

Appendices

Appendix 1

How we allocated the funding

In order to narrow the gap in the disadvantaged neighbourhoods, central government set out priority outcomes known as floor targets. The floor targets provide a minimum standard for disadvantaged groups or areas.

Locally we developed action plans to show how we would address the floor targets called Floor Target Action Plans (FTAPs). Each of the six Neighbourhood Renewal themes had a Theme Lead (FTAP Lead) responsible for commissioning projects and ensuring delivery of outcomes and performance. These Theme Leads were answerable to the Theme Blocks aligned to each of the city's visionary goals within the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) structure; Healthy, Wealthy, Safe and Strong and Wise.

The FTAPs set out the extent of the problem in each neighbourhood compared to others and what actions were currently being taken to address this. Where a gap existed, actions were identified, project proposals were drawn up and put forward for appraisal, challenge and approval. This was carried out by a panel called the Proposal and Approval Panel who were given delegated responsibility by the LSP Executive Group to manage both NRF and CSG funds.

The panel consisted of representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector, Government Office South West, the University of Plymouth, local government officers and the FTAP Theme Leads. The panel brings complementary levels of experience and expertise together and provides a genuine cross-agency challenge process to improve the design and delivery of projects.

Some of the key commissioning / procurement criteria for projects were as follows:

- address the priority targets and greatest gap
- demonstrate partnership working
- consult and work with local communities
- ensure the impact will be sustainable

As can be seen in the body of this document, we have commissioned 51 innovative projects, managed by the types of organisations shown in Table 2.

Table 2 Number and type of managing organisations

Managing organisation	Qty
Third Sector	17
Devon and Cornwall Police	4
DAAT	1
Working Links	1
Primary Care Trust	5
PCC Education	6
PCC Development	5
PCC Waste Services	3
PCC Social Inclusion	1
PCC Housing	6
PCC Chief Executives	2
Total	51

Partnership working

The key to the success of this programme has been the commitment to partnership working across the themes and agencies. This was not just a case of working closely with other organisations, the partnership approach was present at the project development, challenge and appraisal stages. This meant that where possible the projects linked across the themes helping to achieve other priority outcomes for the city.

How we will continue to narrow the gap in inequalities in the future

Although Plymouth is no longer in receipt of NRF or CSG, the principle of targeting greatest inequality has been carried into the on-going work of the partnership. In the Local Area Agreement, where the Local Authority and its partners agree targets with national government, there are indicators that continue to measure how we are narrowing the gap and ensure we provide focus on the priority neighbourhoods in the city. Indeed, some local indicators have been specifically developed to address narrowing the gap where the national indicators do not go far enough.

Available statistics on the progress of the programme

A comprehensive statement of progress against all Neighbourhood Renewal Floor Targets during the 2006-2008 period will be produced and put onto the LSP website www.plymouth2020.co.uk when all data for this period becomes available.

The key statistics that are currently available are on the website under the heading Funding and Programme Management.

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