

Meeting: Better Places Partnership

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Report Title: Moving the Partnership Forward

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Purpose

This paper sets out proposals to move the Better Places Partnership forward in a more structured way of working.

Summary

The paper suggests:

- a focus on delivering the partnership elements of the Greenest Borough Strategy outcomes
- a partnership structure for delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy outcomes
- proposals for the use of the Area Based Grant funded 'Innovation Pot'

Legal/Financial Implications

None.

Recommendations

That Better Places Partnership members discuss and agree the proposals set out in this paper

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Background

The Better Places Partnership aims to deliver a **cleaner, safer, greener and sustainable Haringey**.

The partnership works to **improve the condition, facilities and quality** of our parks and open spaces, the public realm and built environment, ensuring that Haringey is a place where people want to live, work, study and spend time.

The partnership is made up of key agencies and partners working in the Borough, such as Haringey Council, the Environment Agency, NHS Haringey, the Police, Fire Service, Lee Valley Regional Authority, The Bridge New Deal for Communities, voluntary and community sector representatives.

The Better Places Partnership is one of six thematic boards that make up the “family” of partnerships within the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP). It oversees delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy’s objective for Haringey to have an environmentally sustainable future. By working together partnership members are increasing opportunities to share information, plan and co-ordinate services better and produce more effective outcomes.

Objectives of the Better Places Partnership

The Better Places Partnership has **five objectives**

1. A cleaner & greener Haringey
2. A quality built environment with good supporting infrastructure and services
3. A better & safer local transport, reduced traffic congestion, attractive street scene and living streets
4. Enable environmental sustainability and improvements, helping Haringey to become London’s greenest borough
5. To build cohesive and empowered communities

How the partnership will achieve its objectives

The Better Places Partnership leads on delivery of Haringey’s Greenest Borough Strategy (GBS). The Greenest Borough Strategy will help the Better Places Partnership (BPP) to achieve its objectives.

The vision of the Greenest Borough Strategy is:

We will work together to tackle climate change and secure a clean, safe and environmentally sustainable future for everyone living, working, visiting or studying in Haringey.

The Greenest Borough Strategy has **seven priorities** to achieve its vision which are closely linked to the Better Places Partnership objectives:

- Improving the urban environment
- Protecting the natural environment
- Managing environmental resources efficiently

- Leading by example
- Ensuring sustainable design and construction
- Promoting sustainable travel
- Raising awareness and involvement

Proposals:

1. That the Better Places Partnership is the accountable partnership body for delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy

2. That the Better Places Partnership monitors progress against the achievement of Greenest Borough Strategy outcomes

3. That a partnership organisation is assigned to lead on each GBS priority

- That a partner organisation leads on each of the GBS priorities in partnership with the Haringey Council lead.
- More than one partner may be needed for some priorities.
- We may need to identify new partners that are not already on the BPP.
- It will be the joint responsibility of the internal and external partner to decide on wider involvement of other partners/people who are not on the BPP.

4. That partners commit to deliver against priorities in the Greenest Borough Strategy

- Partners leading on each priority will need to agree and co-ordinate activity on that issue.
- There will be a requirement for meetings between the quarterly BPP meetings to take forward this work.

5. That the BPP agenda is set out in a Forward Plan for the year ahead

- This will include:
- *Strategic item for discussion:* a topic that all partners need to discuss e.g. feedback from major conferences; Adaptation; greening major developments etc
- *Communications items:* big items from the Raising Awareness priority e.g. making a film on what has been achieved; our outdoor campaign; what we might do locally in December when the Copenhagen conference is on; how we raise the profile of the Partnership's work.
- *Performance and Progress:* Each quarter two lead agencies will showcase their work and key activities for the year against their priorities
- *Quarterly report:* each meeting will receive a quarterly update on progress with activities and indicators in the GBS.

6. That an allocation from Area Based Grant funding is used by the BPP to deliver projects which meet GBS outcomes

7. That partner organisations consider funding they can allocate to add to the ABG pot for Better Places projects meeting Greenest Borough Strategy objectives