

**MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD (HSP)
TUESDAY, 1 JULY 2008**

Present: Councillors Liz Santry (Chair) and George Meehan, Ify Adendunga, Elizabeth Archer, Sue Barker, Helen Brown, Dr. Pam Constantinides, Jean Croot, Melanie Danan, Jane Elias, Belinda Evans, Dave Grant, Tony Hartney, Paul Head, Cenk Orhan, Jim Shepley, Sharon Shoesmith, Margaret Sumner.

Also Present: Sha-Kera King, Pam Pemberton and Patricia Walker.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
OBCB18.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Agenda Item 5)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Councillor Santry be appointed as Chair for 2008/09.</p>	HLDMS
OBCB19.	<p>APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>Our Chair welcomed Commander Dave Grant, newly appointed Borough Commander to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Nilgun Canver, Tracey Baldwin (for whom Helen Brown substituted), Barbara Breed (for whom Elizabeth Archer substituted), Yolande Burgess, Adam Jogee and Janette Karklins.</p>	
OBCB20.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That, subject to the correction of 'staring' to 'starting' in the second line of the final paragraph of the preamble to Minute OBCB.06, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2008 be approved as a correct record.</p>	HLDMS
OBCB21.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR (Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Sue Barker be appointed as Vice Chair for 2008/09.</p>	HLDMS
OBCB22.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Sharon Shoesmith be appointed as the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board's representative on the Haringey Strategic Partnership Board for 2008/09.</p>	HLDMS

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<p>OBCB23.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE: MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE: 2008/09 (Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We noted that the Council's Head of Legal Services had been consulted on the content of the report and had commented that the wide ranging strategic and responsive role for the Strategic Partnership Board, which was determined by statute, was referred to within the body of the terms of reference. While the content of the terms of reference was generally non-contentious, the Board might not have the power to formally approve Section 31 Partnership Agreements. The prescribed bodies for the purpose of Section 31 arrangements consisted of local authorities and specific NHS bodies and any arrangement had to be agreed by the prescribed bodies. The wider membership of the Board included representatives of bodies not prescribed for the purposes of Section 31 and its associated Regulations. Thus the terms of reference could validly refer to a role such as oversight of Section 31 partnership agreements but not to formal agreement of the arrangements. However, the Board would have the power to formally approve specific arrangements made under Section 10 of the Children Act 2004, which appeared to be a function not currently set out within its responsibilities.</p> <p>With regard to the composition of the Board, reference was made to the need for the possible addition of representatives of the North Middlesex Hospital and from schools. It was also suggested that Middlesex University be removed from the list of organisations represented. The Community Link Forum's representation also needed to be changed in the light of their new protocol.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the terms of reference of the Board be amended to reflect the comments of the Council's Head of Legal Services as outlined above. 2. That the composition of the Board be reviewed to take account of the views expressed by existing Members. 	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
<p>OBCB24.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY LINK FORUM PRESENTATION (Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We received a presentation entitled 'What is the Community Link Forum?'. It was noted that the stated mission of the CLF was to increase the level, accessibility and quality of services meeting need and community cohesion through greater engagement and influence. In this context we were informed that the six key reasons why the CLF had been introduced had been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demise of the Community Empowerment Networks (March 2006) • Improve the 'voice' of the Sector at a strategic level 	

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- Accountability with transparent processes
- Organised cross-sectoral working
- Improved joint working
- RESULT – Local services meeting local need

The Board was advised of the CLF Structure and of the CLF Elections the main points of which were:

- 24 seats available to the VCS across the Thematic Boards and Main Partnership
- 60 nominations had been received
- Only BPP seats were uncontested
- Process independently managed by the Electoral Reform Services
- 17 CLF representatives successfully elected

The Board was also advised that the C&YP Partnership Board CLF representatives were as follows:

- Cenk Orhan
- Ify Adenuga
- Jim Shepley

The CLF's Achievements included .

- Reference group established in May 2007
- The 'Have Your Say' consultation conducted June-July 2007
- HSP ratifies CLF Agreement (19 July 2007)
- CLF secretariat set up and CLF policies developed and ratified by Reference Group
- Small scale outreach programme conducted during winter 2007
- 240 strong membership by January 2008
- CLF launched 9 January 2008
- LAA workshops held for the Sector with LVSC
- Reference group supported with briefings on LAA, NRF and WNF
- Elections successfully managed
- Leadership Training provided for new CLF representatives

The CLF's shared priorities were cited as being -

- People at the heart of change
- An environmentally sustainable future
- Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all
- Healthier people with a better quality of life
- People and customer focussed

In terms of Achieving Priorities the following were quoted –

- Concerns about serious anti-social behaviour, and particularly discouraging young's involvement in it

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for positive images for youth, rather than demonising them • Value and recognition of children and young people's achievements • Need to engage with young people, and to listen to their views and their 'voice' – need effective practical action targeting those involved in gun and knife crime and to prevent negative re-enforcement of such activity • More young leaders and involvement of all age groups. <p>Questions having been asked and answered, our Chair thanked Sha-Kera King (CLF) and we</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That the presentation be noted.</p>	
<p>OBCB25.</p>	<p>INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES AND TARGETED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES (Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We received a presentation from the Integrated Youth Support Service entitled 'Youth Matters Next Steps' the background to which was "having a single body responsible and accountable for youth policy and the ECM outcomes in each area will enable integrated planning and commissioning of the full range of services for teenagers from universal activities through to more specialist and targeted support. This would lead to an integrated youth support service, focused on and structured around young people's needs and involving a range of providers including voluntary and community organisations" (DFES Youth Matters 2005 para. 36).</p> <p>We noted that the 4 key elements of Integrated Youth Support were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering young people • Making a contribution • Supporting choices (Information, Advice and Guidance) • Reformed targeted support <p>In terms of targeted youth support the aim was to put in place a co-ordinated and effective response to the more complex needs of vulnerable teenagers by way of -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing partnerships • Multi-agency teams • CAF/Lead professional • Core competencies <p>Seven Strands of Targeted Youth Support had been identified, viz –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People's Influence • Early Identification 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessment • Early Universal Support • Lead Professional Support • Transitions • Accessible Services <p>The achievements of the Service to date were reported as being –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common assessment framework • Youth Service and Connexions Haringey configured into universal and targeted services • Workforce development – integrated leadership • Key stakeholders contributions • Co-location of staff working with vulnerable children and young people • Awareness raising <p>Future actions proposed included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy to be in place by December 2008 to incorporate why, what, where, when and how • Milestones in place to achieve target date • Engagement of 3rd sector • Consultation with and involvement of young people • Roll out of Extended Services • Monitoring and measurement of impact (PSA 14 and additional proxy indicators) <p>The intention was that the Service would do more of what it did well including –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded involvement of young people in service planning and delivery (Hear By Right) • A Youth Offer – what young people, parents and communities can expect • Joint planning, commissioning and delivery (universal and targeted) • Increase in delivery and uptake of Positive Activities (PSA 14) • Impact on NEET, teenage conception rate, first time entrants into criminal justice, substance misuse. 	
<p>OBCB26.</p>	<p>PERFORMANCE MONITORING: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (APA), CHANGING LIVES AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We noted that the Education and Inspection Act 2006 required Ofsted to undertake an annual review of the Children's Services in each local authority and award a performance rating and Ofsted carried out this duty through the Annual Performance Assessment (APA). However, following evaluation of the APA 2007 Ofsted had introduced some</p>	

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	<p>changes to the APA process so that Councils could now either complete Ofsted's APA self assessment format or submit their annual review of their children and young people's plan.</p> <p>We were informed that since the report on the APA process to our last meeting partners had been working on the evaluation and analysis of the 20 priorities in Changing Lives. Work was continuing on this evaluation which would be submitted as the APA self assessment on 26 June. We were also informed that a programme for 2008/09 was being drawn up which would include the new aims for each of the existing 20 priorities. The development of these aims was to be based on the outcomes from the evaluation of Changing Lives.</p> <p>It was reported that because the closing date for the APA self assessment had been after the date for circulation of the agenda for our meeting it had not possible to include the finished documents with the report. Following the submission of the self assessment Ofsted would consider whether or not they wished to make an on-site visit. The final letter and grades would be published in December.</p> <p>It was also reported that Haringey's proposed LAA had been submitted for Government approval at the end of May. The development of the new performance management arrangements for the LAA reported to our last meeting would involve quarterly reports to our Board and other theme boards. These would replace the key indicator set that we had been receiving at each meeting over the last year. We noted that as the first quarter had only ended on 30 June the report was not available but would be presented to our next meeting in September. Instead, a set of indicators taken from the Directorate dashboard for April and May had been included in the Appendix to the report to enable current targets to be seen, and in some instances progress, on a selection of indicators significant for children and young people. We noted that for easy reference indicators were colour coded according to whether they were among the Haringey Strategic Partnership's LAA 35 improvement targets, LAA local indicators or DCSF mandatory indicators. We also noted that the traffic lights, where available, referred to the situation in May and that none were at red.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
OBCB27.	<p>FORUM UPDATE: 11-19 FORUM (Agenda Item 12)</p> <p>We received a verbal update from the Director of the Children and Young People's Service and we noted that work was on-going on new diplomas and the transfer of responsibility. Success rates had been reviewed and much work had been carried out to address the needs of those young people who were leaving school with no qualifications.</p> <p>The evaluation of 'Changing Lives' had now been submitted and the next</p>	

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	<p>step would be to feed in to next year's plans. Consideration would also be given to the 2009-2020 Children's Plan and the need to mirror the Government's plan. In this connection it was intended to carry out extensive consultations starting in September 2008.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>OBCB28.</p>	<p>REPORT FROM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVISORY BOARD (Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We received a verbal update from the Director of the Children and Young People's Service and we noted that in relation to items suggested for discussion at future meetings that play had been a big issue in particular the Fair Play Strategy.</p> <p>We also noted that a copy of the Primary Strategy which looked at transformational change to primary education would be uploaded on to the Council's web site within the next month.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>OBCB29.</p>	<p>THREE MINUTE UPDATE (Agenda Item 14)</p> <p>The Board received a brief oral update from each of the partner agencies on activity since the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Primary Care Trust</u></p> <p>The Board was advised that the Primary Care Strategy was the focus of the PCT's work. It should be noted that the Strategy was still evolving and that much work would be carried out on it over the forthcoming six months. The relationship with the Children's Service would be considered as would the question of linkages to the GP Service. The Darzi Review had also highlighted significant issues.</p> <p>Locally, the high birth rate was putting maternity and paediatric services under pressure.</p> <p><u>Police</u></p> <p>The current drive was around knife crime while avoiding the demonising of young people. Priority was also being given to achieving the LAA targets.</p> <p><u>Safer Communities Unit</u></p> <p>Forthcoming events included the Peace Week planning meeting, the</p>	

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	<p>inaugural meeting of the 'Dreams' group on 28 July and a young people and alcohol initiative aimed at stopping young people becoming involved with alcohol at a young age.</p> <p><u>Secondary Schools</u></p> <p>The Building Schools for the Future Programme was progressing and works were now underway at Gladesmore School.</p> <p><u>HAVCO</u></p> <p>Information sharing events were being planned including a children and young people's theme group on 2 September.</p> <p><u>Special Schools</u></p> <p>Noted that this year, for the first time, every child's achievements had been recorded. Also noted that the Council's Sixth Form Centre had been able to accommodate all referrals from Special Schools.</p> <p><u>CONEL</u></p> <p>Noted that the outcome of an Inspection Report on the College had been outstanding and thanks were expressed to other agencies who had lent support.</p> <p>On the question of knife crime it was suggested that there might be value in having a discussion at a future Board meeting on this matter with an emphasis on adopting a positive approach. The Director of the Children and Young People's Service having indicated that there had been a youth summit which had focussed on this issue and a number of important developments, we asked that a report back be made to the next meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Community Link Forum</u></p> <p>Concern was expressed about proposed increases in rents paid by community groups occupying Council owned premises with effect from 1 October 2008.</p> <p>We noted that the matter was the subject of on-going discussions between HAVCO and the Council's Voluntary Sector Team.</p> <p><u>5 to 11 Forum</u></p> <p>In response to a question about the Fair Play Strategy our Chair indicated that this should be the subject of a report to a future meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Leader of the Council</u></p>	<p>DCYPS</p> <p>DCYPS</p>
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	Concern having been expressed about the risk of a major outbreak of measles and low MMR immunisation rates, we noted that the PCT had a catch up programme in place which included payments and targeted information on immunisation.	
OBCB30.	<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Agenda Item 17)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Children and Young People's Plan 2009/20 Consultation be selected for consideration at the next meeting of the Board on 25 September 2008.</p>	DCYPS
OBCB31.	<p>ITEMS CURRENTLY SUGGESTED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Agenda Item 18)</p> <p>Our Chair having indicated that she would prefer if the Board selected one item from the list suggested by sub-groups for consideration per meeting, it was</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Children and Young People's Plan 2009/20 Consultation be selected for consideration at the next meeting of the Board on 25 September 2008.</p>	DCYPS
OBCB32.	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS (Agenda Item 18)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the following dates of meetings of the Board in 2008/09 be noted –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 September 2008 • 15 December 2008 • 3 February 2009 • 7 April 2009 	

LIZ SANTRY
Chair