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Creating sustainable communities.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Objective I: Tackling disadvantage by reviving the most deprived neighbourhoods, reducing social exclusion and supporting society's most vulnerable groups.

1. *Tackle social exclusion and deliver neighbourhood renewal, working with departments to help them meet their PSA floor targets, in particular narrowing the gap in health, education, crime, worklessness, housing and liveability outcomes between the most deprived areas and the rest of England, with measurable improvement by 2010.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objectives III and V.

Objective II: Promoting the development of the English regions by improving their economic performance so that all are able to reach their full potential, and developing an effective framework for regional governance taking account of the public's view of what's best for their area.

2. *Make sustainable improvements in the economic performance of all English regions by 2008, and over the long term reduce the persistent gap in growth rates between the regions, demonstrating progress by 2006, joint with the Department of Trade and Industry and HM Treasury, including by establishing Elected Regional Assemblies in regions which vote in a referendum to have one.*

Objective III: Delivering better services, by devolving decision making to the most effective level — regional, local or neighbourhood:

- Promoting high quality, customer-focused local services and ensuring that adequate, stable resources are available to local government; and
 - Clarifying the roles and functions of local government, its relationship with central and regional government and the arrangements for neighbourhood engagement, in the context of a shared strategy for local government.
3. *By 2010, reduce the number of accidental fire-related deaths in the home by 20% and the number of deliberate fires by 10%.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objectives I and V.

4. *By 2008, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of local government in leading and delivering services to all communities.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objectives I, IV and V.

Objective IV: Delivering a better balance between housing supply and demand by supporting sustainable growth, reviving markets and tackling abandonment.

5. *Achieve a better balance between housing availability and the demand for housing, including improving affordability, in all English regions while protecting valuable countryside around our towns, cities and in the green belt and the sustainability of towns and cities.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objectives II and V.

6. *The planning system to deliver sustainable development outcomes at national, regional and local levels through efficient and high quality planning and development management processes, including through achievement of best value standards for planning by 2008.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objectives II, III and V.

Objective V: Ensuring people have decent places to live by improving the quality and sustainability of local environments and neighbourhoods, reviving brownfield land, and improving the quality of housing.

7. *By 2010, bring all social housing into a decent condition with most of this improvement taking place in deprived areas, and for vulnerable households in the private sector, including families with children, increase the proportion who live in homes that are in decent condition.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objective I.

8. *Lead the delivery of cleaner, safer and greener public spaces and improvement of the quality of the built environment in deprived areas and across the country, with measurable improvement by 2008.*

This target also contributes to the delivery of Objective I.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERY?

The Deputy Prime Minister is responsible for delivery of this PSA. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry are jointly responsible for delivering the regional economic performance element of target 2.

The Deputy Prime Minister is also responsible for delivering the agreed efficiency target set out in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister chapter of the 2004 Spending Review White Paper.