



The Gateshead Agreement - 2009 Refresh

Delivering Vision 2030

Gateshead's Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011



Foreword

Gateshead has undergone a journey of transformation over the last 20 years. This journey has been based on a long term vision and commitment to unlocking the potential of Gateshead, and is characterised by significant achievements, including:

- The iconic Angel of the North, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2008, and the development and regeneration of Gateshead Quays.
- A world class sporting infrastructure, ensuring our status as an official London 2012 pre-game training venue.
- Standard of homes have improved significantly - over 80% now meeting 'decent homes' standards.
- Educational attainment levels within Gateshead schools have increased significantly.
- Support provided to vulnerable people to live within their local community.
- Reducing crime levels and growing numbers of Gateshead residents giving something back to the community by volunteering.
- Large areas of contaminated land brought back into use and recycling rates at an all time high.
- New ways of responding to local needs through Area Forums and neighbourhood planning.
- A comprehensive programme of International cultural/learning exchanges.

Our vision

Partners in Gateshead have set out a huge ambition for the borough for the next 20 years, which is articulated through Vision 2030, Gateshead's Sustainable Community Strategy, agreed in April 2007. Our vision sets out our high aspirations for local people, and our commitment to ensuring they have the opportunities and skills to achieve and benefit from a strong and diverse local economy.

We recognise that the economic landscape is very different in 2009 compared to 2007, when Vision 2030 was launched. The economic downturn has seen increased unemployment within Gateshead and is also affecting levels of house building, new business formation and benefit claimant rates.

To ensure that residents and businesses in Gateshead are best equipped to manage the impacts of the economic downturn, it is more important than ever that partners in Gateshead work together to achieve our vision for local people to realise their full potential and enjoy the best quality of life in a healthy, equal, safe prosperous and sustainable Gateshead.

Our vision is also based on a commitment to challenge prejudice in all its forms and work to eradicate discrimination and harassment, providing all residents of Gateshead with a good quality of life, irrespective of where they live, their culture, age, faith, race, gender, sexuality or disability. Our Community Cohesion Strategy was launched in 2008, and this will shape our actions to ensure that sustainable communities are at the heart of Vision 2030.

Strong and sustainable communities

We also recognise the importance of tackling underlying deprivation in Gateshead, in particular by increasing skills and access to employment opportunities as well as improving health and wellbeing. Underpinning this ambition is the need to retain and attract people to live in Gateshead. This can only be achieved by building strong and sustainable communities where people have homes they can afford, neighbourhoods that are clean and safe and have a strong sense of community spirit.

Culture

Maintaining its historic focus on culture, Gateshead will continue to place culture at the heart of its regeneration strategies. Culture and creativity will play an important role in delivering our Local Area Agreement (LAA).

Examples include Heritage@ St Mary's, which documents and celebrates our unique history, improved literacy through our libraries, improved health through sports and physical activity, cultural and leisure activities as a diversion to anti-social and criminal behaviour, and support to the economy through tourism.

Refreshing The Gateshead Agreement

The Gateshead Agreement was agreed in June 2008, at which time indicators were agreed between Gateshead Strategic Partnership and Central Government demonstrating a planned and shared commitment to improve local public services and the quality of life in Gateshead.

LAAs are subject to an annual review, which provides the opportunity to identify and review any issues around delivery and to revise targets as appropriate to reflect changes in local circumstances or national priorities. The first annual review in 2009 also addressed issues relating to 'unfinished business' from the negotiations that took place last year.

The ambitious targets we set ourselves for new housing market renewal and supporting economic growth were developed while the housing market was buoyant and prior to the economic downturn. Some targets have been revised in the 2009 refresh to reflect the current economic climate; however our longer term aspirations remain and actions to ensure these are achieved will be developed with our partners.

A 10 point plan for economic resilience has also been developed, which includes a focus on increasing opportunities for apprenticeships across the borough, an accelerated capital programme and the provision of additional support to business growth and development.

Children and Young People

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
1 City of Gateshead Increase levels of C&YP achieving in education, training and employment with focus on young offenders	NI 19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police	125	122	118	112
2 Active and Healthy Gateshead C&YP leading healthier lifestyles. Tackle health inequalities	NI 56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6	Gateshead Council, Gateshead PCT	22.5%	21%	21%	20%
3 City of Gateshead Providing more multi agency interventions to tackle ASB by providing diversionary activities for young people	NI 110	Young people's participation in positive activities ¹	Gateshead Council	69.2% (08/09)	—	75%	79%
4 City of Gateshead Reduce numbers of first time entrants to youth justice system. Children and Young People achieving in education, training and employment with focus on young offenders	NI 111	First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10 – 17	Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police	2567 (07/08)	—	2465 (-2%)	2416 (-2%)
5 Active and Healthy Gateshead C&YP leading healthier lifestyles. Tackle health inequalities	NI 112	Under 18 Conception Rate	Gateshead Council, Gateshead PCT	-15.24% (2006)	-38.9% (Target relates to 2008, but will not be reported until 2009/10)	-44.5% (Target relates to 2009, but will not be reported until 2010/11)	-50% (Target relates to 2010, but will not be reported until 2011/12)

1 Action and priority associated with this indicator also falls within the Safer, Stronger Communities and Culture section.

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
6 City of Gateshead Address low levels of household income which contribute to child poverty	NI 116	Proportion of children in poverty	Gateshead Council	23.6%	22.5%	21.45%	20.55%
7 Creative Gateshead Children and Young People participating and achieving in education, training and employment	NI 117	16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	Gateshead Council Learning & Skills Council	10.4%	10.2%	9.7%	9.2%
8 Active and Healthy Gateshead Parents and carers are better equipped to bring up and promote positive outcomes for their children	Local Indicator	Number of (and satisfaction levels of) parents attending parenting courses	Gateshead Council	255 (April – Dec 07)	a) 500 b) 80%	a) 550 b) 75 - 80%	a) 600 b) 75 - 80%
9 Creative Gateshead Children and Young People participating and achieving in education, training and employment	Local Indicator	Reducing the number of fixed term exclusions	Gateshead Council, Schools	3.25% (06/07)	2.75%	2.50%	2.25%

DCSF Mandatory Indicators

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
10 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 72	Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	Gateshead Council	40.7% (06/07) 44.8% (07/08)	53%	53%	53.5%
11 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 73	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2 (Threshold)	Gateshead Council	71% (07/08)	73%	77%	77.5%
12 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 75	Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths (Threshold)	Gateshead Council	45% (06/07) 45.5% (07/08)	50%	50.9%	51.4%
13 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 87	Secondary school persistent absence rate	Gateshead Council	N/A	6.53%	6.02%	5.51%
14 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 92	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	Gateshead Council	35.9% (06/07) 35% (07/08)	30.6%	29.2%	29.2%
15 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 93	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Gateshead Council	N/A	84%	86%	86.5%
16 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 94	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	Gateshead Council	N/A	80%	83%	83.5%

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
17 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 99	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Gateshead Council	28.57% (06/07)	43%	43.25%	43.50%
18 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 100	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2	Gateshead Council	33.33% (06/07)	47.25%	47.50%	47.75%
19 This is a mandatory DCSF indicator	NI 101	Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)	Gateshead Council	N/A	16%	19%	22%

Safer, Stronger Communities & Culture

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
20 Creative Gateshead Ensure residents know how they can get involved in decision making processes and influence services	NI 4	Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality	Gateshead Council	30.5% (08/09)	44%	No survey	48%
21 Creative Gateshead Increase levels of satisfaction with local area and engage residents in developing neighbourhood plans	NI 5	Overall/general satisfaction with local area	Gateshead Council	81.3% (08/09)	67%	No survey	86%
22 Gateshead Volunteers Develop a co-ordinated programme for promoting volunteering and voluntary action both to support Gateshead's Year of the Volunteer and beyond	NI 6	Participation in regular volunteering	Gateshead Council, Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council	15.5% (08/09)	—	No survey	22%
23 Gateshead Volunteers Build capacity and ensure the sustainability of the VCS and ensure the sector is an equal and full partner in the GSP and LAA	NI 7	Environment for a thriving third sector	Gateshead Council, Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council	19.8%	—	No survey	The final target will be confirmed following discussions with GONE
24 Active & Healthy Gateshead Address low levels of participation in sport. Improve health and well being of Gateshead residents.	NI 8	Adult participation in sport	Gateshead Council, Sport England, Gateshead PCT	18% (06/07) Active People Survey	No Survey Results	20.5%	22%

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
25 City of Gateshead Continue to achieve a reduction in crime including acquisitive crime	NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council	12.93 (07-08)	12.67 (Reduction of 2%)	12.42 (Reduction of 2%)	12.17 (Reduction of 2%)
26 City of Gateshead Continue to increase levels of public reassurance and introduce regular and robust interventions to monitor levels of fear of crime	NI 17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council, The Gateshead Housing Company	19% (08/09)	28%	No survey	14%
27 City of Gateshead Continue to achieve a reduction in crime including violence against the person	NI 20	Assault with less serious injury crime rate	Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council	Baseline to be confirmed	Reduction of 2% on 07/08 baseline	(Reduction of 4% on 08/09 baseline)	Reduction of 4% on 09/10 baseline
28 City of Gateshead Continue to achieve a reduction in crime, providing a more holistic approach to tackling re-offending	NI 30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	Northumbria Probation, YOT, Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council	289 (08/09 cohort)	233 (28% reduction on 07/08 cohort)	231 (20% reduction on 08/09 cohort)	The final target will be confirmed following discussions with GONE
29 City of Gateshead Reduce re-offending rates by targeting resources at those offenders with drug misuse problems and reducing Anti Social Behaviour	NI 38	Drug-related (Class A) offending rate	Gateshead PCT, Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council	Out-turn for Jan to Mar 08 cohort. Final data available July 2009. Emerging baseline 1.13	-	Average 10.5% below baseline across 09/10 and 10/11 cohorts	

Safer, Stronger Communities & Culture - continued

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
30 City of Gateshead Address health and health inequalities. Alcohol misuse identified as priority through the health inequalities review.	NI 39	Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates ²	Gateshead PCT, Northumbria Police, Gateshead Council	2308 per 100,000 population (06/07)	2791 per 100,000 population	2972 per 100,000 population	3090 per 100,000 population
31 City of Gateshead Sustain our reduction in the number of accidental dwelling fires.	NI 49	Number of primary fires and related fatalities and non-fatal casualties, excluding precautionary checks	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service	a) 402.18 b) 0.52 c) 16.27 (06/07)	a) 386.09 b) 0 c) 15.62	a) 378.37 b) 0 c) 15.31	a) 374.59 b) 0 c) 15.15
32 Sustainable Gateshead Reduce carbon emissions, develop robust plans to tackle climate change and ensure environment is sustainable	NI 188	Adapting to climate change	Gateshead Council	0 (07/08)	Level 1	Level 3	Level 4
33 Sustainable Gateshead Continue to encourage people to recycle and reduce levels of household waste	NI 192	Household waste recycled and composted	Gateshead Council	22%	26%	30%	31%
34 Sustainable Gateshead Ensure residents have access to green, clean neighbourhoods	NI 195	Improved street and environmental cleanliness	Gateshead Council	Litter 5% Detritus 10%	Litter 4% Detritus 9%	Litter 3% Detritus 8%	Litter 3% Detritus 7%

2 Indicator also falls within the Healthier Communities and Adult Health and Wellbeing section

Healthier Communities and Adult Health and Wellbeing

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
35 Active and Healthy Gateshead Improve life expectancy overall and between wards. Tackle health inequalities	NI 120	All-age all cause mortality rate	Gateshead Council, Gateshead PCT	M: 820 F: 563 (2006)	M: 772, F: 544	M:745, F: 530	M:718, F: 515
36 Active and Healthy Gateshead Reduce number of people who smoke to improve life expectancy and overall health of Gateshead residents	NI 123	More people stopping smoking	Gateshead Council, Gateshead PCT	1043 per 100,000 population (average 04/05 to 06/07)	1160	1259	1351
37 Active and Healthy Gateshead Improve performance in timeliness of social care assessment to ensure people access appropriate, timely care to help retain their independence and support carers	NI 132	Timeliness of social care assessment	Gateshead Council	58.78% (06/07)	70%	72%	74%
38 Active and Healthy Gateshead Mental health identified as priority for Gateshead. Need to address prevalence of depression and anxiety related disorders	NI 150	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment	Gateshead Council, Gateshead PCT, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Trust	Establish later in 2009	–	The final target will be confirmed following discussions with GONE	

See also NI 39 (Alcohol-harm related hospital admission rates) in Safer Stronger Communities and Culture Section.

Economy, Skills, Housing and Transport

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
39 City of Gateshead Increase economic activity rate by addressing barriers to employment and improving the skills of people within the working age population to enable them to access employment.	NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits	Jobcentre Plus, Gateshead Council, Learning & Skills Council	17.1% (2007)	16.7%	19.2%	18.8%
40 City of Gateshead Need to continue to grow the business rate to reduce population decline by encouraging more people to live and work in the borough and address low levels of household income.	NI 171	VAT registration rate	Tyne & Wear Business Link, Gateshead Council	42.6 (05/07)	-	22.4	24
41 City of Gateshead Address high numbers of young people who enter the labour market with low levels of literacy and/or numeracy.	Loc Ind	Number of residents achieving literacy and numeracy qualifications	Gateshead Council, Gateshead College, Learning & Skills Council	N/A	250	260	270
42 City of Gateshead To improve the skills of people within the working age population to access new, higher skilled jobs. Increase number of working age population with at least NVQ level 2.	NI 163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	Learning & Skills Council, Gateshead Council, Gateshead College,	64.4% (2006)	5.6% increase between 2006 - 2009	7.4% increase between 2006 - 2010	9.3% increase between 2006 - 2011
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Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
43 City of Gateshead Increase levels of residents with higher level skills to attract higher level jobs and businesses into the borough.	NI 165	Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher	Learning & Skills Council, Gateshead Council, Universities	21.3% (2006)	1.9% increase between 2006-2009	2.7% increase between 2006-2010	3.5% increase between 2006-2011
					3.5% increase between 2006-2011		
44 City of Gateshead Improve the housing offer in Gateshead by new build and renewal of old stock.	NI 154	Net additional homes provided	Gateshead Council	0	286	162	161
45 City of Gateshead Increase levels of affordable homes to meet existing and future need and reduce numbers on council waiting lists.	NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	Gateshead Council, The Gateshead Housing Company	0	95	102	109
46 Sustainable Gateshead Reduce fuel poverty by making homes more energy efficient.	NI 187	Tackling fuel poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	Gateshead Council, Warmzone	1.81% (SAP<35) 21.36% (SAP>65)	1.50% (SAP<35) 22.50% (SAP>65)	1.22% (SAP<35) 24% (SAP>65)	0.94% (SAP<35) 25.50% (SAP>65)
47 Sustainable Gateshead Address road congestion that will otherwise threaten regeneration and long term economic vitality.	NI 167	Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak	Gateshead Council, Passenger Transport Authority, Nexus	3 min 22 sec (05/06)	3 min 27 sec	3 min 31 sec	3 min 36 sec

Economy, Skills, Housing and Transport - continued

Priority	Ref	Description	LAA Lead Partners	LAA Baseline	Target 2008/09	Target 2009/10	Target 2010/11
48 Sustainable Gateshead Improve access to key facilities and locations by public transport, walking and cycling and address the gap between urban & rural areas.	NI 175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	Gateshead Council, Passenger Transport Authority, Nexus, Gateshead PCT				
		a (i) Health (Hospitals) within 30 mins		a (i) 75%	a (i) 75%	a (i) 75%	a (i) 75%
		a (ii) Health (GPs) within 30 mins		a (ii) 99%	a (ii) 99%	a (ii) 99%	a (ii) 99%
		b (i) Education (Primary Schools) within 20 mins		b (i) 99%	b (i) 99%	b (i) 99%	b (i) 99%
		b (ii) Education (Age 13) within 20 mins		b (ii) 99%	b (ii) 99%	b (ii) 99%	b (ii) 99%
		b (iii) Education (Secondary schools - GCSE) within 20 mins		b (iii) 99%	b (iii) 99%	b (iii) 99%	b (iii) 99%
		b (iv) Education (Higher Education - Post 16) within 20 mins		b (iv) 99%	b (iv) 99%	b (iv) 99%	b (iv) 99%
		c (i) Food shops within 20 mins		c (i) 99%	c (i) 99%	c (i) 99%	c (i) 99%
		d (i) Employment (Baltic Business Quarter) within 40 mins		d (i) 84%	d (i) 84%	d (i) 84%	d (i) 84%
		d (ii) Employment (MetroCentre) within 40 mins		d (ii) 95%	d (ii) 95%	d (ii) 95%	d (ii) 95%
		d (iii) Employment (Newcastle City Centre) within 40 mins		d (iii) 91%	d (iii) 91%	d (iii) 91%	d (iii) 91%
		d (iv) Employment (Team Valley) within 40 mins		d (iv) 90%	d (iv) 90%	d (iv) 90%	d (iv) 90%

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