

Meeting: Better Places Partnership

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Report Title: Progress Report on Partnership Development Activity

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Purpose

This report updates the Better Places Partnership on progress in delivering actions previously agreed to strengthen the partnership and improve its focus on delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy (GBS).

Summary

Progress is outlined on taking forward three key proposals agreed at the previous Better Places Partnership meeting: structuring meetings to ensure they take forward delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy; identifying 'partner leads' on GBS themes; and rolling out a Greenest Borough Innovation Fund.

Legal/Financial Implications

N/A

Recommendations

1. The partnership is requested to note the progress made in taking forward the agreed actions in developing the partnership.
2. The partnership is requested to agree the process for determining success of Greenest Borough Innovation Fund applications.

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Background

At its meeting on 16 April 2009, the Better Places Partnership agreed to make some changes to its governance to improve its focus on delivery, and in particular on delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy for which it is the accountable partnership body.

It was agreed:

1. that the Partnership would regularly monitor progress in achieving Greenest Borough Strategy outcomes, including a quarterly performance report on delivery of the entire strategy, and a more in-depth report on progress and performance in relation to two themes each meeting. It was also agreed that agendas would be structured to consider both performance updates, and strategic items.
2. that one or more partner organisations would be nominated as a 'partner lead' on delivering each of the seven priorities contained in the Greenest Borough Strategy. Partner leads will work with officers already acting as theme leads within the Council, in agreeing and coordinating activity, and involving other partners more widely as appropriately, on a particular theme
3. that a Greenest Borough Innovation Fund, funded through Area Based Grant, be established through which partners would have the opportunity to bid for funding for projects that support delivery of key priorities contained within the Greenest Borough Strategy

This report provides a brief update on progress in addressing each of these agreed areas of development.

1. Structuring meetings to support taking forward Greenest Borough Strategy delivery

As agreed at the last meeting, the agenda of the most recent meeting has been structured to consider strategic items and updates on delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy, in addition to items of regular business for the partnership.

2. Identification of partner leads

The Council's internal lead officers for each of the seven priorities have begun to approach partner organisations to request that they become theme leads. Progress to-date can be seen in the table below:

Theme	Proposed partner lead
Improving the urban environment	The approach for this theme is to identify a group of major asset owners in the borough, and bring them together to work out approaches to promote responsible land ownership and develop some leadership for the theme on this. - Partners to engage include HfH; major partner Registered Social Landlords in the borough; NHS Haringey; and Network Rail.

Protecting the natural environment	Groundwork have agreed to act as a partner lead, and therefore BPP are requested through a later report in this meeting to accept them onto the membership of the partnership.
Managing environmental resources efficiently	The council lead will be approaching as an existing partner the Environment Agency, and proposes to approach an electrical utility company as a new partner
Leading example by	Partner leads approached and signed up are the Fire Brigade and NHS Haringey
Ensuring sustainable design and construction	Council lead will be approaching an existing partner, the Registered Social Landlord representative on the BPP (MHT), and proposes to approach as a potential new partner Mullaly (a major Decent Homes contractor in the borough)
Promoting sustainable travel	Proposal is to approach the PCT, to ensure strong links with both general wellbeing and strategic plans for services in the borough.
Raising awareness and involvement	Discussions are underway with the following partners: - Selby Centre - The Bridge NDC It is also intended that HAVCO are approached to act as a partner lead for this theme, when a replacement representative for the Better Places Partnership has been appointed.

3. Greenest Borough Innovation Fund

Funding Guidance and an application form for the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund have been developed, as attached at Appendix 1 and were distributed to partner organisations in early June. The guidance explains the approach, criteria, and process for determining the success of applications.

Applicants were requested to indicate their interest in applying for funds by the close of Friday 26 June 2009, and to submit applications by Friday 10 July. The guidance laid out the following process for determining the success of bids:

- *Partnership support officers will carry out an assessment/ scoring exercise of applications on the basis of the criteria identified in the funding guidance.*
- *A panel of Better Places Partnership members will scrutinise the initial scoring and determine the outcome of applications.*
- *To avoid conflict of interest, the panel will not include fund applicants and membership will be determined following the closing date for*

applications. Partnership Support Officers will propose panel membership and inform BPP members virtually. BPP members will have a right to appeal panel membership if they have any concerns, and a final decision over panel membership will rest with the chair.

- Due to the timetabling of 2009/10 meetings and the need for projects to begin to deliver, BPP members will be informed by mail/ email of the funding allocation decision. They will have a right to appeal to the BPP chair, with whom the final decision will rest.

There is currently an expectation that all voluntary and community sector partners on the Better Places Partnership will be directly involved in one of the submitted bids. The partnership is therefore asked to agree that representation from the voluntary and community sector on the panel is provided from outside of the BPP (but still within the wider Haringey Strategic Partnership).

The table below shows the expressions of interest submitted. Information supplied to-date indicates that a large number of the projects address the priorities identified in the guidance to:

- Engage the community in delivery
- Deliver a sustainable approach to food

It is proposed to the partnership that, subject to the details in the full applications when they are submitted, there may be potential to bring some projects together to ensure that the approach adopted is strategic and brings maximum benefit to Haringey.

Named individual	Organisation	Proposed project	GBS Theme
Alba Arbelaez	Carila Latin American Welfare Group	Empower the Latin American and Angolan communities in Haringey to act for positive and environmental change and this implies a process oriented and participatory approach: educational activities (6 workshops) that will raise awareness & involvement.	Raising awareness & involvement; protect national environment
Cenk Orhan	BME Carers Support Service	Requested	
Rod Cullen	St Mungo's	£30k to provide a volunteering and food growing project.	Improving the urban environment; Protecting the natural environment; Managing

			environmental resources efficiently; Leading by example; Raising awareness and involvement
Kate Allardyce	NHS Haringey	A focus on community food growing and promoting healthy eating.	Managing environmental resources
Ibi Campbell	Afrikcare, Tiverton Community Garden and Lifelink Environmental	Organic composting using food waste from the community and research in renewable energy.	Managing environmental resources
Carol Glover	Transition Finsbury Park	Jamboree Playhuts community garden – growing organic fruit and herbs, including multilingual signs about the plants grown.	Improving the urban environment; Protecting the natural environment; Managing environmental resources efficiently; Raising awareness and involvement
Joe Joseph	Innovations in Community Education (ICE)	Pilot project that aims to recruit 10 primary schools in Haringey to create innovative gardens, using where possible resources that have been recycled, reused or naturally available.	All
Kamal Butt	Devonshire Hill Primary School/ Selby Centre	Development of the school playing field for community use – improving access to the wider community.	Improving the urban environment; Protecting the natural environment; Ensuring sustainable design and construction;

			Leading example by
Lizzy Ibeh-Paul	Yaweh Youth and Lone Parents Support Centre	Series of awareness-raising workshops to promote healthy living, the environment, encourage recycling and promote green issues, including 'outreach activities' in the borough.	Protecting the natural environment; Managing environmental resources efficiently; Leading by example; Raising awareness and involvement
Martin Burrows	Back to Earth Projects	Community food projects, including creation of community food centres and eco farm (detailed application attached)	All
Roz Corrigan	Markfield Project	No information about bid given (been unable to contact to find out)	Managing environmental resources
Lainya Offside-keivani	The Bridge NDC	Intergenerational food growing project at the community hut - which will also improve a physical space.	Improving the urban environment; Protecting the natural environment; Managing environmental resources efficiently; Raising awareness and involvement

Nick Jackson	Living Under one Sun, working with Time Bank and Growing in Haringey	<p>The theme of the bid is Building Growing Communities and Pathways to Green Jobs. Bid is also about support structure and capacity building LUOS & Growing In Haringey Groups</p> <p>There are 5 Training Schemes that support the development of local residents, they are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Training and Mentoring the Trainers 2- Workplace growing 3- Gardening Skills 4-Parents and Carers as Biodiversity Champion & Class room Assistants 5-Training on 'Kitchen Remedies 	Managing environmental resources; Raising awareness and involvement
Wendy Baverstock	Groundwork	Help support the development of a food growing strategy	Managing environmental resources