

Public Service Agreements 2008 - 2011

Fairness and Opportunity for All

- Halve the number of children in poverty by 2010-11, on the way to eradicating child poverty by 2020
- Raise the educational achievement of all children and young people
- Narrow the gap in educational achievement between children from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers
- Increase the number of children and young people on the path to success
- Address the disadvantage that individuals experience because of their gender, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief
- Increase the proportion of socially excluded adults in settled accommodation and employment, education or training

A better quality of life

- Improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people
- Improve children and young people's safety
- Tackle poverty and promote greater independence and wellbeing in later life
- Promote better health and well-being for all
- Ensure better care for all
- Deliver a successful Olympic Games and Paralympic Games with a sustainable legacy and get more children and young people taking part in high quality PE and sport

Stronger communities

- Build more cohesive, empowered and active communities
- Make communities safer
- Deliver a more effective, transparent and responsive Criminal Justice System for victims and the public
- Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
- Reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism

A more secure, fair and environmentally sustainable world

- Lead the global effort to avoid dangerous climate change
- Secure a healthy natural environment for today and the future
- Reduce poverty in poorer countries through quicker progress towards the Millennium Development Goals
- Reduce the impact of conflict through enhanced UK and international efforts

Help people and businesses come through the downturn sooner and stronger, supporting long-term economic growth and prosperity

Deliver commitments by the National Economic Council to help people and businesses come through the downturn sooner and stronger, including packages on repossessions, apprenticeships, business access to finance and help for the unemployed.

- Raise the productivity of the UK economy
- Improve the skills of the population, on the way to ensuring a world-class skills base by 2020
- Ensure controlled, fair migration that protects the public and contributes to economic growth Promote world class science and innovation in the UK
- Deliver reliable and efficient transport networks that support economic growth
- Deliver the conditions for business success in the UK
- Improve the economic performance of all English regions and reduce the gap in economic growth rates between regions
- Maximise employment opportunity for all
- Improve long term housing supply and affordability