

**MINUTES OF THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD (HSP)
MONDAY, 27 APRIL 2009**

Present: Councillor Claire Kober (Chair), Tracey Baldwin, Councillor John Bevan, John Brown, Councillor Nilgun Canver, Dave Grant, Robert Edmonds, Derma Ioannou, Michael Jones, Maria Kane, Peter Lewis, Pastor Nims Obunge, Dr. Ita O'Donovan, Mun Thong Phung, Faiza Rizvi, Walter Steel, Michelle Stokes and Richard Sumray.

In Attendance: Xanthe Barker, Helen Barry, Mary Connolly, Trevor Cripps, Marc Dorfman, Kirsty Fox, Karen Galey, Sharon Kemp, Christine Moody, Susan Oti, Eve Pelekanos, Libby Ranzetta, Anne Woods.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP137.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Councillor Kaushika Amin Eugenia Cronin John Egbo Lynne Featherstone MP Councillor Brian Haley David Lammy MP Joanne McCartney GLA AM Martha Osamor Councillor Lorna Reith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Susan Oti substituted</p>	
HSP138.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Chief Executive of NHS Haringey to give an overview of the action being take following the World Health Organisations recent increase to the level of alert in relation to the possibility of a pandemic following the outbreak of Swine Flu in Mexico.</p>	
HSP139.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
HSP140.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
HSP141.	<p>MACRO-ECONOMIC ISSUES AND RESPONSE TO THE RECESSION IN HARINGEY</p>	

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	<p>The Board considered a report that provided an update on progress in taking forward the actions agreed at the previous meeting in relation to the Partnership's response to the recession.</p> <p>Since the previous meeting the Chair had invited a number of partners to join a time limited Task and Finish Group, which would be responsible for developing the Partnership's approach to the recession.</p> <p>At the previous meeting partners had been asked to contact the Council's Head of Economic Regeneration with suggestions as to how this work should be taken forward. However, to date nothing had been submitted and there was agreement that partners wishing to make suggestions should do so as soon as possible so that they could be considered by the Task and Finish Group at its meeting in May.</p> <p>It was noted that the Government had produced a booklet that listed all of the schemes in the Borough to assist local business combat the recession. This included contact details of the organisations providing these schemes.</p> <p>There was agreement that existing information and initiatives should be mapped to avoid duplication before the Task and Finish Group met.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a link between the economic downturn and an increase in the level of crime and there was agreement that the groups should consider ways of addressing this.</p> <p>Concern was also raised in relation to some of the statistics referred to in the report in relation to crime and it was requested that these were checked with the Community Safety team following the meeting.</p> <p>It was contended that many of the actions listed in the report were happening independently of the Partnership and that Task and Finish Groups should concentrate on forming new initiatives that would 'add value'.</p> <p>It was suggested that a benching marking exercise should be undertaken to see how other Local Strategic Partnerships were addressing this issue.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the report be noted. ii. That a further report updating the HSP on progress and addressing the points raised above should be submitted to the next meeting. 	<p>All to note</p> <p>Karen Galey</p> <p>Karen Galey</p> <p>Karen Galey</p> <p>Karen Galey</p>
<p>HSP142.</p>	<p>MAIN DISCUSSION TOPIC: REDUCING ALCOHOL HARM</p> <p>The Board received a presentation on reducing the harm caused by alcohol and discussed how the Partnership could tackle this.</p>	

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An overview was provided of the national picture and the prevalence of alcoholism in Haringey. It was noted that there was a clear link between economic deprivation and mortality.

The partnership's key indicator in terms of alcohol harm was National Indicator (NI) 139 (number of alcohol related hospital admissions). As part of the measures taken to address this an Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy had been formed, which included a range of actions and measures to address:

- Alcohol related crime
- Impact of alcohol abuse on children and families
- Alcohol related violence

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety raised concern that there was insufficient focus on addressing the link between domestic violence and alcohol abuse.

In response to a query the Board was advised that work was being carried out to gauge what impact the economic downturn was likely to have on alcohol abuse and once further information was available a report would be brought to the HSP.

It was noted that improved coding of alcohol related admissions was partly responsible for the statistical rise recorded. However, it was considered that there was an underlying upward trend in the number of admissions.

Following general discussion the Board broke into groups and the questions set out below were considered two questions: What can your organisation contribute to alcohol harm reduction in Haringey and what can you do as individuals?

The following points were made:

Group 1

- It would be useful if information in relation to hospital related admissions was shared between the Police and NHS and analysed to inform a better joined up approach to knife crime and gun shot wounds and other crimes.
- Information sharing may also be used to determine how attitudes to alcohol within different ethnic groups impacted on crime and health issues.
- The Group felt that more preventative work could be carried out by GP's to reduce alcohol related admissions.

Group 2

- The Group had discussed the link between Mental Health and

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	<p>alcohol abuse and there was agreement that a more joined up approach could be formed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently Crisis Resolution teams had direct access to people's homes and it was suggested that links should be developed with the NHS and Social Services to flag up where additional support may be required. • It was suggested that more liaison between clinicians and mental health services would be helpful. • It was requested that the Council formally support the Chief Medical Officer's view that there should be a minimum price per unit for alcohol. • It was suggested that front line advisors working for Job Centre Plus should be trained in how to detect signs of alcohol abuse and mental health issues. <p><u>Group 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needed to be a clear message and campaign focussing on areas where an impact could be made. • As large employers in the Borough partner organisations should cascade relevant information to their employees. It may be useful to form a mechanism for information to be shared in this way. • It was recognised that people often disclosed information to Voluntary Sector organisations in the first instance and that this should be recognised. <p>The Board was advised that these points would be taken back and consideration would be given as to how they could be reflected in the Alcohol Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That an update on how the points raised during discussion had been taken forward.</p>	<p>NHS Haringey</p>
<p>HSP143.</p>	<p>UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE</p> <p>The Board received a verbal update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) from Christine Moody of the Audit Commission.</p> <p>It was noted that guidance had been published on the Audit Commission's website in relation to the CAA and that this was updated in a regular basis. At present confirmation of the contacts for Local Authorities was still awaited and once confirmed this details would be circulated.</p>	

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	<p>The CAA Self Evaluation was due to be received on 14 May and feedback from the Audit Commission would be provided in June.</p> <p>The Board received an update from John Brown, Chair of the multi agency Working Group tasked with pulling together the evidence for the Self Assessment. It was noted that the Group had taken an overview of the Partnerships LAA targets and how a more coordinated approach could be taken to achieving these.</p> <p>A Special meeting of the HSP Performance Management Group (PMG) was being organised to consider the Self Evaluation prior to submission.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the verbal update be noted.</p>	PMG
<p>HSP144.</p>	<p>HARINGEY'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK</p> <p>The Board received a report that provided an update on the development of Haringey's Community Engagement Framework (CEF).</p> <p>It had been agreed that the CEF should be established in order to provide a process and mechanism for the Partnership to engage with the local community on specific issues. The Third Phase of development was due to commence in May and would primarily focus on the CEF Delivery Plan.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the CEF was as accessible as possible a 'plain English' version of the document was also being produced.</p> <p>It was noted that it would be useful if the CEF were aligned to the User Involvement Framework established by HAVCO and the Voluntary Sector Team and there was agreement that reference would be made to this in the document.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the Community Engagement Framework be agreed in principle. ii. That, as the final version may be subject to change following the final consultation period, the Council's Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Involvement be delegated authority to approve the final version. 	<p>Helena Pugh</p> <p>Helena Pugh</p>
<p>HSP145.</p>	<p>SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING LINKS WITH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>The Board considered a report proposing guidelines for supporting and strengthening the links between the Council's Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) function and the HSP.</p>	

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	<p>As part of the powers granted to O&S under the Local Government and Involvement in Public Health Act 2007, which came into effect in April, it was now able to scrutinise relevant partners and require them to provide certain information. The relevant partner authorities were now also required to give regard to recommendations made by O&S.</p> <p>In the light of these new powers proposals had been put together to form a protocol setting out how the O&S arrangements would operate in relation to the Partnership.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been provision within separate legislation for O&S to scrutinise the NHS and local health services for several years now. It was suggested that work should be carried out with partner organisations before O&S looked at the Partnership to ensure that there was an understanding of what its remit was.</p> <p>It was contended that the O&S Work Programme may need to forward plan on a longer term basis in order to review the Partnership effectively. Whilst this point was taken on board it was noted that members of the O&S Committee determined the work plan.</p> <p>The Chair noted that O&S had key role to play in supporting the delivery of the Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement targets and advised that Members of the O&S Committee were considering options for adopting a longer term Work Programme.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the proposed guidelines be adopted.</p>	<p>Trevor Cripps</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>Trevor Cripps</p>
<p>HSP146.</p>	<p>HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK</p> <p>The Board received a report setting out proposals for a Strategic Commissioning Framework (SCF) that would guide commissioning activity in relation to the HSP's Area Based Grant allocation.</p> <p>It was noted that the Enterprise Partnership Board (EPB) was currently piloting the Framework and that a draft Commissioning Prospectus had been produced. The Framework had drawn on other models of good practice and had looked particularly at the 'Team Hackney' model.</p> <p>In response to concerns that the Community and Voluntary Sector did not have sufficient time to build capacity within the Sector, if the SCF was adopted in the timescale proposed, the Board was advised that representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector sat on the Commissioning Group tasked with developing the SCF.</p> <p>It was noted that the Commissioning Group had been meeting regularly over the last nine months and that representatives sitting on the Group were responsible for ensuring that their respective organisations briefed on the development of the SCF.</p>	

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	<p>Although the SCF was broadly welcomed by the Community and Voluntary Sector it was suggested that there should be more analysis of how the Area Based Grant (ABG) was allocated by sector and that this should be built into the SCF.</p> <p>It was suggested that there should be provision within the Contract Monitoring part of the commissioning cycle to analyse cost effectiveness with a view to decommissioning projects where appropriate.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that the SCF would be phased in as funds were allocated to the Thematic Boards over the next financial year.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the SCF would begin to be phased in before the Pilot was complete therefore the points raised during discussion would need to be fed back to the Commissioning Working Group.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the Strategic Commissioning Framework be endorsed. ii. That a review of the effectiveness of the arrangements should be undertaken in twelve months time. iii. That there should be further analysis of the ABG allocation to the Third Sector. 	<p>Mary Connolly</p> <p>Mary Connolly</p> <p>Mary Connolly</p> <p>Mary Connolly</p>
<p>HSP147.</p>	<p>AREA BASED GRANT AND THEMATIC BOARD PROGRAMMES 2009/10</p>	
	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p>HSP148.</p>	<p>UPDATE ON FORMING A CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD</p> <p>The Board received a report, for information, that set out proposals for the creation of a Children's Trust to replace the current Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board (CYPSPB)</p> <p>It was noted that a Children's Trust was being established following recommendations contained within the Joint Area Review (JAR) of Children's Services in Haringey.</p> <p>In response to a query regarding proposals in relation to the Sub-Groups beneath the Children's Trust the Board and the way these would be established the Board was advised that one of the options put forward was that these should be established on a geographical basis. An Away Day was currently being organised for members of the CYPSPB to discuss this and other issues in more detail.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

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	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
HSP149.	<p>WHISTLE BLOWING AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING</p> <p>The Board received a report that set out a draft Whistle Blowing and Confidential Reporting Policy for the HSP.</p> <p>It was noted that it was considered best practice to have a dedicated Whistle Blowing Policy in place for Local Strategic Partnerships that set out clearly how the partnership would respond to any allegations made against partners.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the proposed HSP Whistle Blowing and Confidential Reporting Policy be adopted.</p>	Anne Woods
HSP150.	<p>THEMATIC BOARD UPDATES</p> <p>The Board received a report that provided an overview from each of the Thematic Boards of the work carried out during the last cycle of meetings.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
HSP151.	<p>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>No new items of Urgent Business were raised.</p>	
HSP152.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>No items of AOB were raised.</p>	
HSP153.	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Concern was raised with regard to the scheduling of meetings and the length of time between the June and November meetings. It was requested that this was reviewed when the calendar for the 2010/11 was compiled.</p>	Mary Connolly / Xanthe Barker

COUNCILLOR CLAIRE KOBER

Chair

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.