

Big Local plan assessment

The levels

Level	Description
D	Does not meet the standard at all. This element is poorly thought out/explained. Lacks evidence of how or why and does not meet expectations.
A	Addresses the standard but needs considerable development. There is little or patchy evidence of how and why.
R	Reasonably well thought out. Reasonable level of evidence but lacks detail.
M	Meets the standard and is thought out. More detail could be provided in some areas, but little development needed.
E	Exceeds the standard with clear and robust explanation and evidence.

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Big Local area: Allenton Big Local

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1a	Previous Big Local funding review (if 'first' plan)	End of funding reports have been completed and evidence provided on each		N/A
1b	Previous plan review (if 'second' plan)	Nine review questions have been answered with evidence	E	The questions are covered in a thorough annual review process including an attitude survey in the summer of 2015, workshop in October 15, and review by the Partnership in

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				January 16. The document ABL_review_Jan2016.pdf summarises the results and refers to other supporting documents.
2	Previous Big Local plan funding	Reporting is up to date and funding has been accounted for to Local Trust, recorded against the agreed budget and variances explained	M	Internal by LT
3	Community involvement	The community has been engaged in the process of creating the plan being assessed and there is evidence that they support the vision and priorities; there is community buy-in	R	The vision & priorities have stayed the same, and are largely based on consultations for the original plan, amended by partnership knowledge and experience. An attitude survey of 100 attendees to a summer event in 2015 showed people feeling more positive about the area. Support for priorities has been indirectly expressed through residents participating in activities, and in some cases wanting to progress to involvement in delivery of the next phase. Growing the skills and confidence of more vulnerable and excluded residents is a strong underlying principle for the Partnership.
4	Community need and opportunities	Data/statistics have been used with information from consultation and engagement to identify priorities and responses to those	M	Statistics and strategic information have been used thoroughly, and continue to inform Partnership priorities. These are balanced by the annual perceptions survey and internal review.
5	The Big Local outcomes	The priorities and activities are related to the Big Local outcomes, although not all may make mention of being achieved in this plan period	M	The second and fourth are more strongly in evidence at the moment. Making a difference to the needs it prioritises is also a strong element of the plan, and starting to show results. The first outcome has not featured very strongly so far – the partnership itself is competently identifying and addressing

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				local needs, but not yet spreading those skills more widely.
6	Learning from previous Big Local funding	Learning outlined in previous reviews or reports is reflected in the new plan	E	Good learning from the first plan is shown in the annual review, and the new plan. Activities which were not showing good results have been revised, and changed, eg Street performers, or a decision taken to persist – the Community Hub, Community Chest.
7	Achievable, realistic and clear	A vision has been identified, the priorities are clear The timelines for delivery look achievable and realistic, it is clear what activities and projects will be delivered in the short and long term.	M	Solid and based on experience and careful planning.
8	Delivery mechanisms	A locally trusted organisation has been identified, is able to perform the role and pass our due diligence checks	M	The same LTO will continue – Enthusiasm Trust. From their most recent accounts and report they look financially secure and are a well-established professionally run charity.
9	The budget	The budget matches the activities, the total amounts are reasonable and reflect any quotes the partnership received	M	The budget has been well worked out and costs are reasonable, mostly staff costs. The spend on the Community Hub is an estimate for materials for refurbishment. Labour costs will be provided by Derby Homes, who intend to use the opportunity for apprentices to be employed.
10	Innovation and risk	There is evidence of innovation or	M	Priority 2, Improving life skills is unusual in being an

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		risk taking in the plan		integrated programme of support for young children, older children and families. The Bursary scheme within Priority 3, opportunities for training and employment is also unusual and presents an element of risk in identifying the recipients and ensuring effective use of the bursaries. The plan has considered Risks and Challenges, including ensuring delivery partners perform, and work together collaboratively.
11	Lasting/sustainable change	The plan will achieve lasting / sustainable change in the area	M	Activities are already starting to show shifts in perceptions, and have a good mix between individual support for the most vulnerable, and developing community facilities and spirit, which should be a good basis for lasting change.

Supplementary questions

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12	Does the area need any of their money to see them through this assessment process?	<p>Area has sufficient funding to see them through the assessment process</p> <p><i>Note: if additional funding is needed please speak to Local Trust asap to identify if and how this can happen</i></p>	They have c. £50,000 underspend in hand, assuming that can be carried forward until this plan is endorsed in operation.
13	When does the partnership intend to submit their plan review to Local Trust?	Date for submission is in advance of the new or updated plan being endorsed and is reasonable	The partnership has submitted its plan review.
14	Due diligence checks on the locally trusted organisation	Locally trusted organisation can hold the funding and carry out the role the partnership has for them in line with their governing documents – and the organisation is viable in the future.	Same LTO is continuing, and the last annual accounts & report show a robust organisation, which increased income over the previous year and made a surplus in the year.
15	Partnership review	The partnership review showed that the area meets Local Trust criteria. If not, then action has been taken to address this and the partnership now meets the criteria.	The partnership review was completed in November 2015.

Recommendations

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16	Overall assessment: looking across the whole assessment what is your recommendation?	Assessor recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fund in full• fund in part• not yet fund at all	Fund in full
17	What is your recommendation on the length of the grant agreement?	Assessor recommendation in line with the plan or with evidence to justify a different timeline	Three years in line with the plan.

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