Appendix 1

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Assessment questions	Evidence	Comment	Lead
1. How well do local priorities express community needs and aspirations?			
How well do local partners understand their diverse communities?			
How well do they engage with, involve and empower local people (including through the third sector)?			
How well do local people feel they are listened to? This will include harder to reach/hear communities, children and young people and those at risk of poorer outcomes.			
To what extent do local people feel their contributions make a difference to decisions about setting local priorities and are they involved in reviewing progress against them?			
Are priorities in the sustainable community			

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strategies and Local Area Agreement sufficiently appropriate and ambitious to meet the locality's challenges and context?			
Do they take account of national priorities and standards, inequality in the area, the needs of the most vulnerable members of the community, local needs analyses and weigh up the views of local stakeholders? Are ambitions appropriately stretching?			
2. How well are the outcomes and improvements needed being delivered?			
How safe is the area?			
How healthy and well supported are people?			
How well kept is the area?			
How environmentally sustainable is the area?			
How strong is the local economy?			
How strong and cohesive are local communities?			

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How well is inequality being addressed?			
How well is housing need met?			
How well are families supported?			
How good is the well-being of children and young people?			

3. What are the prospects for future improvement?

Do the local partners have the capacity and capability to deliver their ambitions, strategies and plans (we will look in greater detail at partnership arrangements where improved outcomes are not being delivered or if other evidence raises concerns)?			
Are local partners taking adequate action to manage, mitigate or address any concerns and risks we may have identified in answering questions 1, 2 and 3, (or which they may have identified in their locality self			

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Are local partners engaged in any exceptional innovative practice which has been, or promises to be, successful and which others might learn from?			
How well improvement planning is being implemented? Including whether key objectives and milestones are being achieved and whether local partners have robust plans for improving?			
Are there any significant weaknesses in arrangements for securing continuous improvement, or failures in governance, that would prevent improvement levels being sustained?			