

**MINUTES OF THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD (HSP)
WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor Claire Kober (Chair), Tracey Baldwin, Chris Barclay, John Brown, Councillor John Bevan, Yolande Burgess, Eugenia Cronin, Markos Chrysostomou, Councillor Brian Haley, Paul Head (Vice-Chair), Derma Ioannou, Dr Ita O'Donovan, Martha Osamor, Councillor Lorna Reith, Faiza Rizvi, Richard Sumray and Walter Steel.

In Attendance: Xanthe Barker, Mary Connolly, Wayne Longshaw, Eve Pelekanos, Helena Pugh.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP174.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Councillor Kaushika Amin Councillor Nilgun Canver Robert Edmonds - Markos Chrysostomou substituted John Egbo Lynne Featherstone MP Dave Grant -Chris Barclay substituted Lorne Horsforth Michael Jones -Jackie Thomas substituted David Lammy MP Pastor Nims Obunge</p>	
HSP175.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>	
HSP176.	<p>COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT: FEEDBACK FROM AUDIT COMMISSION</p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Jackie Barry-Pursell and Christine Moody of the Audit Commission, on the findings of the draft Area Assessment.</p> <p>A briefing note was tabled that provided an overview of the draft findings.</p> <p>Following the presentation the Board was advised of the next steps in terms of finalising the Area Assessment and publication.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be a meeting between the Audit Commission and Council officers leading on the Area Assessment during the next week to discuss any areas of concern arising from the draft Area Assessment. On the 19 October the Council would formally received the findings of the Area Assessment, the Organisational Assessment and the Use of Resources evaluation.</p>	

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There would then be a period of just over seven weeks before the Area Assessment was published on the Audit Commission's website on 10 December 2009.

The Board discussed the draft Area Assessment and questions were put to the Audit Commission representatives.

In response to a query, relating to the period of time covered by the Area Assessment, the Board was advised that although the timeline for CAA began in April 2009, some of the data gathered may be up to two years old. Conclusions set out in the document had been drawn after looking at this range of data in the round.

Concern was raised with respect to some of the language used within the document and it was suggested that reference to an 'emerging Red Flag' with respect to Children's Services should be removed until Ofsted's assessment had been received.

It was also suggested that NHS Haringey should liaise with the Audit Commission to re-word parts of the document relating to 'Economic Vitality and Prosperity Shared by All' in order to reflect the recent improvement in figures and the action being taken to reduce instances of teenage pregnancy and the recruitment of health visitors.

In terms of improving skills levels it was noted that the Council actively encouraged the organisations it worked with to use apprentices and it was requested that this was reflected in the document. The Council had also provided additional funding to support the Citizens Advice Bureaux to enable it to meet the increased demand for information received from people affected by the change in economic climate.

It was noted that further information, specific to the role of the Council, may fit better within the Organisational Assessment also undertaken by the Audit Commission.

There was agreement that partners should advise the Council's Assistant Chief Executive, Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications, of any areas where they considered additional information should be submitted to the Audit Commission.

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A demonstration of the Audit Commission's new website 'My Place' was given. The Board was advised that this would provide a tool for members of the public to obtain information regarding how Local Authorities performed in certain areas.

Following the demonstration members of the Board put questions to Christine Moody of the Audit Commission.

The Board was advised that information relating to 'Value for Money' would be contained within the Use of Resources evaluation. This would also be published on the website.

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	<p>In response to a query the Board was advised that the site's search engine would enable searches to be carried out both by theme and by the flagging system used to indicate areas of innovation and concern. All of the information published would make reference to the date of when it was obtained. Links to the organisations referred to would also be provided.</p> <p>The Board was advised that when updates were made these would be undertaken across each area at the same time. This would provide consistency and ensure that members of the public were provided with a rounded view of the Borough.</p> <p>In conclusion the Board was reminded that the website would be launched on 10 December.</p>	
HSP177.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	None.	
HSP178.	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	<p>The dates of HSP meetings for the remainder of 2009/10 were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 November 2009• 21 January 2010• 25 March 2010	

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.