BETTER PLACES PARTNERSHIP BOARD, 19 JUNE 2008.

Councillor Brian Haley (Chair), Jo David, Cenk Orhan, Councillor Lorna Reith, Pete G Ravenor, Fazia Rizvi, K Yearley. Present:

Xanthe Barker, Kirsty Fox, Sha-Kera King, Pamela Pemberton. In

Attendance:

MINUTE		ACTION
NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	BY

BPP14.	APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS	
DPF14.	It was noted that apologies had been received from the following members of the Board: David Anstey Niall Bolger John Brown Eugenia Cronin Judith Hanna Peter Livermore Pamela Moffat Jill Sterry Ellen Struthers	
	Esther Vanlith	
BPP15.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	No declarations of interest were made.	
BPP16.	URGENT BUSINESS	
	No items of urgent business were raised.	
BPP17.	MINUTES	
	RESOLVED:	
	That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.	
BPP18.	ELECTION OF CHAIR	
	RESOLVED:	
	That Councillor Brian Haley be appointed as Chair for the ensuing Municipal Year.	
BPP19.	APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR	
	RESOLVED:	
	That Cenk Orhan be appointed as Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal	

	year.
BPP20.	APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
	RESOLVED:
	That Councillor Brian Haley be appointed as the Boards representative on the HSP for the ensuing municipal year.
BPP21.	COMMUNITY LINK FORUM PRESENTATION
	The Board received a presentation from the Community Link Forum (CLF) setting out its objectives and work to date and giving an overview of the recent CLF election process.
	It was noted that the CLF had been established as a means of improving the link between the Community and Voluntary Sector and the Partnership. Following ratification of the CLF Agreement by the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) in July 2007 work had been carried out by the organisation that had culminated in the CLF Elections in April 2008.
	The CLF was allocated three places on each of the Thematic Boards; three of these were allocated to the elected CLF representatives and one was allocated to a representative from HAVCO. The HAVCO representative appointed to the Better Places Partnership was Pamela Moffat, who had previously sat on the Board in her capacity as a representative of the Mobility Forum.
	The representatives elected to the Better Places Partnership were as follows:
	Cenk OrhanPete G Ravenor
	It was noted that a third representative had not been elected to Better Places Partnership Board. At present the CLF was looking at options for cooption.
	The Chair thanked Pamela Pemberton of HAVCO for the presentation and opened discussion by asking for clarification of the roles carried out by HAVCO and the CLF.
	The Board was advised that HAVCO was essentially the wider umbrella organisation that provided support to Community and Voluntary groups and charities. As part of its work HAVCO also provided strategic support and advice such as ensuring that organisations had proper governance structures in place.
	The CLF had been formed specifically to facilitate Community and Voluntary Sector representation within the Partnership.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

BPP22. DELIVERING WITHIN NEW FRAMEWORKS

The Board received a presentation setting out how it was proposed that its objectives and the LAA targets within its responsibility, would be delivered within the new frameworks currently being established.

The Board was responsible for the delivery of two key areas that sought to improve the quality of life in Haringey:

- Delivery of Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets both specifically within the Boards responsibility and relevant targets within the remit of other Boards
- Delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy (endorsed by the HSP in April 2008)

The LAA targets had been negotiated with GOL and the LAA document had been formally submitted on 30 May and was currently awaiting ministerial sign off. The Board had specific responsibility for delivery of the following LAA targets:

- Reducing CO2 emissions
- Improving levels of recycled waste and composting
- Improving street cleanliness
- Increasing the number of Green Flag Parks in the Borough
- Increasing the percentage of people who were satisfied or fairly satisfied with local parks and green spaces
- Access to services and facilities by public transport

The Greenest Borough Strategy had been adopted by as a Partnership Strategy in by the HSP in April 2008. This had been considered appropriate in order to reflect the need to work in partnership in order to achieve the Strategies objectives. It was noted that the Strategy included seven priority themes:

- Improving the Urban Environment
- Protecting the Natural Environment
- Managing Environmental Resources Efficiently
- Leading by Example and Managing Partnership Resources Efficiently
- Sustainable Design and Construction
- Promoting Sustainable Travel
- Raising Awareness and Involvement

The Board was advised that the intention of the presentation was to stimulate discussion around how future Board meetings should be organised. It was suggested that the format of the Boards meetings should be revised with one area being focussed on for discussion. In

addition to this it was suggested that there should be a review of the current membership of the Board to ensure that it was 'fit for purpose' and best placed to deliver its objectives.

It was proposed that there should be a review of the Boards structure to ensure that the Partnership's strategic decision making function was complemented.

It was proposed that the quarterly meetings of the Board should focus on a maximum of two of the priorities contained within the Greenest Borough Strategy.

It was noted that it would be helpful if an overview was provided, prior to discussion of how the LAA targets within the Boards responsibility related to these priorities.

It was also suggested that, where appropriate, experts from external organisations should be invited to attend Board meetings to inform discussion. There was agreement that this would be useful. The Assistant Director, Business Improvement and Strategy, suggested that an overview of the key projects across the Council relating to the specific objectives being discussed, could be brought to the Board.

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The the Board was advised that Council officers would be responsible for compiling a Delivery Plan in relation to the Greenest Borough Strategy. Commitment from partners to assist in the delivery of the Strategy's objectives would be sought.

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The Board discussed how work would take place at a practical level between Board meetings and it was contended that there should be a formal mechanism in place to ensure that the views of the Community and Voluntary Sector were considered by the officers responsible for implementing decisions.

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The Chair advised that Board members were free to contact officers between meetings to discuss how particular issues were being progressed.

It was noted that, through their election to the Board, it was implicit that the CLF representatives would convey the views of the organisations they represented. There was an expectation that this would happen between meetings.

Following discussion there was agreement that the following topics should be discussed at future meetings:

- Improving the Urban Environment / Protecting the Natural Environment
- Managing Environmental Resources Effectively / Leading by Example
- Sustainable Design and Construction / Promoting Sustainable

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	Travel		
	There was agreement that as Raising Awareness was a cross cutting issue this should be considered at all meetings.		
	The Chair noted that the Board had strong links to the Integrated Housing Board and suggested that its Members should be invited to attend the Boards next meeting.	Ass Dir Service Delivery	
	RESOLVED:		
	 That the remaining Board meetings for the Municipal Year should focus upon the topics set out above, with the appropriate external organisations being invited to attend, in order to inform discussion. 	Ass Dir Service Delivery	
	ii. That there should be a review of the Boards Membership prior to the next meeting to ensure that it was appropriate to deliver its objectives efficiently.	Ass Dir Service Delivery	
BPP23.	MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE: 2008/09		
	The Board received a report requesting that it formally confirm its Terms of Reference and Membership for 2008/09.		
	It was agreed that the Terms of Reference should be amended in order to reflect the appointment of the new CLF representatives.		
	The Board was advised of the following amendments to the Membership list:		
	<u>Metropolitan Police</u> -the official representative would be Chief Inspector Jon Williams.		
	Environment Agency -the official representative would be Esther Vanlith	XB	
	RESOLVED:		
	That, subject to the amendments set out above, the Terms of Reference and Membership of the Board be confirmed as set out for 2008/09.		
BPP24.	BRIEFING PAPER -BETTER HARINGEY GREEN FAIR AND		
DPF24.	AWARDS		
	The Board was advised that the combined Better Haringey Awards and Better Haringey Green Fair had been held between 5 and 7 June, at the Broadwater Farm Community Centre and the Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham.		

	Positive feedback had been received in relation to the Green Fair, which had been attended by approximately 3500 members of the public. At present the project team were in the process of writing to everyone involved in the Fair, thanking them for their contribution and requesting that they complete a feedback form. In addition to this an officer feedback session was being held to discuss areas where the event could be improved upon for next year. The Chair noted that the events had been successful and invited members of the Board to advise officers if they wished to comment in the event. RESOLVED: That the report be noted.	
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BPP25.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
	No new items of urgent business were raised.	
BPP26.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	The Board was advised by the New Deals for Communities (NDC) representative that the organisation was currently in the process of producing a 'Master Plan', which would identify geographical, rather than Ward based areas, affected by the NDC.	
	The document was being produced as the Ward based approach meant that the impact upon and needs of adjacent areas were overlooked.	
	A stakeholders meeting was being held in order to discuss the Plan and Council officers had been invited to attend this. It was hoped that this would provide an opportunity to consider how information collected could be used to inform the Council's Core Strategy. Within the Core Strategy 'Employment Zones' would be identified and the NDC considered that this piece of work would play a key role in informing this.	
	There was agreement that this should be fed back to the appropriate Council officers.	A. a. Dia
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BPP27.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	The following dates of future Board meetings were noted:	
	6 October 2008 18 December 2008 16 March 2009	

Councillor Brian Haley

Chair