

**MINUTES OF THE BETTER PLACES PARTNERSHIP (HSP)
TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2011**

- Senior Council Officers
- Health
- Police
- Job Centre Plus

This group had met for the first time on 7 October and it was envisaged that it would meet on a six weekly basis.

As statutory bodies the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership would remain in place; however, it was intended that the other Theme Boards would be decommissioned by the end of the calendar year and that the current partnership structure would be dissolved.

In terms of the next steps outgoing Theme Boards were being asked to identify areas of work that would not be picked up elsewhere that would need to be taken forward. The review had recommended that any areas of work that required particular focus should be looked at via time limited Task and Finish groups.

The Chair noted that this did not mean that there would be less emphasis on partnership working; however, there was a need to work more efficiently to avoid duplication and to ensure that resources were used as effectively as possible.

The Board discussed the proposals put forward and there was agreement that meeting in the current format was no longer sustainable and that the most useful function of the Board had been the network it provided to share information and communicate with partners.

There was agreement that a 'Task and Finish' approach, i.e. identifying specific areas of work and bringing the relevant partners together to achieve specific outcomes, would make the most effective use of partners time.

It was suggested that a mechanism to link partnership working with regard to environmental issues and the Council's new Area Committees should be established as these were an important forum for gathering local views. It was noted that Area Plans were being compiled for each Area Committee and it was suggested that any Task and Finish groups established should reflect the priorities set out within these.

The Board discussed areas that might be picked up by Task and Finish groups and the following areas were suggested:

- Public Realm
- Sustainability
- Recycling
- Food
- Developing links with the Area Assemblies

There was agreement that an evaluation of the GBS was required to

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	<p>analyse what had been achieved, areas that were still relevant and any new priorities that should be included.</p> <p>It was suggested that a key area for partnership working was to form a culture shift in people's attitudes towards their environment and to help promote a greater sense of shared responsibility for looking after the local environment.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Greenest Borough Strategy should be reviewed as set out above and identify a reduced set out priority outcomes and proposals with regard to areas that Task and Finish groups might focus on.</p>	<p>Alex Gear</p> <p>Alex Gear</p>
<p>BPP06.</p>	<p>CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION/ LOCAL CLIMATE IMPACTS PROFILE</p> <p>The Board was advised that the Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP) for Haringey had been prepared through support from London Council.</p> <p>This would inform a wider project that was aimed at obtaining a better understanding of weather related impacts and their associated costs on infrastructure and services across London.</p> <p>The LCLIP would also help Local Authorities prepare for the introduction of a new National Indicator that the Government had created to measure how well they responded to extreme weather conditions. It was noted that the Council would eventually compile a Climate Change Adoption Strategy.</p> <p>The Board discussed the document and it was suggested that Green Infrastructure Plans had an important role to play in managing the environment. Officers noted that the Council had a Surface Water Management Plan in place and that this incorporated the use of sustainable methods of construction.</p> <p>The Board was advised that the first stage of the process would be for the Council to undertake an in depth risk assessment.</p> <p>The Chair noted that if members of the Board had suggestions with regard to things that should be considered as part of this they should contact Alex Gear, Principal Policy Officer, alex.grear@haringey.gov.uk</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the update with respect to the LCLIP be noted.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>BPP07.</p>	<p>TRANSPORT FORUM UPDATE</p> <p>The Board received a verbal update in relation to the Transport Forum (TF).</p> <p>At the last meeting of the TF there had been a presentation from Transport for London (TfL) on its new draft Transport Strategy. There</p>	

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	<p>had also been a discussion with regard to recent changes to the Taxi Card scheme and encouraging residents to cycle and walk more.</p> <p>Future topics for consideration included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Impact of the Olympics➤ 20 MPH Zones➤ Safer Transport Teams <p>Members of the Board were reminded that the TF was a public meeting and that they were welcome to attend. It was noted that the next meeting was taking place on 28 November and this would look at the Carbon Commission's work.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to obtain more information should contact Joan Hancox, Head of Sustainable Transport: joan.hancox@haringey.gov.uk / 020 8489 1777.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the verbal update be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP08.</p>	<p>HARINGEY PARKS UPDATE</p> <p>The Board received a verbal update with regard to Haringey Parks.</p> <p>It was noted that the reduced level of funding available meant that the Council was focussing on working with stakeholders to identify ways that they could assist in 'bridging the gap' created by the reduction in Council services.</p> <p>A meeting was being held with stakeholders, including Friends of Parks Groups, on 16 November, to review the Parks Action Plan. It was intended that this would initiate a process whereby greater stakeholder involvement would be developed.</p> <p>There was agreement that maintaining a small amount of funding for community based groups would be essential if it was intended that they should play a greater role in looking after community spaces.</p> <p>The Board was advised that the Police were encouraging Neighbourhood Watch to 'adopt a park'. Existing Neighbourhood Watch groups would be asked to be extra vigilant and to report any issues to the Neighbourhood Watch Link Manager.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that the Police were looking at ways of encouraging people to report to them any issues that they considered required Police attention. In the light of reductions to Police patrols this would become increasingly important.</p> <p>In response to a query it was noted that a pilot was being undertaken, in conjunction with the Probation Service, to use the Community Pay Back</p>	

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	<p>scheme to provide assistance to the Council around the maintenance of parks and open spaces. If successful it was intended that the initiative would be developed into a full work programme.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the verbal update be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP09.</p>	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY UPDATE</p> <p>The Board received a tabled report that provided an update with respect to progress made in delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy.</p> <p>The full performance data for the second quarter was not available yet and a summary of performance during the first quarter was provided.</p> <p>It was noted that the Green Lanes Food Festival had taken place on 18 September and that this had attracted over 20,000 people. The Chair noted that this had provided a good opportunity for the community to come together particularly following the recent disturbances.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that the Council had not provided a stall at the festival to promote recycling and other green initiatives; whilst it was acknowledged that Veolia had attended it was suggested that it would have been useful if the Council had also taken the opportunity to promote the use of green waste bins.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Council would be running a campaign to inform residents about the new recycling bins that were being deployed in the Autumn. It was noted that information would be printed on the bins advising people what they could be used for and that leaflets would be circulated listing collection dates.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP10.</p>	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>There were no new items of Urgent Business.</p>	
<p>BPP11.</p>	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>There was agreement that as the next scheduled meeting, which was due to be held on 24 November, should be moved back to mid December.</p> <p>The Board would meet to consider proposals with respect to future Task and Finish Groups before it disbanded at the end of the calendar year.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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