

Area Committees: Area Plans Briefing



AREA COMMITTEE PLANS – OUTLINE BRIEFING

1. Purpose

This paper presents a proposed approach, initial content, timescale and consultation for developing Area Committee Plans. This is for discussion and agreement at the first round of meetings under the Committee section of the agenda.

2. Rationale for Area Plans

Area Plans are a key feature of public engagement across the country. In Haringey, we see the following as the principal reasons for their use:

- To offer informed choices to a range of local residents and traders
- To target resources at evidenced need
- To initiative two-way information sharing and joint local priority setting
- To strengthen collective responsibility (Ward Members, Liaison, Cabinet)
- For transparency of expenditure
- To improve attendance through stronger public stakes
- To improve the resolution of local problems
- To improve the delivery of priority local services

3. Process and timetable

Stage 1: Area Plan structure proposed/ agreed at the first cycle of meeting.
Opportunity for discussion with Area Committee on the suggested categories **(June/July 2011) – see point 4 below**

Stage 2: Preparation of Area Profiles for all 7 Areas guided by the Audit Commission list under point 5 below **(July/August)**

Stage 3: Presentation to the Area Forum of headline data/profile for each area with area prioritisation drawn from a set list. There will be an opportunity for discussion and for the public to highlight any important gaps **(September)****

Stage 4: Preparation of a draft plan for each area. Wider consultation will follow through structured articles (eg Haringey People). Discussion with delivery services, key partners and agencies around the evident and emerging priority areas **(October – December)**

Stage 5: Sign-off by Area Committees of final plans during the third cycle

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(January/February 2012)

Stage 6: Refresh annually but aim for data and plans to be rolling where possible

** The Safer Neighbourhood Policing priorities will be set once a year in future in September and this will feed into the Area plans as a sub-set. Use will be made of relevant and existing consultation networks

4. Suggested content of Area Profile (as recommended by the Audit Commission)

The categories below will steer the initial data capture but this will evolve in time:

Area Profile - Initial data capture		
1	Economic well-being	Unemployment
		NEETs (not in education, employment or training)
		Benefit claimants
2	Culture & leisure	Leisure & sporting facilities
		Parks and open spaces
3	Environment	Waste management (to be developed with Veolia)
		Fly-tipping/dumping problem hotspots
		Recycling
4	Education & lifelong learning	School qualifications (key stage 2, GCSEs)
		Educational qualification levels
		Nursery provision
5	Housing	Household composition
		Tenure
		Affordable housing (to be confirmed/developed over time)
		Homelessness
6	Community safety	Crime priorities (e.g. violence, property)
		Anti-social behaviour
		Domestic violence
7	Transport & access	Access to transport
		Traffic congestion
		Road safety
		Road conditions
8	Health & social well being	GP registrations (to be developed in Public Health)
		Life expectancy
		Health provision
9	People & places	Population by age
		Ethnicity
		Religion
		Local perception data (to be developed)

An example of what an Area Data Profile might look like is attached below. Please note that this only a snapshot of a few headings and we are aware that some of the information in this version is not up- to- date.

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Area profile.doc

5. Structure and delivery of Plans

It is anticipated that the priorities for action will be both short and long-term. Some may change and others may remain with the approach altering over time. All plans will be evidence-led, simple and focused (4-5 pages) and available on the website.

The Engagement and Enablement Team will oversee monitoring twice a year and it is intended that the Liaison Manager for each area will have a key role in resolving blockages on behalf of the relevant Area Committee.

Relevant services will be tasked with progressing short-term actions. Problem-solving groups will be convened to address the longer term and multi-faceted issues.

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