

Meeting: Haringey Strategic Partnership
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Report Title: Thematic Board Updates
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Summary

This report provides updates from the last cycle of Theme Board meetings. The updates provide an overview of the work streams, activities and decisions taken by each Board.

Recommendations

To note the updates from each of the boards and to comment as appropriate.

Financial/Legal Comments

N/A.

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Better Places Partnership Board

The Better Places Partnership has met twice (July and October) since the last update to the HSP.

A major development for the Board has been the launch of the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund (GBIF). Funded through the Area Based Grant, this provided partner organisations the opportunity to bid for funding for projects that support delivery of key priorities within the Greenest Borough Strategy. Twelve bids were received and following a meeting of the decision making panel in mid September (where all bids were scored against a set of criteria) four bids were successful.

Progress has also been made with work around supporting Partnership development. The sponsors of the seven Greenest Borough Strategy priorities will identify external priority leads. In time, sponsors and external leads will

write up formal partnership agreements that set out how value will be added through a partnership approach and how resources can be pooled.

Exception reports have been presented to the Board on underperforming performance targets in the Local Area Agreement, in particular NI 192 - % of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting. The Greenest Borough Strategy Programme monitoring is to be integrated with the performance reports in future to provide a clearer, more effective monitoring report each quarter.

The Board has also received presentations on the work of the British Trust of Conservation Volunteers, Climate Change Alliance and Haringey's plans for gaining Fair Trade Status. Following a discussion at the last Board meeting on 'faith and recycling' a project has started to consider how best to overcome the barriers certain communities face in fully utilising recycling services and how faith 'infrastructure' (networks, groups, institutions) can be used to overcome these barriers.

The next scheduled meeting of the Better Places Partnership Board is on 1 December.

Children's Trust

The Children's Trust has met twice since the last HSP meeting.

A major development for the Trust has been the launch of the new Children and Young People's Plan at the October meeting. The Plan comprises a Strategic Plan, which sets the overall priorities for 2009-2020 and a rolling three year Implementation Plan. Development of the plan was based on an extensive Needs Assessment, consultation and an evaluation of the final year of the previous Children and Young People's Plan: Changing Lives. These documents are available at Haringey's website:

http://harinet.haringey.gov.uk/index/children_and_families/cyp.htm.

The development of the Children's Trust has continued with the establishment of three Area Children's Partnerships. Each Area Children's Partnership covers the same geographical area as one of the existing Children's Networks. The role of the Area Children's Partnerships is to bring together a range of local people to identify and work on local priorities in their area within the framework of the Children and Young People's Plan strategic priorities.

Exception reports have been presented to the Trust on underperforming performance targets in the Local Area Agreement. These included social care targets on assessments and child protection reviews, on teenage conceptions and on education. All education data is provisional and subject to validation by December. The social care targets are also part of the refreshed Haringey Safeguarding Plan (formerly know as the JAR action plan). A progress report on this plan is presented to each meeting of the Children's Trust. The Trust has also received a presentation in July on the lessons to be drawn from serious case reviews and an update on the work of the Local Safeguarding Children Board in October.

Presentations have also been made on the Infant Mortality Plan and on the development of a Children's Workforce Development Strategy. In October the Trust participated in a consultation and discussion session on the proposals for the Family Support Strategy.

The Trusts next meeting is scheduled for 17 December 2009.

Enterprise Partnership Board

The Enterprise Board last met on 8 September 2009.

Cllr Brian Haley was nominated and confirmed as Vice Chair for the rest of 2009/10 replacing Cllr Kaushika Amin who stood down. The Boards Terms of Reference for 2009/10 were also confirmed and adopted, and Reed in Partnership was confirmed as a new organisation represented with a place on the Board.

A presentation on the progress being made with respect to the Council's Resilience Plan for the recession was given and an update on the progress being made towards developing a Future Jobs Fund bid was provided to the Board. Other reports given included; information on the Personalised Employment Programme, which will be piloted by the Department for Work and Pensions in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey from March 2011 and; updates on the three main Worklessness programmes: Haringey Guarantee, Families into Work and the North London Pledge. A general overview of business and enterprise activities in the Borough was also provided.

The Board was advised that attempts to renegotiate the LAA Incapacity related Benefits Stretch Target had been unsuccessful. Despite this Haringey Council and Reed in Partnership were still able to agree a Service Level Agreement allowing clients to access both Haringey Council and Pathways to Work provision.

The Boards next meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2009.

Integrated Housing Board

The Integrated Housing Board met on 21 September and considered a number of issues including the new Affordable Warmth Strategy and Action Plan. Once agreed by the Council's Cabinet the Board will lead on monitoring the delivery of the Action Plan.

The Board also reviewed progress against the Housing Strategy and its sub strategies and the progress made during the first year of the Homelessness Strategy 2008 -2011.

Performance against Local Area Agreement targets within the Boards responsibility during the first quarter of 2009/10 was reviewed. Although performance against the target with respect to the number of people living in temporary accommodation was showing as amber, it was recognised that performance in this area was improving. With the new Emergency

Accommodation project team now in place it was anticipated that the target for the year would be met.

The Board also looked at the results of a consultation exercise with respect to the formation of a new Registered Providers Partnership and Protocol and it was agreed that the Chair should sign this off on behalf of the Board prior to agreement by the Council's Cabinet.

The Boards next scheduled meeting is due to take place on 26 November 2009.

Safer Communities Executive Board

The Board met in September and discussed a presentation on the analysis from the Place Survey. The findings and recommendations from the annual partnership data report will be considered at the next meeting on 19 November.

The half-year crime report indicates that overall recorded crime is down by 2% with some notable successes in the following areas, despite the recession: There are fewer young people entering the youth justice system; higher numbers of women are accessing the Hearthstone domestic violence centre; acquisitive crime has been reduced; knife crime has reduced significantly; the ASBAT continues to achieve 100% success in court and their parenting programme has assisted one hundred and forty families where no further enforcement has been required.

Critical areas of concern to the board are:

- young adults engaged in serious violence and gangs;
- maintaining performance on problematic drug users accessing treatment;
- hospital admissions for alcohol-related incidents;
- higher levels of gun crime and insufficient support to young victims - the latter is largely due to funding issues.

Mitigation plans and regular inter-agency problem solving is occurring in support of these problems with weekly and sometimes daily updates. The SCEB Performance Management Group is looking at directing resources into the problem areas as a matter of urgency.

The DAAT oversaw a range of awareness events and publicity for Alcohol Awareness Week, including a visit by David Lammy MP to the COSMIC facility, which provides early intervention and assistance to children and their families with substance misuse problems or vulnerabilities.

The new Justice Seen, Justice Done programme is progressing well in the borough and the first Community Safety Matters newsletter is due in December. Community Payback is being delivered and additional funding has been secured for victims and witnesses of ASB.

The Borough is well prepared for further outbreaks of Swine Flu and there has been high praise for the community-focused, partnership work of Haringey's Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Team.

Two new members have joined the SCEB - Hywel Ebsworth and Rohan Sankey of the Court/Crown Prosecution Service.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for 19 November.

Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board

The Board received a report and presentation on the development of the new Tobacco Control Strategy and Action Plan. An overview was given of how the Borough was affected by smoking. The final version of the Strategy and Action Plan will be presented at the next meeting in December 2009 for sign off.

The Board received a report that provided an overview of findings of the review carried out of projects funded by the Area Based Grant (ABG) during 2008/09. A further detailed report of the eighteen projects undergoing review will also be presented at the next meeting.

An overview was given of the process that the Health Inequalities National Support Team (NST) visit, taking place in October, would follow. This was not intended to measure performance or audit services in any way, but is designed to support the local area and improve performance.

The Board received a report setting out performance against LAA targets, within its responsibility, during the first quarter of 2009/10. Concerns were raised as to whether data was being captured and measured across the partnership as a whole. There was agreement that work was required to develop a systematic approach to demonstrate this there was discussion around the outputs and outcomes needed to shift to outcome based measures.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is on 8 December 2009.
