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HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD:

LAA WORKSHOP

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2006 at 18:15hrs
RIVER PARK HOUSE, 225 HIGH ROAD WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22

MINUTES

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1. **APOLOGIES** (Agenda Item 1):

Apologies were received from the following partners:

Haringey Council (Councillors)	Cllr Nilgun Canver Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety
Haringey Council (Councillors)	Cllr Gideon Bull Observer
Member of the Greater London Authority	Joanne McCartney, AM Greater London Authority Member for Haringey and Enfield
Metropolitan Police	Simon O'Brien Police Borough Commander
Middlesex University	Prof. Norman Revell Pro Vice-Chancellor and Director of Development
Member of Parliament	Lynne Featherstone, MP Member of Parliament for Hornsey and Wood Green
Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust	Tracey Baldwin Chief Executive, Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust (REPRESENTED BY DR ANN-MARIE CONNOLLY)
Member of Parliament	David Lammy, MP Member of Parliament for Tottenham
Homes for Haringey (ALMO)	Michael Jones Chair of Homes for Haringey Board

2. **UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY**
(Agenda Item 2):

David Hennings, Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy), updated the Partnership on the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy by running through the key issues and emerging themes that had arisen from the consultation methods used by the Council over the past couple of months. The key issues were:

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- How can the *partnership* better address the key challenges facing Haringey
- How can we increase confidence in Haringey
- How can we increase social capital and the empowerment and engagement of local people
- Must meet the challenge of climate and environmental change

The emerging themes were:

- Haringey's diversity and cultural mix is one of the best things about Haringey
- Crime and bad behaviour - major concerns.
- A sense of aspiration – Haringey must be and look better
- Shopping – “good” but people want more and better
- Transport – “good” but more and better
- Open space “very good” but protect and improve
- Services – “have improved” but hold onto and continue that improvement
- The importance of and desire to see more arts/cultural events
- A desire of greater prosperity and economic vitality
- A desire to tackle wider environmental concerns

The Board heard that there were some newly emerging themes, but not an abrupt change with the last community strategy. And the emerging priorities stemming from the consultation were:

- Increasing economic vitality and improving the built environment
- Improving life chances for all
- Being the greenest borough
- A safer borough
- Community focused quality public services

The Board was informed of the ongoing process in terms of renewing the community strategy and that it would be asked to set direction and priorities at its October meeting. In November/December the first draft of the Strategy would be ready ahead of final approval by all partners in March 2007.

3. **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (FIRST DRAFT REPORT)**(Agenda Item 3):

David Hennings introduced this item by stating that four overarching themes were being proposed for the Haringey LAA. These were:

1. Economic vitality and prosperity (worklessness)
2. A focus on young people aged 14-24 (transition from teenage to adult)
3. Targeted approach to areas and communities in greatest need
4. Increasing community participation (“Responsible Citizens” and volunteering)

Having been presented with the four themes, there followed a discussion on certain issues arising from them including the perceived lack of detail over the actual meanings of the phrases used, the focuses highlighted, and sense in which the themes would create services that were needed. However, the Board heard that the LAA at this stage was not a total statement of intent by the Council, but that it was a contract between the local authority (in partnership with its communities/agents) and the government and that focus needed to be on the broad contractual issues that will give services general direction for improvement by local arrangement.

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The Board also heard that the LAA would not provide instant cash and that it would be useful for instigating wider actions in order to address and solve local issues. That much of the four overarching themes were wide-ranging and dealt with many strands would strengthen the LAA at this stage. However, the Board heard that the themes should emphasis more in terms of positive action – and that targets and initiatives to promote *independence* and *choice* were ideal.

Carol Pattison, Interim Head of Policy and Partnerships, introduced a list of stretch targets that had been drawn from the thematic partnerships. The Board was asked to consider the list presented to them with a view to reducing it to fourteen targets of which two would be reserve targets. This process of reduction would be by negotiations with partners and between the Government Office for London (GOL).

The Board discussed at length a number of targets on the list, highlighting that one or two initiatives/projects could be considered that would fit into a range of stretch targets (such as *Healthy Kids* or the *2012 Volunteer Programme*). This would also ensure that initiatives improved whole lives rather than individual factors. There was a discussion on deliverability of initiatives and the complimentary nature of initiatives to each other. This would also go some way in reaching and agreeing the 14 stretch targets. There was concern that none of the targets listed mentioned Safer Neighbourhoods scheme as this was considered to be an overarching initiative. In terms of a volunteering target, the Board heard that this should affect all groups.

The Board talked about the measurability and risks of the targets and heard that a process of testing measurability was in place and that guidelines existed in order to assist in the delivery of targets to ensure risk assessment is undertaken and that robustness is achieved. GOL would agree these in due course. It was suggested that a number of the Economic Development block stretch targets could be bundled together in order to risk assess more efficiently and effectively. The Board heard that the process of achieving actual targets would be considered at length in future drafts of the LAA when negotiations and risk assessments would also take place. It also heard about the importance looking beyond the targets and the contract with government and thinking of the impacts that can be picked up in the sustainable community strategy. In addition, it was highlighted that the draft LAA was not at the advanced stage yet of how to align resources with targets and that this would form future elements of the development of the LAA.

The Board discussed to desire to align partner agency with direct responsibility for delivering on certain targets (such as reduction in robbery) and that consideration of where partners could contribute to each of the targets would be needed.

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RESOLVED:

That the overarching themes and stretch targets listed on pages 21 – 23 of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) Report be accepted (subject to amendments to codify which targets partners could contribute to) and officers submit to GOL and negotiate accordingly. Also, the HSP receives a report, at a future meeting, on the stretch targets agreed with GOL.

Carol Pattison presented to the Board the list of Enabling Measures as follows:

1. Sub-regional approach to accessing DWP/JCP+ re worklessness
2. Flexibility around benefits for people entering employment
3. Flexibility around 16 hour rule for work placements
4. Regional Partnership to access benefits of 2012 and Thames gateway
5. Consistency of performance measures
6. Recycling money restrictions
7. Capital and revenue restrictions on SSCF
8. Carry forward of YOS budget
9. Increasing reporting versus reducing overall recorded crime
10. Top Slice of Block Pooled funding

These measures would be submitted to GOL on 29 September 2006, and the Board heard that the style of approach in terms of negotiating with government would need to be assertive and pro-active and this should be reflected when submitted.

There was a brief discussion over the clarity of some of the Measures listed including payments to people volunteering which was an enabling issue, and help for people in temporary accommodation and benefit take-up. Consideration needed on these matters.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor George Meehan, Chair, and Paul Head, Vice-Chair, agree the final Enabling Measures before submitting to GOL.

The meeting ended at 20:15 hours.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

The date of the next HSP meeting is 6pm, Monday 16 October 2006 (Civic Centre Chamber). This meeting will be to look at the Community Strategy.

In order to transact further business of the HSP there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Board on **Monday 27 November 2006 at 6:30pm** (venue tbc).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Partners wishing to put forward items for a future agenda are asked to contact Nicolas Mattis, Principal Support Officer (Council) at:
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Councillor GEORGE MEEHAN
Chair, Haringey Strategic Partnership 2006/7

Date: _____

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APPENDIX ONE

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

18 September 2006

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE
CORE/KEY AGENCIES	
Haringey Council	Cllr. George Meehan Leader of the Council
Haringey Council	Dr Ita O'Donovan Chief Executive, Haringey Council
Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust	Richard Sumray Chairman, Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust
Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust	(DR ANN-MARIE CONNOLLY)
Learning & Skills Council (London North)	Yolande Burgess
College of North East London (CoNEL)	Paul Head Principal, CoNEL
Registered Social Landlord	Neil Mawson
COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTORS	
New Deal for Communities (NDC)	Symon Sentaine / Lorne Horsford
Haringey Council (Councillor)	Cllr. Isidoros Diakides Executive Member for Housing
Haringey Council (Councillor)	Cllr. Lorna Reith Executive Member for Community Involvement
Faith Groups	Pastor Nims Obunge Chief Executive
Haringey Community Empowerment Network (HarCEN)	Faiza Rizvi
Haringey Community Empowerment Network (HarCEN)	Lauritz Hansen-Bay
Haringey Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO)	Markos Chrysostomou
HSP THEMATIC BOARDS	
Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (CYPSPB)	Sharon Shoemith
Better Places Partnership (BPP)	Cllr Brian Haley
Haringey Well-Being Partnership Board (HWBPB)	Anne Bristow
MPs and GLA	