



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 on 1 December 2009. The majority of the meeting was set aside to allow for presentations from the four successful Greenest Borough Innovation Fund (GBIF) bidders. This provided a valuable opportunity for both the bidders and the board to see how the projects were set to deliver against the priorities in the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund.

There has been continued progress with work to support Partnership development and the delivery of the Greenest Borough Strategy. Groundwork led a discussion around how they will be working with Recreation Services to deliver Priority Two (Improving the Natural Environment). A formal Partnership agreement is being drafted and will be presented to the Board.

The Head of Sustainable Transport gave a presentation on the progress that is being made on delivering Priority Six of the Greenest Borough Strategy – Improving Safe and Sustainable Transport. This covered recent developments such as the development of the Car Club scheme and our response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy. Transport for London were also on hand to answer questions. A presentation and discussion also took place on a project proposal from Environmental Resources and St. Ann's Church to deliver a multi-faith project aimed at overcoming the barriers certain communities face in fully utilising recycling services and how faith 'infrastructure' (networks, groups, institutions) can be used to overcome these barriers. It was agreed that the project should be implemented and monitored through the Partnership Board.

The next meeting of the Better Places Partnership Board is on 18 February.

Children's Trust

The Children's Trust has met on 17 December 2009.

The meeting agreed a new Information Sharing Protocol (ISP), which will be used as the basis for sharing information across the Children's Trust. This local protocol builds on the national guidance published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The Trust also approved a Communications Strategy and Plan for the Children's Trust. Under this strategy each member of the Children's Trust agreed to actively promote the principles and work of the Partnership.

The performance report covered exception reports on the following underperforming performance indicators in the Local Area Agreement - Initial and Core Social Care Assessments and education statutory indicators. Each meeting of the Trust receives an update on the Safeguarding Plan including additional information on progress and plans in relation to the social care assessments. The Trust also considered an analyses of the preliminary school results for 2009 which provided useful supplementary information and context for the education data.

The Trust started the meeting with an interesting presentation on the work and development of Haringey's Children's Centres.

The Trust also received a presentation on NHS Haringey's Maternity Strategy, a progress report on the Child Poverty Strategy and a report on how Haringey's Family Intervention Project will work in the Borough.

The Trust was notified that the DCSF has issued draft guidance on Children's Trusts and children and young people's plans for consultation. This follows on from the new Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act which became law in November 2009. This act strengthens the legal basis of Children's Trusts and makes the Children's Trust responsible for the children and young people's plan.

The next meeting of the Trust is on 9 February 2010.

Enterprise Partnership Board

The Enterprise Board last met on 17 November 2009.

The Board received a presentation on the Future Skills Provision Landscape with the imminent replacement of the Learning and Skills Council by the Skills Funding Agency (for post 19 provision).

The Board also approved outline proposals for spending its unallocated Area Based Grant funding. Full proposals for approval will be presented at the next Board meeting. The Board also noted that the Council led Future Jobs Fund bid had been submitted. This bid has since been approved and the first jobs are currently profiled to start in February.

A report was presented on the Mayor's draft Economic Development Strategy, published in October 2009, which is out for consultation. The Board was informed of the intention to respond to the consultation by the deadline of 12 January 2010.

The Board received an update on the three main Worklessness programmes: Haringey Guarantee, Families into Work and the North London Pledge. An update was also given on business and enterprise activities in the Borough.

Queries were raised at the last HSP meeting about the achievements of the Haringey Guarantee. The following figures can be confirmed:

	2006/07*	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10**	Total
Residents supported	394	624	802	519	2,339
BME	82%	94%	81%	88%	N/A
Female	31%	71%	57%	55%	
Disabled	3%	20%	10%	10%	
Job starts	39	212	226	83	560
Sustained jobs	13	175	146	21	355
Work placements	71	171	92	85	419
Qualifications	0	141	147	189	477

*2006/07 started in Q3

**2009/10 outputs relate to Q1 and Q2

The findings from the first stage of the Haringey Guarantee evaluation will be presented to the Enterprise Board on 2 February. This information can be made available to the HSP at its next meeting.

The Board will next meet on 2 February 2010.

Integrated Housing Board

The Board met on 26 November 2009.

A report was received that set out the full findings of a review of the first year of the Homelessness Strategy. The report also set out how issues identified as part of this review would be addressed during the forthcoming year. The outcome of the review and proposed new structure of the Homelessness Strategy Delivery Groups was discussed and noted.

The Board considered a report that presented the new Housing Association Partnership Agreement and Protocol for adoption following further consultation with partners.

The Board received a report that provided an update on the Common Management Standards (CMS) project. It was noted that the CMS project aimed to bring together social housing landlords in Haringey, including Homes for Haringey, to identify and develop new ways of working in partnership. An initial series of discussions would be held with a range of Housing Associations to ensure that the project reflected the business priorities of stakeholders.

The Board considered Quarter Two performance of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets within its responsibility. An update with respect to Temporary Accommodation reduction was also tabled. It was noted that there was ongoing discussion with the Government Office for London (GOL) regarding the targets currently attached to NI 154 and NI 155. The Council contends that these are too high given the current economic climate.

The Board received a briefing on the role of the Safer Communities Executive Board (SCEB) and its work and received a paper on the new Challenge Fund for Social Housing / Family Intervention Projects (FIPs) initiative that had recently been launched by the Government. The Board watched a film on how an existing FIP operated in Bolton. It was agreed that officers should work up a bid for funding, to extend an existing project in the Borough aimed at tackling gang crime and preventing young people from becoming gang members.

The Board's next meeting will take place on 23 February 2010.

Safer Communities Executive Board

The SCEB PMG met in December to agree on the priorities for 2010-11, using the newly completed strategic assessment as a guide. Suggested amendments were made to next year's area-based grant programme to reflect the priorities and achieve efficiency requirements. The headlines are mainly a reduction in the problem-solving/contingency pot and an increase in funds to reduce re-offending in line with new statutory requirements. Agreement was also reached on projects that were not delivering; could be mainstreamed or wound down.

With effect from April 2010, reducing adult re-offending becomes a new duty at the local level and Probation becomes a so-called 'responsible' partner. Kate Gilbert has recently taken over from Mary Pilgrim as the local probation lead for reintegration and partnerships and comes with both local and central

government experience. Plans for this area of work are being prioritised and are progressing steadily.

Overall, recorded crime performance for the borough is registering some key successes compared to earlier in the year. Acquisitive crime remains low despite the economic downturn with a 9.5% reduction compared with this time last year. Performance has significantly improved in two areas of pressure: theft from motor vehicles (down 15%) and residential burglary (down 1% against previous increases). The most pressing problem this year has been most serious violence among young adults but this has improved to 19% up from a high of 45%, despite being out of reach of the annual target. Serious youth violence has also reduced to a stable level this quarter.

At the November meeting, the board considered the pilot of zonal/area-based working and agreed to roll this out from one zone to two further ones, covering the borough. This approach, coupled with active problem-solving, is proving fruitful for the joint identification of problems and their resolutions – thus also minimising duplication and maximising resources.

A new Crime and Disorder Information Sharing Protocol has been agreed with the default position of sharing and disclosure at its core. All forms and procedures have been simplified and further training is being planned.

The board received an update on plans to mainstream the community justice model which appears to be enjoying strong support of the bench and of many court users and service providers. The longer-term funding for this work is still under discussion.

The next meeting of the board is on 4th February

Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board

The Well-being Board met on 8 December.

A report was considered that provided an update on the progress being made with respect to the Mental Health Needs Assessment (MHNA), part of the second phase of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The assessment will focus on Primary Care and preventative work and assess the needs of people from a range of different backgrounds.

A update was provided on the HariActive Programme which supports the drive to improve Sport and 'Physical Activity participation in the Borough. The Voluntary and Community Sector have a key role to play in improving participation in sport and that the 2012 Olympics presented a unique opportunity in terms of volunteering and encouraging people to participate in sport. The Board noted that the Partnership needed to address how to improve and develop joined up working in terms of maximising opportunities from the Olympics.

The Board considered a report that set out performance against LAA within its responsibility during the second quarter of 2009/10. It was noted that the

Council's Adult Services had recently been rated as 'performing well, with good prospects for improvement' by the Care Quality Commission.

The Board considered a report that provided an update on the outcome of the National Support Team for Health Inequalities (NSTHI) visit in October 2009 and presented the draft Health Inequalities Action Plan. Following the visit, the NSTHI had compiled a list of recommendations and the draft Action Plan set out how these would be addressed. It was agreed that finalising and implementing the action plan is a large piece of work which would require real ownership and input from partners, including the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The Board considered an update on the Safeguarding Adults Implementation Plan. An Independent Chair for the Safeguarding Adults Board has been recruited and Member Panel established. It was agreed that safeguarding adults will be a standing item for Well-being Partnership Board meetings.

The Tobacco Control Strategy 2009-12 and Action Plan was given formal approval by the board. A pilot (with the intention of rolling out if successful) is currently underway in Tottenham whereby housing services provide information to the NHS on the number of male smokers living in social housing.

The next meeting will take place on 25 February 2010.
