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## Report of the Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement

### Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 17th March 2009

Subject: Performance Report Quarter 3 2008/09

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: All

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report discusses the key performance issues considered to be of corporate significance identified for each of the Directorates as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

## 2 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to present the key areas of under performance at the end of Quarter 3 (1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008).

## 3 Background Information

- 3.1 This 'highlight report' has been prepared in readiness for the Accountability process, which included the CLT meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> February, Leader Management Team on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the Scrutiny Boards in the March/April cycle.
- 3.2 The issues discussed in this report have been identified because performance in these areas impacts upon one of the following, the delivery of our corporate priorities, performance against the National Indicator set which will be reflected in our CAA judgement or the lack of assurance relating to data quality.

## **4 City Development Performance Issues**

### **Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) Performance Indicators**

The LEGI indicators essentially track the creation, support and relocation of businesses in deprived communities in Leeds where 'deprived' relates broadly to the target communities in 2 ways, firstly in relation to the worst 3% SOA from the index of multiple deprivation 2004 and secondly, in relation to the wider LEGI Sphere of Influence, which is broadly the worst 20% SOA.

Despite the current economic climate and the concern at quarter two of the impact this may have on the LEGI indicators, a strong performance was seen to continue in quarter three. All indicators are currently on track to meet their year-end target.

This good performance is due to the flexibility and range of services on offer that local development officers are publicising and the availability of business space in target areas, and will further be supplemented by the launch of the Business Growth Fund in quarter four. It may also be a consequence of there being few, if any, viable alternatives available to businesses; the LEGI programme offers a sense of stability in the current economic climate that cannot be found elsewhere, particularly where targeted support and funding is not available. This does mean however, that whilst performance has held up throughout quarter three, business confidence remains fragile and it is possible that performance across the LEGI suite of indicators could fall or rise over the coming months.

## **5 Recommendation**

That the City Development Scrutiny Board note the Quarter 3 performance information and highlight any areas for further scrutiny.

### Background Papers

None used