

# Barking & Dagenham Partnership

## NI 172 – Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth

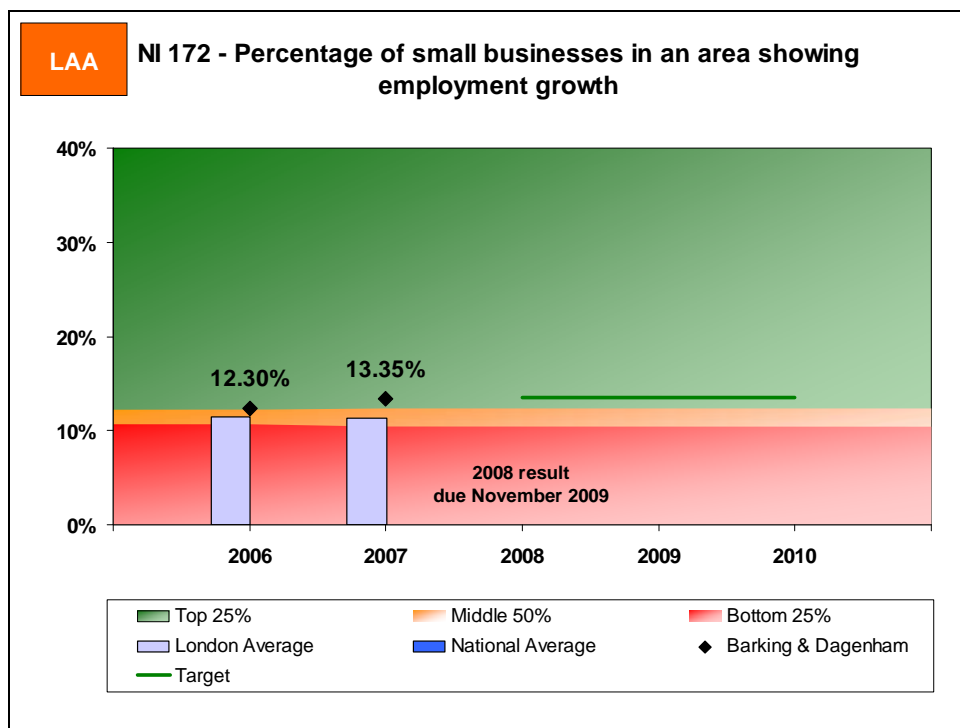
### Responsible Owner

*Jeremy Grint – Head of Regeneration and Economic Development*  
*Alan Lazell – Head of Skills and Learning*

## National Indicator Rationale

### Current Performance

### Performance against Target



### Current Performance Commentary

The next set of data is due to be released in November 2009.

### Key Issues:

*Specific reasons for underperformance, including equalities / area issues where relevant*

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**Key Projects:**

*Areas of current /planned projects should focus on reasons for underperformance and link to the Key Issues listed above*

Key Issue No.	Project Title	Key Milestones / Date	Project Lead	Project Details
	<i>Start Up Programme</i>		Mamta Patel	Offer of financial and other support including business training and counselling for emerging entrepreneurs and micro-businesses. Run by Barking & Dagenham Small Business Centre Business. Project also capturing jobs created as new employees in growing businesses.
	<i>Business Loan Fund</i>			Barking & Dagenham Small Business Centre manages a comprehensive range of loan funds, including one that allows small initial borrowings by new as well as existing businesses in the borough unable to secure bank finance. This initial borrowing can be increased to a limit of £10,000 as the business expands

**Key Risks:**

*Risks may relate to specific projects or to performance in general*

- Business confidence low and businesses risk averse in current recession to expanding
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**Actions for Improvement (To be used for Quarterly Reporting):**

*Plans for further interventions must be robust and show clear prospects for improving performance*

- Existing provision to focus on supporting businesses out of the recession
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