

Meeting: Haringey Strategic Partnership

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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.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A.

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Better Places Partnership Board

The Better Places Partnership met on 11 February 2009 and received a presentation on the Corporate Area Assessment and its role in the new approach to assessing the performance of local public services in the area.

The Board is taking forward its work to deliver the Greenest Borough Strategy by identifying flagship partnership projects on which to lead, which address the Strategy's priority themes. Building on prior discussion with a broad range of partners, which identified a number of potential projects, the Board agreed on the value of work on sustainable food and allotments, and accessible transport, in meeting partners' priorities. The viability of proposals will be assessed and presented to the next meeting.

The Partnership also received a report setting out performance during the Third Quarter of 2008/09. All of the projects within the Boards responsibility are meeting and delivering targets and that the majority of performance indicators were being met. The Board discussed the reasons behind below-target performance against the recycling indicator, and the action being taken to improve performance. The board agreed that work to develop proxy indicators for indicator NI 186, Per Capita CO2 Emissions in the LA Area would be brought to the next meeting. The partnership also agreed to the adoption of a Risk Register, and to monitor this at each of its quarterly meetings.

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

Since the last HSP meeting the Board has had two meetings, one in December 2008 and one in early February 2009.

The focus of the December meeting was the recently published Joint Area Review (JAR) report and the initial reactions and steps Partners were taking in response to the report. There was a general discussion around the future of the Board and how its Terms of Reference, Membership and status might be altered to achieve improvements to the quality of services for children and young people in Haringey and across the partnership. As part of these discussions the Board decided to explore options for replacing the existing Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board with a Children's Trust Board. This move also reflects new draft Government legislation, which will require the establishment of Children's Trust Boards and proposes to extend the duty of co-operation to promote the well being of children and young people. The Board also agreed that the Chair of the LSCB should be co-opted onto the Board to improve links between the two bodies.

At the February meeting the Board also saw an early outline draft of the Action Plan that was being prepared in response to the JAR. Subsequently the full draft plan has been circulated to all CYPSP members

The Board also received a report on progress and future consultation for the Children and Young People's Plan. The current Plan, Changing Lives, was originally scheduled to end in March and consultation on a new Plan had started last year. The themes and comments from this earlier consultation have been brought together for a second stage of consultation. It has been agreed to extend the current Plan to September to allow sufficient time for further consultation and for consideration of the new legislation and guidance from Government.

The strategic items presented at the last two meetings included a presentation from the Mental Health Trust on CAMHS services in Haringey and the implementation plan for the integrated youth support services & targeted youth support strategy. There was also an update on initiatives in the Child Poverty Strategy.

The Board also received a presentation on the Comprehensive Area Assessment, NHS Haringey's Strategic Plan and a report on the CYPSP Risk Register.

Enterprise Partnership Board

The Enterprise Board last met on 10 December 2008 and the following key items were discussed its provisional ABG allocation of £1.6m in 2009/10 and £1.4m in 2010/11. These figures have since been confirmed. The Board agreed that a commissioning prospectus, covering employment and skills and business and enterprise provision, should be developed. The first draft of this prospectus was presented to the Board at a special meeting on 13 February.

As part of the LAA Refresh the Board agreed that the following revised targets should be submitted:

- 1) NI 153 – To limit the increase in the out of work benefits claim rate to 3.9 percentage points (the current target is a 4.7 percentage point reduction).
- 2) Incapacity Benefit stretch target – To support 70 long-term IB claimants into sustained employment (the current target is 180).

The Board also approved its Risk Register and agreed that they should receive updates on NI 153 at every Board meeting and endorsed the proposed HSP response to the Working Neighbourhoods Fund consultation.

An update was received on the three main Worklessness Programmes: Haringey Guarantee, Families into Work and the North London Pledge. As well as these programmes, the Board was informed about the work being undertaken around apprenticeships.

The Board was informed that the Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Regeneration was meeting with John Armitt, from the Olympic Delivery Authority, to discuss how the borough can benefit from the Olympics. The outcome of the meeting will be reported to the Board at its next full meeting.

A presentation was given on the impact of the 'Credit Crunch' on the Haringey economy and the Board noted the significant increase in the number of Job Seekers Allowance claimants since May 2008.

Integrated Housing Board

The Integrated Housing Board is leading on the development of the new Haringey Housing Strategy 2009-19. The Strategy will be a partnership document setting out our approach to Housing over the next ten years. At their meeting of 10 December 2008 the Board considered progress to-date in producing the Strategy, and identified areas for further development.

A consultation on the draft Strategy is now underway, and will close on 13 March 2009. A wide-range of communities are being engaged, including residents, partners, community groups and council staff, using a range of methods and materials. The consultation will make use of existing forums, including the Haringey Strategic Partnership and its Theme Boards, resident engagement mechanisms used by Homes for Haringey and RSL partners, and Community and Voluntary Sector groups. The website, Haringey People,

and customer access points in the Borough will be used to reach a wider audience. A Housing Conference is being held on 18 February 2009 and will be used to further inform the Strategy's development.

The results of the consultation will be incorporated into a final Strategy, which will be brought to the Integrated Housing Board on 23 March and by the Council to Cabinet in April 2009.

At its December meeting the Board received feedback from two consultative forums, which had been established following agreement at the Board's October meeting. The Landlords Forum met in November 2008 and over fifty landlords and rental agents attended and discussion focused on the 2009-19 Housing Strategy and Local Housing Allowance. The RSL/ Developers Forum also met in November 2008 and considered the development of the Local Development Framework core strategy, the Homes and Communities Agency, and the development of the 2009-19 Housing Strategy.

The Board had a focused discussion on tackling under occupation. A number of areas for developing this work were identified, including supplementing financial incentives with other practical support, improved marketing and provision of assurances about tenants' rights, and innovation and flexibility in relation to the options available. The Board also discussed options for developing projects to grow food on estates.

The Board reviewed performance against its LAA targets and ABG funded projects. It was agreed that an update on performance against annual indicators on Net Additional Homes Provided and Number of Affordable Homes Delivered would be provided at the next meeting, as well as a focus on work underway around affordable warmth. The Board also considered a draft Risk Register, and agreed to strengthen this tool to incorporate more refined descriptors of risk.

Safer Communities Executive Board

Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board

The Board met on 8 December and received a report setting out performance against National Indicators and Stretch Targets included within the Local Area Agreement (LAA). An overview was provided of the action being taken to address NI 113: Prevalence of Chlamydia in under-Twenty Year Olds. Confirmation was given that significant work had been undertaken by the PCT and Council to populate the scorecard and fill in data gaps since the last meeting in October 2008.

A report was received setting out the revised Well-Being Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan incorporating the LAA indicators, National Indicator set, national policy developments, new local strategies & policies and updated Borough statistics. An update will be provided at the next board meeting on changes arising from consideration of the Equalities Impact Assessment by Directorate Equalities Forums as part of the finalisation of the framework. The Board endorsed the process agreed by the Well-Being Chairs Executive to

undertake a full review of the priorities and actions in the implementation plan by April 2009.

The Board received a report that set out the draft HSP Risk Register, which are based upon the LAA targets. The Board requested details of financial risk be added to the Register in light of the current financial climate. The final version of the Risk Register incorporating the financial risks will be presented to the Board in March 2009.

A report was presented to the Board on the second phase of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA plays a key role in determining local priorities and contributing to the development of the Community Strategy and LAA targets. Working groups are being pulled together to work on the four key areas identified; Sexual health, Mental health, Vulnerable children and young people and population projections/hidden population. There is a statutory duty upon Directors of Public Health, Adult Services and Children's Services to undertake a JSNA with a view to better commissioning of services on population JSNA based need. A JSNA progress report will be presented at the board meeting on March 2009.

Progress was noted in relation to the review of the Experience Counts Strategy. Launched in 2005, the Strategy covers the period 2005-2010. Its aim is to improve the quality of life for older people in Haringey by tackling discrimination and promoting positive attitudes towards ageing. The action plan was scheduled to run from 2005-2008, and therefore the original key initiatives are currently being reviewed and updated. The Action Plan will be aligned to the Well-Being Strategic Framework and take into account relevant targets included within the LAA. The board endorsed the recommendations; the Well-Being Chairs Executive and Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board should continue to monitor and support the process of renewing and updating the Strategy. The final update will be presented at the board meeting in March.

A presentation was made setting out proposed changes to Adult Social Care. A senior policy officer has been recruited to help develop the new policies and procedures. Two key pilot projects were underway, physical disabilities and learning disabilities. A Transforming Social Care Board (TSCB) has been established to oversee future work related to the transformation. A report setting out the background to the transformation of social care and options to broaden representation on the Transforming Social Care Board will be presented to a future meeting of the board.

The Board received a report providing an update on proposed revisions to the Haringey Carers Strategy. An action plan will be developed and be managed and monitored through the Carers Partnership Board. The finalised strategy will be submitted to the board in May 2009.

Appendices

None.