

ANNEX D Indicative LAA negotiating timetable for 2007/08

March: signing off remaining LAAs and refreshing existing ones for 2007/08 targets; regional roadshows to share thinking on the development of future LAA arrangements; scoping of feasibility testing.

April: Begin pre-scoping work for new arrangements – round 1s and 2s begin reviewing Sustainable Community Strategies where appropriate, round 3s pick up issues not covered in the LAA and central departments and Government offices develop views on improvement priorities; feasibility testing begins.

May: LAs and LSPs reviewing scope and coverage of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities and discussing any changes required to governance and capacity in the partnership; continued feasibility testing.

June: Round 1 and 2 LAAs submit performance review self-assessments and transition plans I ready for discussion with GOs; recommendations of feasibility testing.

July: Round 1 and 2 LAAs have performance and transition planning reviews with Government Offices and agree scale and pace of implementation of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities; round 3s meet with GOs to discuss transition planning and pace of implementation of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. Possible completion of national indicator set and guidance package.

September: Regional roadshows to discuss guidance package and implementation arrangements. Clarification of what will be in place for 08/09 operational year and what will remain for 09/10 operational year.

October: All LAs consulting on Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, preparing material for transitional/ annual review (first performance review for round 3 areas) which will include proposed improvement targets.

November: Round 1, 2 and 3 areas have transitional reviews with Government Offices.

December: All LAs consulting on new LAA outcomes frameworks, funding plans and performance arrangements; Government Offices and central departments review of proposed improvement targets.

January: Negotiation of improvement targets based on departmental and GO discussions and LA/LSP consultations. LAs submit revised outcomes framework to Government Offices.

February: GO Regional Directors make recommendations to central government;

March: Ministerial sign-off