

Meeting: Better Places Partnership

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Report Title: Area Based Grant Innovations Funding Pot Allocations 2009-10

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Purpose

This document sets out the priorities, objectives and outcomes for the Better Places Partnership's allocation of the Area Based Grant (ABG) Innovations Pot for the period April 2009 to March 2010.

Summary

This paper sets out a proposed approach for the Better Places Partnership to adopt in allocating funding for activities and interventions to support the delivery and achievement of partnership priorities, in particular Greenest Borough Strategy priorities and Local Area Agreement outcomes.

The value of the Area Based Grant Innovations Pot for the year 2009-10 is to be confirmed.

Legal/Financial Implications

None at this stage

Recommendations

That Better Places Partnership members discuss and agree the process for the allocation of the ABG Innovations Pot as outlined in this paper.

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Background

Haringey Strategic Partnership

Haringey Council joined with local public agencies, community groups and businesses to create the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) in April 2002. The HSP aims to improve public services and address the key issues in the borough through partnership working.

The shared vision for the future of Haringey and the HSP's priorities are set out in the new [Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-16](#).

The vision for the borough to 2016 is:

‘A place for diverse communities that people are proud to belong to.’

The priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy are:

- 1. People at the heart of change**
- 2. An environmentally sustainable future**
- 3. Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all**
- 4. Safer for all**
- 5. Healthier people with a better quality of life**
- 6. People and customer focused**

The work of the Better Places partnership focuses directly on priority 2, although it also contributes to all of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities.

Local Area Agreement

The HSP has also developed a [Local Area Agreement](#) (LAA) which provides much of the delivery mechanism for the Sustainable Community Strategy.

The LAA is an agreement with central Government that sets out the priority for Haringey over the next three years. It focuses on some of our most pressing issues such as worklessness, poor housing, health inequalities and low educational attainment.

Officers in the different agencies of the HSP have drawn up action plans for meeting LAA targets. The different Theme Boards of the HSP are responsible for implementing these action plans and checking that targets are being met and taking action to keep performance on track.

Better Places Partnership

The Better Places Partnership is responsible for programmes of activity and interventions around environmental outcomes and targets in the LAA.

The Better Places Partnership is responsible for the following LAA outcomes:

- NI 186: Per capita CO2 emissions in the local authority area

- NI 192: Household waste recycled and composted
- NI 195: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly-posting)

And also for the following local indicators:

- Number of Green Flag parks
- Number of parks achieving Green Pennant status
- The % of people who report they are satisfied with local parks and green spaces
- NI175: Access to services and facilities by public transport (and other specified models)

The Better Places Partnership also leads on the delivery of Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy (GBS).

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. Full details can be found in the [Greenest Borough Strategy](#).

Priority:	Outcome:
1. Improving the urban environment	Safe and sustainable streets, buildings and urban spaces which foster a sense of local pride and that people want to use
2. Protecting the natural environment	Valued and protected green spaces and natural habitats
3. Managing environmental resources efficiently	Reduced consumption and pollution of natural resources
4. Leading by example	Environmentally sustainable public services
5. Ensuring sustainable design and construction	Lower carbon emissions from homes and buildings while providing thermal comfort
6. Promoting sustainable travel	Improved, safe, accessible travel with reduced environmental impact
7. Raising awareness and involvement	Empowered communities that create an environmentally sustainable future

1. Application criteria

- i. The Better Places Partnership welcomes applications for interventions from individual organisations, or from partnerships that are strategic and can demonstrate a clear association with the priorities outlined above.

- ii. Interventions will need to clearly demonstrate how they relate to Haringey's strategic approach to the environmental and place-shaping agenda and will help to deliver against:
 - Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy priorities
 - Haringey's Local Area Agreement targets
 - Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy priorities
 - With this in mind, applications should specify the measurable outcomes of the proposed intervention.
- iii. All interventions should be borough based, and endeavour to be innovative and partnership based
- iv. Whilst the total amount of funding covers a one-year period we will consider projects that have a duration of two months to one year and will expect costs to reflect the duration of the intervention.
- v. All applicants must prove that they have the skills, knowledge and experience to enable them to deliver in Haringey. With this in mind, all applicants must demonstrate that they have a proven track record of delivering similar services in the borough or in areas that share similar characteristics to Haringey.
- vi. All applicants must demonstrate the sustainability of their intervention, or an exit strategy for their intervention.
- vii. All applicants must demonstrate that their intervention provides value for money.
- viii. All applicants must demonstrate that their intervention provides SMART outcomes.

2. Value of the programme

The approximate value of ABG funding available is to be confirmed.

3. Application process

A light touch application process will be drawn up and applications will be invited with an anticipated start date to contracted projects of 1 June 2009.

4. Monitoring

Applicants will be expected to report regularly on a timescale to meet Better Places Partnership meetings. Organisations will be given full advice on the information which must be recorded and reported.