

# HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

25 January 2008

## HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT IMPROVEMENT PLAN - THE NEXT THREE YEARS

### Report by Lead Chief Executive for Improvement

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#### RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. The original Improvement Plan was agreed by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIOW) in June 2006. Since that time the Improvement Board has been working to implement the action plan, which runs until March 2008.
2. A further HIOW improvement plan has been prepared for the three year period starting April 2008, to be submitted for grant funding as part of a consolidated South East Improvement and Efficiency plan.

#### BACKGROUND

3. The original Improvement plan was agreed by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association (HIOWLGA) in June 2006 though funding was not released until August 2006. A few projects started in late 2006. The HIOW Improvement Director was in post from January 2007, and the remaining projects started during 2007.
4. The vision given in the 2006 Improvement plan was to ***“Improve the Lives of people living and working within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight”***. The plan identified 4 main themes to pursue:
  - Collaborative Service Delivery
  - Organisational Development
  - Member Development/Community Engagement
  - Procurement
5. We are making good progress against the original delivery targets for the plan, which were set as:
  - Deliver efficiency savings of at least £4.6m over the next 3 years
  - Invest in a series of organisational development programmes across the area which will improve efficiency and create a thriving working environment.

- Assist members to undertake their roles more effectively, so assisting engagement with the diverse communities represented within the Hampshire & Isle of Wight area.
  - Develop a mature strategic procurement framework for all partners
6. A more detailed report on progress will be presented to the HIOW Improvement Board on 25 January 2008.

### THE NEXT THREE YEARS

7. The HIOW Improvement plan for 2008-11 has been prepared in consultation with all HIOW LGA authorities to meet local needs, and also in line with national objectives and guidance.
8. Objectives of the plan are to deliver efficiencies, service sustainability, improvement, and enhanced customer service. The programmes of work to deliver the objectives are:
- Shared Services
  - Procurement Efficiencies
  - Customer Services
  - Enabling Projects
9. The National Improvement and Efficiency Strategy (NIES) was published on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007. The HIOW Improvement plan 2008-11 fully aligns with the NIES which places LAAs at the heart of public service improvement, and which defines four underpinning strategic themes of:
- improving value for money to meet the 3% efficiency target
  - increasing innovative capacity
  - community empowerment and
  - improving economic and neighbourhood renewal leadership capacity locally
10. The NIES states that £185 million is to be made available for the regional improvement and efficiency partnerships nationally, for the period 2008-11. The amount to be allocated to the SE is not yet known. Similarly, the amount of the SE funding to be allocated to HIOW is not yet known. However, it is expected to be significantly less than the original working assumption of £3.9 million, perhaps more likely in the range £2 to 2.5 million. We will need to focus and prioritise our work in line with the available funding, once known.
11. A more detailed report on progress will be presented to the HIOW Improvement Board on 25 January 2008.

## THE NEXT STEPS

12. Key dates are as follows:

- HIOW Improvement Board approve HIOW improvement plan 2008-11 – 25 Jan 08
- SEIEP Board approve SE improvement and efficiency plan – 6 Feb 08
- LGA/Chief Executives Task Force challenge day – 19 Feb 08
- Government review of regional strategies – 25 Feb 08
- Possible resubmission of strategies, according to national review feedback– 29 Feb 08
- Ministerial sign off of regional strategies – March 2008

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