

Agenda item:

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**Scrutiny Review – Support to Small Businesses**

**On 11 December 2009**

Report Title. Report on provision and demand of Business Support to SMEs in Haringey.

Report of **Marc Dorfman, Assistant Director of Planning and Regeneration**

Signed :

Contact Officer : Juneed Asad, Business and Enterprise Manager

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **[Key / Non-Key Decision]**

**1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)**

- 1.1. this reports sets out an economic snapshot of Haringey and outlines the existing strategic framework and delivery of business support in the borough.
- 1.2. the report contains benchmarking information, comparing Haringey with the business support offer in the London Borough of Enfield, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.
- 1.3. the purpose of this report is to provide an evidence base for the Scrutiny Review Panel for the Scrutiny Review of Support to Small Business.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)**

- 2.1. [click here to type]

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

- 3.1. This review links with the Sustainable Community Strategy Outcomes of 'Economic vitality shared by all, specifically through business and inward

investment'

3.2. This review links with the Council Plan priorities of 'A thriving Haringey'

3.3. This review links with the following Local Area Agreement of NI 171- Number of new business registrations for VAT and PAYE per 10,000 resident population aged 16 and above.

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1. this report is the evidence base for the scrutiny review and as such will be interrogated by the panel and officers, with discussions leading to recommendations for the future delivery of support to small businesses in the borough.

#### **5. Reason for recommendation(s)**

5.1. see above comment

#### **6. Other options considered**

6.1. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a review into support to small businesses as part of their 2009/10 work programme.

#### **7. Summary**

7.1. This report is the evidence base for the Scrutiny Review of Support to Small Business.

#### **8. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

8.1. The costs of preparing this report can be contained within existing budgets. It should be noted that the activities identified in this report are largely funded by external grant, the level of which cannot be guaranteed in later years

#### **9. Head of Legal Services Comments**

9.1. [click here to type]

#### **10. Head of Procurement Comments – [ Required for Procurement Committee]**

10.1. n/a

## **11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments**

11.1. The Chair has requested that an Equalities Impact Assessment is completed.

## **12. Consultation**

12.1. This report has been put together with contributions from colleagues working on business and enterprise support in the London boroughs of Enfield, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

## **13. Service Financial Comments**

13.1. Staff costs for the Business and Enterprise Team are funded from Core Budgets, whilst commissioned services are funded through the Area Based Grant and procured through the HSP Enterprise Board's commissioning framework.

## **14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs**

- Appendix 1 – List of Solutions for Business products
- Appendix 2 – Enterprise Commissioning Prospectus
- Appendix 3 – List of business support projects funded through the ABG
- Appendix 4 – HSP Enterprise Board report of the scoring panels decision
- Appendix 5 – HSP Enterprise Board minutes of the scoring panels decision

## **15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- Council Plan - Year 3, 2009-10, Haringey Council
- Sustainable Community Strategy, Haringey Strategic Partnership
- Haringey Local Area Agreement Refresh, 2009-2011, Haringey Strategic Partnership