

Meeting: Haringey Strategic Partnership Board

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## **Summary**

This report provides a summary of the work streams, activities and recent decisions undertaken by each of the Thematic Partnership Boards.

#### Recommendations

To note the updates from each Thematic Partnership and for Board members to comment as appropriate.

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## **Better Places Partnership Board**

The Better Places Partnership Board is moving forward in its key task of developing the Greenest Borough Strategy and Implementation Plan. The Strategy is now in place and a successful and well-attended partnership launch event was held at the Bernie Grant Centre on 20 October.

Representatives from a number of different agencies outside the normal representation attended the October Board meeting to discuss partner involvement in carrying out the aims of the Greenest Borough Strategy. Partners received presentations from John Morris, Assistant Director of Recreation Services and Beverly Taylor, Assistant Director of Frontline Services. The Board then split into discussion groups to consider the first two themes of the Strategy – Improving the Urban Environment and Protecting the Natural Environment.

The discussion proved productive in finding out the actions that partners already undertake to improve the urban environment and protect the natural environment. Useful discussion was also had concerning further partnership initiatives that could be developed to promote the Greenest Borough agenda. Members of the Integrated Housing Board will be invited to the next Better Places Partnership Board meeting to discuss Greenest Borough issues common to both boards.

The Board also received a report setting out performance during the First Quarter April to July 2008. It was explained that measures were in place to address any under performance and that most projects were on target or exceeding targets.

# Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

The Board has met twice since the last meeting of the HSP.

At the first meeting the Board elected the Vice Chair and HSP representative for the coming year and reviewed the membership and terms of reference. The Board also received a presentation on the Community Link Forum (CLF) and was able to welcome the three CLF representatives to the Board.

The Board considers at least one main strategic item at each meeting. As part of this programme it has received presentations on the development of integrated youth support services and the Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan. The development of integrated youth services in response to the Government's "Youth Matters the Next Steps" sets out the Government's vision for empowering young people, giving them somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to, giving them more choice over services and encouraging them to contribute to their local community. Development of the strategy includes putting in place targeted youth support for vulnerable teenagers. The presentation outlined what work had been done so far and future plans.

A presentation was also given on the Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan. The importance of this for the Board was emphasised as reducing child poverty is one of the Local Area Agreement targets. The Strategy has four objectives; increasing parental employment in sustainable jobs, maximising incomes through improving the delivery of benefits and tax credits, reducing educational attainment gaps for children and ensuring all Haringey children have decent and secure homes. The strategy and action plan set out what work is underway and future plans for reducing the proportion of children living in poverty.

The Board also considered the new draft Haringey Alcohol Strategy and Action Plan from the Haringey Drug and Alcohol Team Partnership Board. This builds on Haringey's original strategy that ended in March 2008, and takes into account new statutory duties and guidance. The action plan includes activities for the CYPSP.

A major focus for the Board is the future development of a new children and young people's plan. Changing Lives comes to an end in 2009 so work on a

new plan to cover 2009-2020 is starting. This began with the 4<sup>th</sup> annual CYPSP conference in September, under the title "2020 Vision" and took the form of a World Café at the Bernie Grant Centre. About 130 people came together to join a series of facilitated conversations on future developments and challenges for young people and children's services.

# **Integrated Housing Board**

On 12 September 2008, Haringey's three year multi agency Homelessness Strategy received its official launch at the Bernie Grant Centre.

Implementation of the Homelessness Strategy is being driven by nine theme based delivery groups and is being monitored by the Homelessness Strategy Implementation Group which is, itself, tasked with responsibility for providing the Integrated Housing Board with regular progress reports.

At its last meeting on 15 October.2008 the Integrated Housing Board received a progress report on the LAA targets and a presentation on the significant contribution that registered social landlords can make (and are making) to the achievement of those targets.

The Board considered and approved an inclusive, multi agency approach to the development of a new Housing Strategy that will provide the overarching strategic framework within which Haringey will seek to meet local housing need and build sustainable communities over the next ten years.

After receiving a briefing on the need for increased and sustained community and partner engagement, the Board agreed that a Consultative Framework (comprising an annual housing conference and regular meetings of the Landlords Forum, Advice Agencies Forum and RSL & Developers Forum) should be established and that consultation should be undertaken through tenants groups and the sharing of customer satisfaction data.

The Board discussed the possible implications of the Supporting People funding becoming part of the Area Based Grant. The Board commended the Supporting People team for making such effective use of the funding and explored the potential for 'ring fencing' the homelessness-related elements of the programme to support the implementation of the Homelessness Strategy. It was agreed that the Board's comments and suggestions would be fed back to the Supporting People Partnership Board.

## **Enterprise Partnership Board**

The Enterprise Board last met on 8 September 2008.

The Board approved its Terms of Reference for 2008/09, which now reflect the priorities of Haringey's new Local Area Agreement (LAA).

The main item of discussion was the welfare reform Green Paper, 'No one written off: reforming welfare to reward responsibility'. This provided Board members with the opportunity to contribute to the Borough's response to the Green Paper, which was submitted to the Department for Work and Pensions.

The Board received its first performance report under the new performance arrangements with the main highlight being NEET performance; the proportion of NEETs in Haringey was reported at 8.4 per cent – lower than the 2010 Stretch Target level of 10.4 per cent.

An update was received in relation to the three main tackling Worklessness programmes:

<u>Haringey Guarantee</u> – The Board approved the development of a strategic employer engagement partnership with the College of North East London and KIS Training. This partnership will be called the Employer Zone and will be launched in December 2008.

<u>Families Into Work</u> – The team is in place and an office has been secured in the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Northumberland Park. The project will be officially launched on 24 October.

North London Pledge - £600k has been allocated to the delivery of the programme during the current financial year. A further £910k has been allocated for 2009/10.

The final version of the Regeneration Strategy Delivery Plan was received by the Board and agreed by the Council's Cabinet in July.

## **Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board**

The Well-being Partnership Board last met on the 2 October.

A report was received that presented the new Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. The Strategy is built upon the original three year strategy published in 2005 and incorporated the findings of a recent review of local alcohol related problems. The Board agreed on the recommendations including the proposed title for the strategy 'Dying for a Drink'. The strategy was presented at Overview and Scrutiny on the 6 October. The Cabinet is due to consider the Strategy on 18 November for final sign off.

A presentation was made to the Board outlining the new Sport and Physical Activity Participation Improvement Plan, which links in to the 'Healthier People with a better quality of life' outcome of the Haringey Community Strategy as well Indicators included within the Local Area Agreement. The focus of the current work is towards achieving an increase in adult participation, seeking to achieve 26.9% by 2010. In order to achieve the target, the Council and Partners are proposing to launch the HARIACTIVE campaign from April 2009. The Board agreed on the recommendations and endorsed the HARIACTIVE approach in support of achieving the LAA outcomes.

The Haringey Community Sports and Physical Activity Network (CSPAN – chaired by the Director of Pubic Health) is leading on this.

The Board received an Annual Report that provided an overview of the work carried out by the Safeguarding Adults Board during 2007/08. The Annual Report identifies objectives for 2008/09 and addresses requirements included within national guidance, directives and policy.

The Board received a report setting out performance during the first quarter (April to July 2008). There were several areas where data could not be collected and therefore it had not been possible to measure performance against these targets. A range of indicators are periodically reported and some will report towards the end of the year. The board agreed that the Council and PCT should work together to develop proxy indicators where appropriate.

The Board received an update on the Tackling Health Inequalities Audit report and Action Plan which examined how the Council and the PCT acted to reduce health inequalities in the Borough. Although the initial feedback was very positive, a number of areas for improvement and challenges were identified. An Action Plan has been devised in response to the audit report and many of the recommendations have since been implemented. The remainder will be delivered between the council and the PCT as set out in the Health Inequalities Audit Action Plan.

The Board received a presentation on the issues shaping the new Sexual Health Strategy. The current strategy needs an update to reflect emerging national policy and a refreshed assessment of sexual health needs in the Borough. Schools are playing a key role in improving awareness amongst young people of the risk of sexually transmitted diseases. However, a number of schools had not agreed to immunisations being given on their premises. The board agreed that the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board should also be asked to consider what measures it could take to encourage all schools to participate in the Immunisation Programme.

A paper outlining an overview of the Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust's Investment Plan 2008/09 for the next two years was presented to the board.

The Haringey Obesity Strategy was presented to the board for information. The care pathway and resource pack is linked to both national and local strategies and targets, including the Sport & Physical Activity Strategy and Infant Mortality Strategy.

The Board received a verbal update in relation to the new Risk Management Framework adopted by the HSP on 3 July 2008. Risk Registers have to be completed by December and presented to the Board for approval.

### **Safer Communities Executive Board**

It was agreed that future board meetings should be split into two sections: Core Business and a Key Discussion Topic. This started at the recent meeting in October and the chosen topic was 'Reducing Re-offending – Issues, Gaps and Actions'. This area is one of the strategic priorities for the Board and will be continued at the meeting in December. It requires significant joint working across services such as housing provision,

employment and skills, treatment services, family and mentoring support etc. as well as across partner agencies like Probation, Police and the PCT. A further topic for debate and discussion is likely to be Preventing Violent Extremism – a newly funded Government programme. Safer Communities is delivering this programme in partnership with corporate Equalities and the voluntary sector.

The Board received a copy and explanation of the new performance scorecard for Quarter 1. There was a further reminder of the responsibility of the board for certain key targets and the key achievements and areas of concern were highlighted. Haringey is performing well against key crime reduction targets (especially acquisitive crime, gun and knife crime) and against sanctioned detections. The detailed work is done outside the SCEB by the Performance Management Group, which is now meeting every 6 weeks, chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive.

The evaluation framework set up by partnership support team is working well with all Project Managers now complying with quarterly reporting. This is allowing a much higher level of monitoring than was previously the case. Safer Communities Managers are now working on the commissioning needs and intentions for next year, along with establishing any gaps and funding issues for the coming year or two. Investment priorities will be discussed at the December meeting following a presentation from the Drug and Alcohol Action Team and Community Safety Team of the key findings from the annual needs' and strategic assessments — thus providing a strong link between evidence, need and investment.

Significant progress is being made with joining up area-based resources with key colleagues and partners. Haringey police is in the process of aligning its front line staff with the three Children's Network zones which will further strengthen the neighbourhood model. The application of problem-solving as a way of working has also progressed with training currently completed or underway.