

Building a Strong Economy

Reduction in the level of worklessness

2006/07 year end outturn	PI reference	PI description	Q1 outturn	On target	Change since year end 2006/07	2007/08 year end target	2007/08 predicted outturn	2007/08 predicted performance	Comments
70	LAA ED&E 01b	Employment Rate	70			69.5	N/a	N/a	
36,000	LAA ED&E 01c	Number of incapacity benefit claimants	36,100			33,300	N/a	N/a	The number of incapacity benefit claimants in the County has reduced slightly from the last quarter of 2006/07 and is now back at the baseline position. However, the 2007/08 target for this indicator is 33,300, i.e. 2,800 lower than the figure achieved. The nature of the activity required to improve this indicator means that any improvement is hoped to be reflected in the 2008/09 figures
8,600	LAA ED&E 01ci	Number of incapacity benefit claimants (Non-NRF)	8,500			8,700	N/a	N/a	As above
27,400	LAA ED&E 01cii	Number of incapacity benefit claimants (NRF)	27,600			25,150	N/a	N/a	As above

Increased entrepreneurial activity

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22,000	LAA ED&E 02a	Self-employment rate	22,000			18,400	N/a	N/a	
900	LAA ED&E 02b	Number of new VAT registered businesses	900			955	N/a	N/a	The ONS produce this data with a two year time lag. Data presented is for 2004. Data for 2005 is now available and will be used in the quarter 2 performance report
9,605	LAA ED&E 03c	Number of businesses	9,800			9,801	N/a	N/a	It is important to understand the calculation process and exclusions from the dataset for this indicator. VAT registered businesses in County Durham from 11 sectors are totalled. Each sector is rounded to the nearest 5. These are then added and rounded to the nearest 5. It is therefore possible that we have 'lost' a number of our businesses from the grand total which is presently close to the target. The Small Business Survey estimates that there are 4.3 million enterprises in the UK, of these just over 1.6 million are VAT registered (and therefore included in the calculation of number of businesses for LAA purposes). In addition 4% of all VAT registered businesses are excluded from the register. Therefore the total number of businesses is much larger than the figures suggest.

More people with the skills to meet current and future business needs

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181,000	LAA ED&E 04a	Number of adults in the workforce achieving level 2 NVQ or equivalent	181,000			195,100	N/a	N/a	Updated data will be published and reported in the next quarter
65,100	LAA ED&E 04ai	Number of adults in the workforce achieving level 2 NVQ or equivalent (non-NRF)	65,100			75,800	N/a	N/a	Updated data will be published and reported in the next quarter
115,900	LAA ED&E 04aii	Number of adults in the workforce achieving level 2 NVQ or equivalent (NRF)	115,900			119,300	N/a	N/a	Updated data will be published and reported in the next quarter
23.30	LAA ED&E 04b	% of adults with NVQ Level 4 or equivalent	20.50			25.40	N/a	N/a	Performance has not strictly declined but has been revised down slightly on the NOMIS website. We are working with colleagues in the Learning and Skills Council and Jobcentre Plus to look at possible ways of maximising the benefits for County Durham of some of the recommendations from the recently published Leitch Implementation Plan. This plan highlights the importance of Skills in economic development and outlines efforts to re-focus the work of these two key agencies in order to improve skills levels of the workforce, both unemployed and employed.

More young people having learning opportunities leading to jobs, including increased participation in structured learning for 16-18 year olds									
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12.30	LAA C&YP 10a	% of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training	12			10.50	N/a	N/a	The target for 2007-08 relates to Nov-Jan average and will, therefore, not be available until Feb 2008. No quarterly performance targets are set, but the data can be used for monitoring progress and comparisons with previous years. The average for the quarter ending 30th June 2007, percentage of NEETs was 12.0%, a reduction of 2.6% when compared to the same period in 2006-7. The actual number of young people known to be NEET is 1,340 which is mainly comprised of 17, 18 and 19 year olds who have completed one or two year programmes of learning, or who have left programmes before achieving qualifications. This latter group is decreasing. While there is an overall decrease in the percentage NEET, this masks an increase among 18 year olds.
N/a	PFI 05di	% 16-18 year olds participating in learning	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	This indicator is measured at the end of November each year.

Supply of business space that meets current and future business needs									
2006/07 year end outturn	PI reference	PI description	Q1 outturn	On target	Change since year end 2006/07	2007/08 year end target	2007/08 predicted outturn	2007/08 predicted performance	Comments
N/a	PFI 05ei	New workspace created	32,722		N/a	90,000	48,631		Several projects are due to start in 2007/08 but will not be completed until 2008/09. It is anticipated that these projects will enable the 131,000 2008/09 target to be achieved. Delays have been caused for a number of reasons from business problems of contractors to the Single Programme application process.
N/a	PFI 05eii	Workspace units regenerated to modern standards	0		N/a	20	3		The County's LEGI was due to deliver this target but no buildings have been selected for regeneration for new business floor space. Through the Consett Innovation Centre conversion, it is hoped that 3 units will be delivered towards the end of 07/08.
N/a	PFI 05eiii	% schemes achieving BREAM very good	0		N/a	100	N/a	N/a	3 or 4 projects were due for completion this year, but they have all been delayed and therefore will not complete until early next year. At the end of the LAA period we will have an accurate picture; all projects due for completion in 2008/09 will achieve BREAM very good or better.
N/a	PFI 05eiv	% of floorspace gap funded	0		N/a	25	0		None of the 2006/07 or 2007/08 projects are gap funded, however there are some large gap schemes for 2008/09. If One NorthEast approve these schemes wil will meet the target.