

**MINUTES OF THE ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD (HSP)  
THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Toni Mallett (Chair), Joseph Adenuga, Leo Atkins, James Corbett, Phil Gowan, Gary Ince, Councillor George Meehan, Nick Powell, Michael Thompson.

**In Attendance:** Juneed Asad, Xanthe Barker, Councillor Dhiren Basu, Patrick Jones, Melanie Ponomarenko, Ambrose Quashie, Martin Tucker.

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>HSP38.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Tony Azubike Niall Bolger Marc Dorfman Paul Head                   - Phil Gowan substituted Sean May Naeem Sheikh</p>	
<b>HSP39.</b>	<p><b>URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of Urgent Business.</p>	
<b>HSP40.</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>	
<b>HSP41.</b>	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>Prior to confirmation of the minutes the following points were raised:</p> <p><u>HSP 26: Comprehensive Spending Review</u></p> <p>It was noted that the future of Tottenham Hot Spurs FC should be added to the key issues affecting enterprise and regeneration set out under this minute.</p> <p><u>HSP 27: Future of Area Based Grant Programmes (paragraph 7)</u></p> <p>The chair requested that existing peer groups and networks were mapped as set out in the report and that the progress of this was reported at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.</p>	<p>Ambrose Quashie / Martin Tucker</p> <p>Ambrose Quashie / Martin Tucker</p> <p>Xanthe Barker</p>
<b>HSP42.</b>	<p><b>THE FUTURE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	

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The Board received a report that provided an overview of how Economic Development services, previously offered by the Council and its partners, may be developed following budget reductions and policy changes implemented by the coalition Government.

Financial Background

It was noted that the Council had been notified of its financial settlement from central Government for 2011/12 on 13 December 2010. The reduction to this had been more severe than originally anticipated and savings of £87M had to be found over the next three years with £46M of this being front loaded into 2011/12.

In response the Council had undertaken a wholesale review of the services it provided and how these could be adapted to reflect the new economic situation whilst targeting support to those most in need. Regeneration and the creation of employment opportunities remained a priority for the Council and new approaches were being explored to achieve this including the development of a sub regional Local Economic Partnership (LEP).

North London/Anglia LEP

The Board was advised that this work was being led by the North London Strategic Alliance (NLSA) and North London Business (NLB) and that it concentrated on Upper Lea Valley. This would build on work already undertaken to develop economic opportunities in the north London and Upper Lea Valley/M11 corridor area and had provisionally been called the North London/Anglia LEP.

It was noted that the Mayor of London had indicated that he would not support proposals for sub regional LEPs and that a single London focused LEP, contained within the M25, would be his favoured option. Therefore it would be sensible to have a 'Plan B' in place if proposals for the sub regional LEP were not supported.

The Chair endorsed the interim work that had been undertaken and noted that this was likely to evolve as further information emerged with regard to the London LEP and funding arrangements locally and at a national level.

Shared Services

The Board was advised that there had been initial discussions between Haringey and Waltham Forest around how shared services might be developed. Given that there was already significant cross Borough work in terms of Economic Development there had been agreement that this presented a natural area for developing shared services.

A timescale had been compiled for the implementation of a joint Economic Development Service and this would be achieved over three

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phases culminating in a single service by December 2011. It was hoped that this would include the establishment of a social enterprise for operational delivery of the Employment and Skills Programme and other pieces of work.

The Board discussed this proposal and there was agreement that building on existing cross Borough working was sensible. By pooling resources it was recognised that there would be greater scope to retain existing areas of work and that this may mitigate, to some extent, the impact of reductions in funding.

This approach also would allow work to be planned across Borough boundaries in a more 'business friendly' way.

Area Based Grant Funded Programmes

The Board was reminded that a commissioning process had been followed that provided funding from the Board's allocation of ABG funding to a number of projects. This funding came to an end in April 2011; however, the unexpected in year cuts, made following the coalition Government's emergency budget, had meant that a number of projects had already seen their funding withdrawn.

An overview was given of how this would impact on individual projects and the process for terminating these. It was noted that each project lead had been written to advising them that ABG funding was being cut and the arrangements with respect to this. Unfortunately the timescale within which cuts had had to be made prohibited the adherence to Compact guidance around consultation.

In response to a query the Board was advised that letters informing project leads of the cuts had been sent out in February; it had not been possible to notify project leads sooner due to the late notification from Government of the Council's grant settlement for 2011/12.

In terms of the number of jobs affected by the ceasing of ABG funding the Board was advised that approximately twenty people would be made redundant.

It was contended that there should be recognition that it would not be possible for the Council and its partners to assist people into work in the way that it had done before Public Sector funding was cut. It was important that the public was aware of the implications for services of reduction to the Council budget.

Work Programme

The Board received a presentation on the Government's new Work Programme initiative (this is attached in full at Appendix 1).

**RESOLVED:**

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	<p>That proposals with respect to the following be endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The development of a sub regional North London/Anglia LEP</li> <li>b) The development of a shared Economic Development Service</li> <li>c) Transitional funding arrangements with regard to the Haringey Guarantee</li> <li>d) Engagement with the Government's Work Programme</li> </ul>	
<p><b>HSP43.</b></p>	<p><b>THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE SCORECARD 2010/11</b></p> <p>The Board received a report that provided an overview of performance against Local Area Agreement (LAA) national indicators (NIs) during quarter three of 2010/11.</p> <p>In addition to the information set out within the report the Board was also provided with updates with respect to the following areas:</p> <p><u>NI 153</u></p> <p>This formed one of the NIs against which Performance Reward Grant (PRG) funding was allocated. This target had been reconfigured and despite an overall improvement in performance the target was unlikely to be achieved and consequently the PRG attached to this may not be received in full.</p> <p><u>'Better Off' Calculation</u></p> <p>Good progress was being made in this area and the annual target had already been exceeded. It was confirmed that CONEL had agreed to supply information, previously provided by the Learning and Skills Council, which would allow performance in this area to be measured.</p> <p>In response to a query the Board was advised that this information was already gathered by the college for monitoring purposes.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	
<p><b>HSP44.</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Westfield Shopping Centre Stratford / Impact on Wood Green</u></p> <p>There was agreement that the Board should discuss this issue at its next meeting and Michael Thompson was invited to give an overview of the anticipated impact upon retailers in Wood Green.</p> <p><u>Alexandra Palace / Olympics</u></p> <p>It was also agreed that it would be useful to discuss the potential employment opportunities arising from the hosting of Olympic events at Alexandra Palace.</p>	<p>Martin Tucker / Ambrose Quashie</p> <p>Martin Tucker / Ambrose Quashie</p>

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	<p><u>Health and Employment Network</u></p> <p>Leo Atkins gave an update on a new joint project with partners in health and social care to get people back into work – the Health and Employment Network. This would replace the previous welfare to Work for Disabled People Board and drive the implementation of that Boards work – the Welfare to Work for Disabled People Strategy.</p> <p>The Board was advised that this project was being carried out in partnership with adult services and that it aimed to form a package of joint support to help people with long term health conditions into work.</p> <p><u>Future Jobs Fund (FJF)</u></p> <p>The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) had recently reviewed the FJF and delivery programme and it had indicated that it was pleased with the work being undertaken.</p>	<p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>
<p><b>HSP45.</b></p>	<p><b>NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no new items of Urgent Business.</p>	
<p><b>HSP46.</b></p>	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The Chair noted that although the next meeting was scheduled to take place on 13 April 2011. However, due to the postponement of the current meeting this was now too soon and it was agreed that it should be rescheduled.</p> <p>Members of the Board would be advised of the new date shortly.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

COUNCILLOR TONI MALLETT

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CHAIR