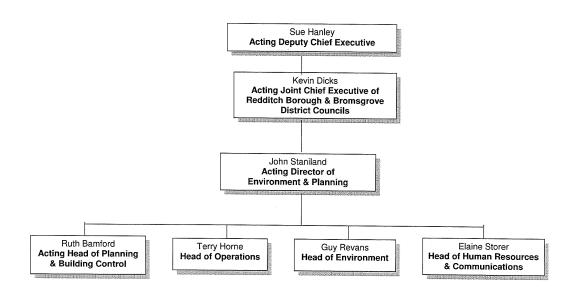
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



APPENDIX C



APPENDIX D



APPENDIX E

	, Penome	nce Measure			
No/Ref	Definition	07/08 Target	2007/08 Actual	08/09 Target	2008/09 to date
LI	Jobs created or safeguarded as a result of intervention	45	Will need completing at the end of March 08	50	10.5
L2	No. of businesses engaged to include advice or support	375		400	79
La	Funding drawn in by business & community as a result of intervention	£600,000 Drawn in £100,000 Offered		£600,000 Drawn In £150,000 Offered	E101,489 Drawn in E264,006 Offered
1.4	No of funding applications submitted	Offered 20		25	16
L5	No. obtaining employment, training, qualifications or volunteering	450		275	85
1.6	No. of new businesses started	25		30	10
Ly	No. of enquiries at TIC: Throughput Personal Telephone email	44,000 14,000 2,500 350	42,733 13,813 2,283 376	42,500 13,800 2000 400	14,777 4380 725 180
La	Visitor spend at TIC Total Per person	£50,000			£8,554.81 57.9p per person
LO	No of enquiries at franchise TIC Casual Visitors Group Visitors Visitor Information				
L10	Number of new businesses showing growth, includes; • % increase in sales • % increase in turnover • new products or services • diversification • entry to new markets • VAT registration			10	3
Lii	Community engagement in Masterplan				

Consultation Exe	rcises 2007/10
Subject	Progress
WB/MR Funding Road Show at Heaner Town Hall 22 rd July	49 people attended representing 35 community groups

LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATERS

APPENDIX F

Develop the structure of the Heanor Regeneration Steering Group, Prioritise projects for delivery	March 08	Sharon Brown	Supporting the Heanor Festivial Committee to organise a range of events for Heanor Festival Week
Facilitate a range of events for Market Towns week	May 08	Sharon Brown	
Develop partnership to decide locations and approach businesses for aponsorship for Heanor Gateways project	March 08	Sharon Brown	Locations agreed with meau Steering Group. Funding currently being sourced through grants and sponsorship.
Form partnership to share information on services and facilities in Heaner and produce a draft Community Service Review study	March 08	Sharon Brown	Working in partners no with AVHI and Selected to produce the Community Service Review
Develop a partnership and coordinate 2 meetings, to gather baseline data to inform the direction of a youth centre project in Heanor	March 08	Sharon Brown	Currently arranging a mouting of interested parties to gather baseline data for a youth project.

	Performs	ance Measure			
No/Ref	Definition	06/07 Target	2006/07 Actual	07/08 Target	2007/08 to date
Li	Jobs created or safeguarded as a result of intervention	35	44	45	47.5
L2	No. of businesses advised or supported	306	357	375	482
L3	Funding drawn in by business & community as a result of intervention	£500,000 Drawn in £70,000 Offered	E643,089 + Drawn in E334,335 Offered	E600,000 Orawn in £100,000 Offered	£568,727 Drawn in £221,826 Offered
L4	No of funding applications submitted	N/A	N/A	20	21
CS .	No. obtaining employment, training, qualifications or volunteering	150	421	450	799
L6	No. of new businesses started	25	26	25	24
L7	No. of enquiries at TIC: Throughput Personal Telephone Written incl. Email & coupons		43,696 13,530 2,325 395	44,000 14,000 2,500 350	
L8	Visitor spend at TIC Total Per person		£44,490 £1.18	£50,000 TBA	4
L9	Accommodation bookings Total Value Bed nights		£1,936 61	£1,000	

L - This is an indicator we have set ourselves locally to measure our performance and raise standards for service users

	Subject	Progress
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LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
2006-07; 2007-08