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Leading and engaging communities			
Continue to develop our economic, educational and cultural links with China, particularly through our twinning arrangements with the Sichuan Province.	Andy Robinson	Green	China Bureau now regional but LCC still actively involved as a key partner. On-going programme of trade delegations.
Continue to work with our partners in the Three Cities and Three Counties alliance, and will develop a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) to identify priorities for improving the economy, transport, and other infrastructure.	Andy Robinson	Amber	Discussions ongoing about the arrangements for strategy and delivery in the 6 Cs area. Involved in 6C's Policy Group. Discussions underway with the City Council about an MAA covering the City and County.
A new Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) will be prepared by Leicestershire Together Partnership. We will then prepare with Leicestershire Together a new LAA from April 2008 that will set out how these improvements will be achieved.	Andy Robinson	Green	Draft SCS public consultation between November and January – focus on themes, people and places. Preparations for LAA2 and MAA well underway, with first draft of LAA2 to be submitted to GOEM on 24 th January.
Implement our new Rural Strategy as a key document guiding partnership work. Our Access to Services programme, aimed at rural communities with a population of less than 5,000, will focus on developing alternative ways to delivering key services to rural communities.	Andy Robinson	Green	Rural Strategy developed and launched. Summary leaflet produced. LRP Conference and 2 Development Days held. Bid for LEADER funding for National Forest area submitted – outcome known by mid-February. Access to Services application to be submitted to LSEP/emda by the end of January 2008. Project in development to pilot improved access for young people to evening activities in the Vale and Bosworth areas

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Continue to develop infrastructure support for the Voluntary and Community Sector, that ensures it can deliver both strategically and locally, and to support Parish Councils across the county.	Andy Robinson	Green	VCS infrastructure delivery plan prepared and discussions about the procurement of a single infrastructure body due to be completed by the end of January.
Our Access Centres programme, which offers a range of public services to communities across the county, will create a further six centres with a focus on adult learning and improving employment opportunities.	Andy Robinson	Amber	LSEP have now decided that they want a different delivery model. Should not affect individual LCC applications for Access Centres funding, but LCC no longer has programme management role.
Implement Community Forums covering the whole county, ensuring that they contribute to the development of the SCS, and more generally in local engagement with public sector providers	Andy Robinson	Green	All CFs met before the end of 2007. Output from first meetings used to inform first draft of SCS (Places section) where relevant. Draft Places sections of SCS to be considered at second round of meetings in January/February
Improve community spirit in Leicestershire through the social capital project in the LAA (which will also be rolled out to the priority neighbourhoods) and through other community planning activities such as parish planning.	Andy Robinson	Green	On-going support for Parish Plans – core questions revised, protocol updated and annual conference hosted. 6 Parish Plan reports considered by LCC in 2006/07, many more due to complete in 2007/08. Projects underway in the 20 Social Capital pilot areas and survey work rolled out to priority neighbourhoods. Stronger Communities strategy produced, along with Cohesive Communities in Leicestershire evidence base.

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Safer Communities			
Work with our partners to ensure that overall crime levels are reduced in higher crime areas.	Phil Hawkins	Red	Crime has continued to be reduced in Charnwood, Hinckley and Bosworth and North West Leicestershire with overall reductions compared with last year of 14%, 16% and 8% respectively against BCS comparator crime targets. However it is classed as red because the 3 year reduction targets due to end in March 2008 are unlikely to be achieved due to poorer performance last year.
The Youth Offending Services (YOS), Children and Young People's Services, and Adult Social Care Service will continue to be involved in intervention and the management of youth offenders, including management panels, with the aim of reducing future re- offending.	Phil Hawkins	Green	The YOS continues to contribute to the Multi-Agency Prolific and Other Priority Offender Management (MAPPOM) arrangements to register and oversee Prolific and Other Priority Offenders (PPOs). The YOS, Children and Young People's Service, Adult Social Care and Health Service continue to contribute to Local Offender Management Panels which determine interventions for PPOs. The YOS Prolific offenders receive an enhanced programme of supervision, which can include Youth Service and other provision from partner agencies, and which includes intervention by Connexions as part of an exit strategy at the end of their order. The joint Leicester City/Leicestershire YOS Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme has recently again been rated at the highest level by the YJB and remains one of the best in the country. There is no new data on performance, which is calculated every 6 months. As previously reported, the

			Prolific and other Priority offenders in the YOS Catch and Convict cohort have offended 45.5% less seriously and 73% less frequently, while the first cohort of adult offenders subject to the PPO scheme committed 69.5% fewer offences. The next performance data will be calculated in April 2008.
Play our part in tackling drug related crime and, through the work of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, we will continue to increase the numbers of problematic drugs users in treatment and continue to implement the Drugs Intervention Programme.	Phil Hawkins	Nos in Treatment Amber Drugs Intervention Programme Green	No.s in treatment at Q2=1148. Achieving Local Delivery Plan target of 1118 for 07/08, but unlikely to meet stretch Partnership target of 1670 by end of year. Drugs Intervention Programme continues to be successfully implemented and has been assessed as green by the National Treatment Agency.
An Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy is also being developed which will enable us to set a new target to reduce the harm caused by misuse of alcohol during the course of 2007-08. Trading Standards officers will also continue to tackle under age sales of alcohol.	Phil Hawkins	Green	Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy in draft form and PCT are now leading on the development of a sub regional alcohol strategy group. The possibility of including an alcohol indicator within an MAA or the new LAA is being explored.

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Equalities			
Aim to reach Level Three of the Equalities Standard by December 2007.	Barry Davies	Red	A Peer Review confirmed that further work needed to achieve Level 3. An action plan has been drafted and endorsed by CMT. The Equalities Board will set a new target, expected to be between 9 and 12 months, when finalising the action plan at its next meeting.
Implement our Disability Equality Scheme, Gender Equality Scheme, and policy statement on sexual orientation and gender identity.	Barry Davies	Green	The Disability Equality Scheme and Gender Equality Scheme are being implemented as planned. On sexual orientation and gender identity the Council has signed up to the Stonewall Diversity Champions scheme (of employers committed to sexual orientation equality) and is working with the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) Centre on establishing a support network for LGB staff and on a local conference to explore practical ways of making services welcoming to LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) people
Continue to engage with faith communities across Leicestershire with the support and assistance of the Leicester-based St Philip's Centre for Engagement in a Multi-Faith Society.	Barry Davies	Green	Engagement has continued including a meeting with Christian community leaders and the Council making a significant contribution to Islam Awareness Week in November. The plan to establish an Interfaith Forum for Leicestershire received unanimous support at a meeting with 20 representatives of faith communities.

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Consultation			
Improve and extend consultation activity in 2007.	Barry Davies	Green	Consultation activity continues to be extended and improved including new consultations on travellers sites, EPH transfer, community safety, healthy food options and active people. Improvements to e-consultation under consideration. Improvements made to offer better support to Citizens Panel members. Pilot of joint budget consultation and public consultation set to be strengthened through new Community Fora.
In 2007 we will launch the newly refreshed Citizens' Panel and continue to recruit new members to ensure we have the best possible sounding board for future service improvements.	Barry Davies	Green	New Citizens Panel launched Autumn 2007. 2 full Panel wave surveys held to date plus a separate survey on new Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. Targeted recruitment continuing to ensure that the Panel is fully representative of the County demographic.
Implement new neighbourhood structures to ensure more effective consultation and engagement with local communities on local issues.	Andy Robinson	Green	27 Community Forums established covering the whole of Leicestershire. Worked with District Councils to promote establishment of Neighbourhood Forums in the 19 Priority Neighbourhoods identified in the Local Area Agreement
Review and improve our approach to the co- ordination of consultation information with partner agencies.	Barry Davies	Green	New partner consultation network established to co-ordinate public consultation in the County. Project being developed to agree new joint consultation framework and a joint response to the new Place Survey.

MTCS targets and priorities- Improve Services So They Are High Quality And Value For Money **Quality, Customers and Diversity - Chief Executives**

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HIGH PRIORITIES	WE WILL ACHIEVE	Responsible Officer	Red/Amber/ Green?	Comments On Progress
equalities issues	Set and meet equality targets and objectives for all relevant service areas.	Barry Davies		Departments have begun the process of setting equality targets and objectives and will need to build on this. The inclusion of targets and objectives in the next round of departmental service plans will be a particularly important step.