

# **Healthy Communities programme update**

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# Current position

- 2006-2008 programme extended until Dec 08 - funded from carry forward.
- Secretary of State has agreed in principle.
- Full details and extended programme agreed in Summer
- First year (2008-2009) funds transferred summer 2008.
- Funds for 2009-2011 agreed late summer

# Shaping the extended programme

Programme will need to respond to how environment changes

- Health inequalities strategy
- Working effectively with RIEPs
- Other national programmes e.g. NST
- Changing emphasis but maintained focus overall on capacity building and improvement/self improvement.

# Learning from the first programme

- Demand for 'classic' IDeA programmes is slowing down and new approaches are in demand.
- Still a demand for learning from what others are doing.
- LAs want improvement support that reflects their partnership roles.
- Demand for individualised support growing

# Our own development ambitions

- A programme fully integrated into the other Agency offers.
- A programme working in partnership with other national stakeholders.
- A programme focussed on supporting the sector to achieve the health outcomes it desires.
- Councils who have participated will say.....

# Objective 1

- Supporting councils to tackle health inequalities and secure better health outcomes for their communities

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- Supporting improvement via work with individual councils.
- Developing and sharing knowledge and learning from improvement.
- Facilitating sharing peer to peer.
- The LA workforce as health advocates
- Helping councils engage with the developing health policy agenda.

## Objective 2

- Supporting Members in their health improvement and health leadership roles.



## Objective 2

- National and local leadership development training and events.
- Widening our approach to include NEDs
- Work with Social Care and Scrutiny teams to integrate support offer to councils and Members.

## Objective 3

- Support Councils to achieve improvements in effectiveness and efficiency through health improvement programmes.

## Objective 3

- Some initial work this year but largely a new area.
- Impact assess and evaluate the programme itself.
- Support LAs in impact assessing their own HI programmes
- Develop the 'business case' for health improvement

# Objective 4

- Support the local government sector by promoting its role in health and well being to Government and key stakeholders

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- Raising the profile of council's lead role in health improvement.
- Celebrating achievement and best practice via award sponsorship
- Stimulating debate
- Supporting the LGA in developing the voice of the sector
- Develop effective relationships with stakeholder organisations that benefit the sector

# How we will work

- Part of Strategy Directorate.
- Develop and pilot approaches to development and ensure IDeA has skill and resource base to deliver health related support.
- Provide focus and presence within the LGA family for health and for the sector's health leadership role.
- Develop relationships with key stakeholders and national organisations to benefit the sector.

# Comments

- Your responses to the proposed programme.
- Priority areas for development
- Relationship with the LGA CWB Board