## Annexe D: National Indicator 14 Framework

The effective implementation of the new Duty to Involve will at least in part be assessed by a national indicator NI14 – the percentage of people who feel that they can influence decisions in their locality in relation to the area within a 15-20 minute walk from the respondent's home.

To support the information collected by the Place Survey on this indicator, the Government Office have also developed a framework for NI4. This places a great expectation on quality engagement which leads to an involved population who can influence decisions of the council and our partners.

## NI14 asks ten key questions:

- 1. How well does the local authority and its partners know and engage with communities?
- 2. How far engagement extends to vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised groups?
- 3. How far have communities and their representatives been engaged effectively in developing the outcomes for their area, and in assessing whether they have been delivered?
- 4. Are local people provided with a spectrum of opportunities to have their say and get involved in activities over and above being informed and consulted?
- 5. How effective are local authorities and their partners in co-ordinating their engagement activity and communicating its impact on their decisions?
- 6. How far is the local authority making increased efforts to revitalise local democracy by ensuring the profile of elected members is moving towards that of the population as a whole, as well as promoting and facilitating democratic engagement?
- 7. Is the third sector being developed actively so that it can work with partners to enable diversity of views to be heard?
- 8. Are governance arrangements in place across the partnership and within agencies so that there is effective challenge of empowerment activity?
- 9. Do commitments made in partner strategies around community involvement in service design make their way into delivery?
- 10. Are arrangements in place to ensure that frontline workers are themselves empowered to deliver community engagement commitments?