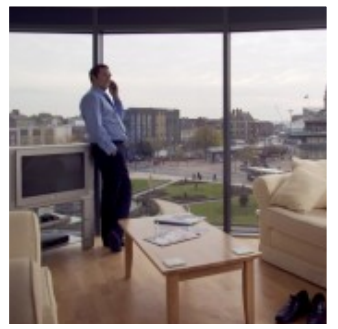


# Local Area Agreements

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## What are they?

Local Area Agreements (LAAs) are agreements between central Government and Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) which deliver national outcomes in a way that reflects local priorities. They are aimed at improving local services and increasing economic prosperity for local people.

Hull's new LAA will last for the next three years until 2010/11 with targets agreed by the LSP and Government. By allowing a greater degree of autonomy at local level, LAA's are seen as a move away from a 'Whitehall knows best' philosophy and can reduce central Government bureaucracy.

## What does it mean for Hull?

Hull's new LAA contains 35 targets against which the Local Authority will be rated. The 35 have been chosen out of 198 performance indicators to reflect local conditions. Progress made towards all the 198 indicators will also be recorded but will not be reported to Government. In addition to the 35 targets all areas will agree 17 statutory education and early years targets.

Each of the four partnership blocks of ONE HULL (Earning, Learning, Healthy and Safe) are responsible for the delivery of programmes to meet 2008 -11 LAA targets.

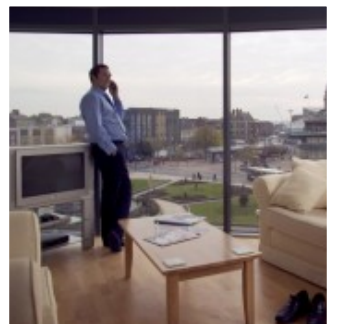
The Earning Partnership is responsible for:

NI 117	16 – 18 year olds who are not in education, employment or training
NI 151	Overall employment rate
NI 153	Working age people claiming benefits in the worst performing areas
NI 161	Learners achieving a level 1 qualification in literacy
NI 162	Learners achieving an entry level 3 qualification in numeracy
NI 163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher
NI 165	Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher
NI 166	Average earnings of employees in the area
NI 168	Principal roads where maintenance should be considered
NI 169	Non principal roads where maintenance should be considered
NI 171	VAT registration rate
NI 193	Municipal waste land filled

The responsibility for delivery of LAA targets has been assigned to a number of agencies including Jobcentre Plus, Hull City Council, Business Link and the Learning Skills Council.

# Multi Area Agreements

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Multi-Area Agreements (MAAs) are voluntary agreements between two or more top-tier or unitary authorities, their local partners and Government to work collectively to improve local economic prosperity.

As traditional administrative boundaries often do not correspond to housing or labour markets Government suggests MAAs be used by local authorities as a tool to provide better outcomes for people, particularly with regard to improving the economic situation of individuals and the areas in which they live.

Originally proposed in the Local Government White Paper '*Strong and Prosperous Communities*' published in October 2006, MAAs are entirely voluntary arrangements between local authorities to undertake cross boundary activities, set targets and pool funding to achieve those targets.

The Sub National Review set out evidence which showed that administrative boundaries often do not correspond with functioning economic markets. Many outcomes such as transport, skills, employment and enterprise for example may therefore be managed more effectively through collaboration and cross-boundary working.

The performance of Local Authorities will be assessed through the local performance framework and the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) although Government does not intend to develop any additional formal mechanisms to assess MAAs as they are voluntary agreements. Not all areas will develop MAAs as it is up to individual areas to decide whether to create one.

In November 2007, a meeting of North Bank potential partners in a Multi Area Agreement was held and it was agreed that an MAA offered good potential for improving outcomes in the areas of employment, skills and enterprise in the Humber region.

The areas working on the Hull and Humber Ports Multi Area Agreement are Hull City, East Riding, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire. As yet, no MAA has been agreed on for the region.