

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING – 14 MAY 2008

High Level Critical Path Analysis

Agenda Item: 7

Summary: Providing members with a high level critical path analysis of the implementation process.

Action Required: For discussion and agreement.

High Level Critical Path Analysis

Background

At the Strategic Leadership Board meeting of 2 April 2008, it was agreed that a high level paper on the critical path would be produced for the next meeting.

This high level analysis is based on the premise that the key driver for the next 6 months is the legislative timetable. This paper therefore scopes the critical path by tracking back from the Local Government Bill which will give effect to the new structures

Key dates

- Target Date: Elections in May 2011
- Legislation in place early 2011
- Report of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner July 2009
- Report of District Electoral Area Commissioner July 2010
- Local Government Boundaries Commissioner appointed July 2008

Short-term priorities

- Policy development must be completed (including the preparation of consultation papers) by the end of December 2008 for:
 - Governance
 - Community Planning & Well-being
 - Central/Local relations
 - HR and Estates issues

(These are issues which **must** be included in the structural reform Bill.)

- Policy consultation from February – April 2009

These initial requirements will therefore determine the priorities which must be agreed by Policy Development Panels as a matter of urgency once established.

Attached as annexes A and B are two charts which detail the key headline details of the programme period to 2011 (annex A) and the more immediate 8 month forward look to end 2008 (annex B).

Annex A is at this stage based on the known stages of the legislative steps to bring a Local Government Bill into operation.

Annex B reflects the tasks identified as priorities in the first phase of the programme, up to the end of 2008.

The key tasks are clearly the establishment of PDPs and Transition Committees, followed by the detailed planning and priorities of each PDP to be agreed. Once this initial planning phase has been completed, the timeline will be updated, and the Programme Management Office will aggregate plans and assess interdependencies which exist between workstreams within and between PDP remits.