



Better Places Partnership Board

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 2010 at 18.30 HRS –COMMITTEE ROOMS 1 AND 2, CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Please see the membership list set out below.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any items of Urgent Business. (Late items of Urgent Business will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items of Urgent Business will be dealt with under Item 12 below).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Board must declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests with respect to agenda items and must not take part in any discussion with respect to those items.

4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 8)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2009 as a correct record.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION ITEM:

5. GREENEST BOROUGH INNOVATION FUND - PROGRESS UPDATES FROM SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

Progress updates will be provided from the following successful bidders:

- Hornsey Meadow – Kate Allardyce
- Markfield Travellers – Roz Corrigan
- Transitions Finsbury Park – Carol Glover
- BME Carers Support Services – Cenk Orhan
- Faith and Recycling – Reverend John Woods

DELIVERING THE GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY:

6. PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS AGAINST GREENEST BOROUGH THEMES

A presentation will be made on Priority Two – Protecting the Natural Environment.

7. BRIEFING ON GOING GREEN CONFERENCE - 20 FEBRUARY

This report will be sent to follow.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

8. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME PLANNING 2010/11 (PAGES 9 - 12)

9. AREA BASED GRANT PROJECT REVIEW - THIRD QUARTER PROGRESS UPDATE

This report will be sent to follow.

10. GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY INTEGRATED PROJECT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT -THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

This report will be sent to follow.

11. BETTER PLACES RISK REGISTER -QUARTERLY UPDATE

This report will be sent to follow.

12. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any new items of Urgent Business admitted under Item 2 above.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To raise any items of AOB.

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The draft dates for Better Places Partnership Board meetings during 2010/11 are set out below (the Council's Municipal Year runs from 1 May to 30 April):

- 22 June 2010, 6.30pm
- 5 October 2010, 6.30pm
- 24 January 2011, 6.30pm
- 19 April 2011, 6.30pm

Please noted that these dates may be subject to change until they are confirmed by Council. Once agreed they will be circulated to you.

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AGENCY	NO. OF REPS	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
Haringey Council	3	Cllr John Bevan , Cabinet Member for Housing and the Environment and Conservation TBC Niall Bolger , Director of Urban Environment
Community Representatives	3	Sona Mahtani Cenk Orhan Pete G Ravenor (Vice-Chair)
HAVCO	1	TBC
Haringey Fire Service	1	John Brown , Borough Commander Haringey
Metropolitan Police	1	Dave Grant , Chief Superintendent
Environment Agency	1	Esther Vanlith , External Relations Officer
Lee Valley Regional Authority	1	David Anstey , Director of Regeneration
Ground Work	1	Nic Durston
London Remade	1	Ellen Struthers , Project Manager
Registered Social Landlords	1	Neil Mawson , Director of Metropolitan Housing Trust
New Deal for Communities	1	Geoffrey Ocen , Interim Director
Haringey Primary Care Trust/Haringey Council	1	Susan Otiti , Interim Joint Director of Public Health *
Transport for London	1	Peter Livermore
Thames Water	1	TBC
Natural England	1	Judith Hanna , Community Liaison Executive
TOTAL	18	

**This is a joint appointment between Haringey Council and Haringey PCT*

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Present: Councillor Brian Haley (Chair), John Brown, Judith Hanna, Peter Livermore, John Morris, Cenk Orhan (Vice-Chair), Pete Ravenor, Karen Yeadey

In Attendance: Tanya Addison, Kate Allardyce, Xanthe Barker, Martin Bradford, Alex Grear, Joan Hancox, Gemma Harris, Jennifer Hawkes, Adam Hunt, Ben Hunt, Joe Uzovia, Reverend John Wood.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
BPP57.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following people:</p> <p>David Anstey Nic Durston Councillor Toni Mallet (Overview and Scrutiny representative) Neil Mawson –Karen Yeadey substituted Susan Oti</p>	
BPP58.	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>No new items of Urgent Business were raised.</p> <p>Agenda items 8 and 10 were tabled at the meeting.</p>	
BPP59.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
BPP60.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	
BPP61.	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH INNOVATION FUND</p>	

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The Board received presentations from four of the successful bidders that had received money from the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund.

Markfield Travellers

The Board received a presentation from Roz Corrigan of the Markfield Travellers Project, which was aimed at supporting young people with learning difficulties to travel independently.

To date two young people had been through the scheme and it was hoped that once they were confident in travelling independently they would be able to act as mentors. In this way more young people would benefit from the project.

In response to a query about the proposals to remodel the Tottenham Hale gyratory, the Board was advised that although the group was aware of proposals to include an additional access point to Markfield Park, they had not been formally consulted on this or with respect to changes to traffic flow on Broad Lane. However, it was indicated that the group would welcome an additional bus stop being included within Markfield Park.

The Chair commended the project and noted that enabling people to live independently represented a welcome shift in approach.

Hornsey Meadow

A presentation was given by Kate Allardyce from the Hornsey Meadow project.

The Board was advised that the land had been donated by NHS Haringey and the project was aimed at promoting well-being. A range of initiatives were being undertaken, including:

- Food growing and promoting sustainable food sources
- Fostering 'green skills' particularly amongst young people (including the involvement of schools)
- Developing social cohesion by bringing together people from different groups within the community to work on projects

A steering group, comprised of local people, had been established, which was overseeing work to create a community organisation with charitable status. A consultation event was also being held on 19 December to gauge how people would like to see the project develop.

The Board was advised that the British Trust for Community Volunteers (BTCV) had not been approached to date; however, as the project developed this would be considered. Similarly Match Funding had not been pursued as yet as funding during the first year had been secured.

It was suggested that it may be useful for the project to contact Natural England with regard to a pilot the organisation was running to examine

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	<p>the therapeutic benefits of the natural environment.</p> <p><u>Transitions Finsbury Park</u></p> <p>The Board was advised that the Jamboree Huts were locked when they were not in use. However, the planted areas within the site were open and could be vandalised if people were minded to do so.</p> <p>It was suggested that the group might find it useful to create links with the 'Green Roots' scheme run by the Metropolitan Housing Trust situated in the north of Finsbury Park.</p> <p><u>BME Carers Support</u></p> <p>The Board was advised that a sensory garden had been established at the Selby Centre. The project had been established after consulting Carers and their clients and a common theme arising from this had been that they often felt uncomfortable using public parks.</p> <p>It was suggested that representatives from the project should attend the 'Seed Swap' event taking place at Bruce Castle in February.</p> <p>There was agreement that officers should look at options for linking the appropriate HSP Theme Boards to the issues arising from this item.</p> <p>It was noted that Sustainable Haringey produced regular email bulletins on the work they work doing in the Borough and members of the Board were encouraged to contact Sustainable Haringey [info@sustainableharingey.org.uk] if they had information that could be included within this.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the project updates be noted.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
<p>BPP62.</p>	<p>PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS AGAINST GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY THEMES</p> <p>The Board received a presentation on performance and progress with respect to Priority Six of the Greenest Borough Strategy (GBS): Promoting Sustainable Transport.</p> <p>An overview was given of the key projects being undertaken as part of this priority. These fell under six broad areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and Work Travel Plans • Bus Routes • Community Transport • London Cycle Network + • Greenways • Car Clubs <p>There was discussion around the introduction of further 20mph zones</p>	

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	<p>within the Borough and the Chair noted that this was being considered by the Transport Forum at present. The only obstacle to this was enforcement; in order for 20mph zones to be introduced in all residential areas there would need to be commitment from the Police in terms of enforcement.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Mayor for London had recently announced that funding for the London Cycle Network would be ceased at the end of this financial year and consequently it would not be possible to meet the LAA target attached to this.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that there was ongoing discussion with Transport for London (TfL) regarding bus routes and improving these to meet people's requirements.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the presentation be noted.</p>	
<p>BPP63.</p>	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY: PRIORITY TWO -IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT :</p> <p>The Board received a verbal update on Priority Two of the Greenest Borough Strategy: Improving the Natural Environment.</p> <p>It was noted that it had been agreed that external partner leads would be identified to work with the LB Priority sponsor to lead on the delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy:</p> <p>In addition a Steering Group was also being established that would be led by Groundwork and would subsume the responsibilities of existing Groundwork/Haringey Steering Group.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the report had been tabled and requested that a more detailed report be brought to the next meeting for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That a more detailed report should be brought to the next meeting.</p>	<p>John Morris/ Adam Hunt</p>
<p>BPP64.</p>	<p>FAITH AND RECYCLING PROJECT UPDATE</p> <p>The Board was reminded that at the last meeting a one year targeted pilot had been agreed to increase awareness of the environmental agenda in the Borough amongst faith groups.</p> <p>It was noted that significant progress had been made since the previous meeting. It had been agreed that the project would initially focus on youth groups within the wider faith group, the people taking part would then be encouraged to share information with the wider adult faith community.</p>	

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	<p>The Board was advised the project would consult with the three major faith groups represented in the Borough –Christians, Muslims and Jews, to gauge their attitudes to environmental issues. Once this exercise had been undertaken the information gathered would be shared with project partners from the Council and Groundwork and a survey would be compiled for each faith group.</p> <p>It was noted that the project would be based at St Ann’s Church and that there would be a project officer based at the Tiverton Hut. As Project Leader Reverend Wood would act as the key contact point for the project. Reverend Wood and the project officer would meet with all of the key contacts across the faith groups to discuss practical arrangements with respect to the project.</p> <p>The Board discussed the project and it was confirmed that Reverend Nims Obunge had been contacted and would be involved in the project.</p> <p>It was recognised that within the various faiths there were different traditions and customs that would need to be treated with respect and sensitivity.</p> <p>It was suggested that the project may wish to draw on contacts obtained as part of an existing project focussing on Waste and Recycling.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the verbal update be noted.</p>	<p>Reverend Wood / Adam Hunt</p>
<p>BPP65.</p>	<p>AREA BASED GRANT -QUARTER TWO PROGRESS UPDATE</p> <p>The Board received a report that provided an overview of how projects funded by Area Based Grant (ABG) had performed during Quarter Two and an overview of each project was given.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that progress against Street Enforcement had fallen as the officer supporting the project had left the Authority; the post had now been recruited to and the new officer would be in post in the New Year.</p> <p>The Chair noted that changes to the methodology used by the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) continued to impact on performance. Representations were being made to DEFRA with respect to this and the NLWA was supporting the Council’s request for these targets to be revised.</p> <p>The Board was advised that the Community Toilet Scheme had been delayed due to a lack of interest from local business owners who had expressed concern over security. The local Chamber of Commerce was now being consulted to identify ways of improving participation.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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BPP66.	<p>GREENEST BOROUGH STRATEGY INTEGRATED PROJECT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT -UPDATE ON QUARTER TWO 'RED' STATUS PROJECTS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</p> <p>The Board considered a tabled report detailing performance against Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets within its responsibility during Quarter Two.</p> <p>The Board discussed performance against targets with respect to Lordship Recreation Ground and Markfield Park. It was noted that the delays were due to a lack of information around when the utility companies were due to carry out work at Markfield park. The Chair requested that officers from the various Council departments liaise and, if necessary write to the contractor, to ascertain when the work would be scheduled.</p> <p>Despite the 'Red' status currently attached to Carbon Management targets the Board was advised that officers were confident that this would be achieved by March 2010. At present a Schools Environmental Strategy was being drafted and this would be completed during 2010. It was confirmed that Children's Services had been heavily involved in the drafting of the Strategy.</p> <p>It was recognised that performance against School Travel Plans had now reached a plateau and there was agreement that it would be useful to obtain data from other Local Authorities with respect to this for benchmarking purposes.</p> <p>The Board was advised by representatives from Transport for London (TfL) that 'I Trace' data would be used to inform School Travel Plans rather than data collected from the school census.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that there were options for extending the Local Cycling Network scheme, including the use of money derived from Section 106 contributions. The Chair requested that the Board receive an update on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair requested that a meeting was arranged to brief him on the action being taken to resolve issues at Lordship Recreation ground.</p> <p>The Board discussed Travel Plans and it was noted that the TfL would be producing a second report, which would take into account the impact that the Recession had made on travel patterns in London and this would be published in the New Year.</p> <p>The Chair noted that this information would be useful for benchmarking purposes.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	<p>John Morris / Joan Hancox</p> <p>Joan Hancox</p> <p>John Morris??</p>

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	That the report be noted.	
BPP67.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS No new items of Urgent Business were raised.	
BPP68.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS No items of AOB were raised.	
BPP69.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS It was noted that next meeting was scheduled for 18 February 2010 at 6.30pm.	

COUNCILLOR BRIAN HALEY

Chair

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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haringey strategic partnership

Meeting: Better Places Partnership Board

Date: 18 February 2010

Report Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Planning 2010/2011

Report From: Councillor Mallett

Purpose

To provide Board members with an opportunity to suggest topics for the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2010/2011 for consideration by Members of the Committee.

Background

Under the Local Government Act 2000 local authorities are required to set up Overview and Scrutiny Committees. These committees are made up of non-Cabinet/Executive councillors and are proportional to the political balance in the Council.

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may commission in depth reviews into service areas and make recommendations that aim to improve services the community receives.

The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Haringey is to look at the services and issues which are important to the community. Scrutiny is a statutory service and key part of the Council's structure which works to ensure that services are delivered effectively, efficiently and in the best interest of the residents. It is therefore a mechanism through which transparency and public accountability may be exercised in local government.

In 2009/2010 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee aligned themselves with the Theme Boards of the Haringey Strategic Partnership. The aim of this is to assist in building close working relationships between the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Haringey Strategic Partnership, to prevent duplication of work and provide an independent objective view of what needs to be done to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of services provided to local people.

It is anticipated that this will ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

commissions task and finish reviews that add value to the work of the Board.

Key issues for consideration

All review suggestions should:

- Be areas where Overview and Scrutiny can add value.
- Assist in the Comprehensive Area Assessment Process.
- Not be about management and operational issues.

Legal/Financial Implications

Financial Implications

This report does not give rise to any immediate financial implications. However, it should be noted that where possible all reviews will have a Value for Money aspect.

Legal Implications

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has powers to scrutinise decisions taken in the discharge of the Council's "executive" and "non-executive" functions and to make reports and recommendations to Cabinet and Full Council. This includes making reports and recommendations on matters relating to health services and other matters affecting the Borough or its inhabitants. The annual work programme for Overview and Scrutiny Committee's is a matter of local choice.

Recommendations

- That the Better Places Partnership Board provides two or three suggestions for in depth reviews for consideration by Members of the Committee for the 2010/2011 work programme.
- That the Better Places Partnership Board Partnership Board highlights any forthcoming strategic level strategies/policies/action plans which the Overview and Scrutiny Committee can add value to in their draft stage.

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1. In-depth review criteria

1.1. For scrutiny to add value it is essential that the right areas are scrutinised at the appropriate time and contribute to improving

services. Scrutiny topics will be chosen by Members of the Committee having regard to:

- The success of the partnership in achieving LAA outcomes and local improvement targets.
- The views on services expressed in the Comprehensive Area Assessment process and other independent assessments, including the annual external audit management letter, residents' surveys, and other assessments of need and provision.
- The views of the Partnership and its themed boards, on those areas where scrutiny involvement would be most beneficial.
- The views of council members and local community, including service users.

1.2. It is important that any suggestions for in-depth reviews are on areas which:

- Scrutiny can add value;
- Are linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy outcomes and priorities;
- Can feed into the Comprehensive Area Assessment process and themes.

1.3. Examples of current and recent topics which the Committee has conducted in-depth reviews and which are linked to the work of the Better Places Partnership Board include:

- Sustainable Transport
- Recycling
- Road safety

2. Items for consideration at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2.1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a key role in supporting the policy making function taking into account the evidence base and the views of the public. To this end, as part of its annual work programme, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers key overarching draft strategies and plans with a view to suggesting any improvements which could be made.

3. Next Steps in setting the work programme

3.1. The Overview and Scrutiny will consider suggested topics from the partnership boards as well as suggestions from members of the public, elected Members and areas arisen throughout the work of the Committee before choosing in-depth topics for review.

3.2. It is anticipated that at least one in-depth review will be conducted which aligns with each of the Theme Boards.

3.3. Once the work programme is finalised and approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee this will be circulated to the Theme Boards for information.

4. Recommendations

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