



Agenda item:

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Cabinet Meeting

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Report Title. The Bridge NDC Delivery Plan 2010/11

Report of **Niall Bolger** (Director of Urban Environment)

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Wards(s) affected: **Seven Sisters, St Ann's and Tottenham Green**

Report for: **Key Decision**

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

- 1.1. To seek Member approval for the Bridge New Deal for Communities (NDC) Delivery Plan for 2010/11 (Appendix to this report).
- 1.2 For Members to note the contents of the Delivery Plan for the last year of the programme (Year 10). Planned activities include ongoing implementation of NDC succession strategies, monitoring, lifetime evaluation of projects and reporting of outcomes, archiving, and financial completion and reporting.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1. There is no introduction by the Leader as Cabinet Member following advice from Legal Services. This is to avoid potential conflict of interest given that the Leader is also a member of the NDC Partnership Board.

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

3.1. The priorities for this delivery plan have been informed by the NDC succession strategies approved by Haringey Council Cabinet on the 17th November 2009 and submitted to the Government in November 2009 and findings of the NDC Residents' Survey undertaken in 2009.

3.2. The final NDC Delivery Plan for 2010/11 sets down the Partnership Board's Priorities for the Bridge NDC programme over the next financial year. The focus is to ensure that the improvements brought in by the NDC are carried on through *sustainable succession and legacy arrangements* detailed in the NDC succession strategies recently submitted to the Government. These are being achieved by i) careful alignment with LAA objectives; ii) working with Haringey Council and key stakeholders to mainstream identified projects and join up local services; iii) implementation of the Seven Sisters Neighbourhood Plan that provides a detailed framework and guidelines for socio-economic and physical development in the NDC area; it will support delivery of the Council's Community Strategy, Core Strategy, Community Empowerment Strategy, Safer Communities Plan, Regeneration Strategy and Greenest Borough Strategy.

4. Recommendations

4.1. That Members note that the 2010-11 NDC Delivery Plan has been approved by the NDC Partnership Board and that it is also subject to formal approval by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and Government Office for London (GOL).

4.2. That Members note Haringey Council's critical role as Accountable Body both in supporting and in delivering the Bridge NDC programme.

4.3. That Members endorse the final Bridge NDC Delivery Plan, which includes ongoing implementation of NDC succession strategies, monitoring, lifetime evaluation of projects and reporting of outcomes, archiving, and financial completion and reporting.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1. Haringey Council has a critical role as Accountable Body both in supporting and delivering the Bridge NDC programme which includes activities for closing down the programme and implementation of the succession and legacy arrangements that were previously approved by the Cabinet on the 17th November 2009.

6. Other options considered

6.1. Haringey Council is in a unique position as the Accountable Body for the Bridge

NDC programme and therefore the endorsement sought in this report is not relevant of other agencies.

7. Summary

7.1. The 10th NDC Delivery Plan (Appended) was approved by the NDC Board at its meeting on the 27th January 2010.

Neighbourhood Services - Housing, Environment and Crime

7.2 The Delivery Plan provides a review of the performance of the projects in the last year and highlights key achievements with regard to a range of 'revenue' projects that tackled crime and the fear of crime, promoted crime diversion, and supported mainstreaming and joining up of local services. The main focus in the Plan is to work with our successor body and key partners to implement all the strands of our succession strategies as they relate to Neighbourhood Services theme. This will include taking forward the Neighbourhood Plan and ensuring ongoing maintenance of the environmental improvements brought about by the NDC.

Health, Social Care, Sport and Leisure

7.3 A review of the performance of the health projects in the last year and highlights key achievements with regard to strengthening partnership working, supporting smoking cessation, increasing levels of physical activity and renewed focus on health needs of younger people is reported in this Delivery Plan. The focus in 2010/11 will be support for close partnership working with The Bridge Renewal Trust, NHS Haringey, The Mental Health Trust and all stakeholders to deliver integrated services at the Laurels that meet diverse needs of local residents.

Education, Employment and Enterprise

7.4 In the last year, The NDC worked closely with partner agencies/stakeholders to ensure that local residents and businesses were supported to withstand the challenges of the recession. As the economic conditions improve, the focus in 2010 is to continue our multi-agency approach by sharing best practices with our partners and supporting our residents and businesses to access mainstream services.

Proposed Activities

7.5 **NDC Grant:** There is only one project to be delivered, namely Succession Legacy. This is a continuation project and includes staff costs for the Programme Monitoring & Evaluation Manager, Caretaker and part of the Director's costs. Planned activities will include ongoing implementation of NDC succession strategies, monitoring and lifetime evaluation of projects, archiving

and reporting of outcomes. The Management and Administration budget covers the NDC management costs including staff costs for the Business performance Manager, Executive & Resources Officer and part of the Director's costs. Planned activities include financial completion and reporting, facilities management and support for the NDC Partnership Board.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 8.1. The NDC programme is funded by a combination of external grant of £275,000, to be confirmed by DCLG and GOL in March 2010, and income derived from the Laurels Healthy Living Centre.
- 8.2. Revenue and Capital projects are expected to be complete by March 2010 and the spend in 2010-11 will relate to activities associated with the closure of NDC and setting up of the successor body.
- 8.3. There should be no direct financial impact to the Council, although Haringey Council remains the accountable body.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 9.1. As stated in paragraph 3.1 of the report the Delivery Plan has been informed by the NDC succession strategies which were approved by Cabinet on the 17th November 2009. The succession strategies were submitted to DCLG for approval on the 27th November 2009.
- 9.2. It is anticipated the Delivery Plan will be submitted for formal approval to the DCLG and GOL in late March 2010.
- 9.3. Members' approval of the Delivery Plan should be subject to any amendments that may subsequently be required by DCLG and GOL.
- 9.4. Subject to paragraph 9.3 above the Head of Legal Services sees no legal reasons preventing Members from approving the recommendations set out in paragraph 4. However it should be noted that in accordance with resolutions passed by Cabinet on the 17th November 2009 in order to implement the succession strategies it will be necessary to put in place funding agreements between the Council and the Bridge Renewal Trust. It will also be necessary to enter into an agreement for an assignment of the Council's sub under lease of part of the Laurels. Therefore advice on these transactions should be sought from Legal Services at the appropriate time.

10. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

- 10.1. The NDC Partnership is working to actively engage all its communities in the

Seven Sisters area. The NDC Board and Staff are committed to implementing Haringey Council's equality policies. Partners working with the NDC to implement its succession and legacy programme must also demonstrate commitment to equal opportunities policies and practices with regards to staff recruitment and service delivery. The NDC monitors and measures equality outputs and outcomes on either a quarterly or monthly basis which informs the decision to take any corrective action if appropriate.

11. Consultation

- 11.1. The Bridge NDC is a community based programme with a local resident majority led Partnership Board. The Resident Board Members act as a consultative body on behalf of the community.
- 11.2. Consultation with residents and local businesses has informed the development of the succession and legacy activities included in the Delivery Plan.
- 11.3. The priorities set out in the Delivery Plan have been particularly informed by an NDC Resident Survey in November 2009 (involving 400 residents) and MORI Household Survey of 500 residents in November 2008.

12. Service Financial Comments

- 12.1. As the NDC projects are now largely complete the spend in 2010-11 will be much lower than in previous years and relates largely to the staffing costs associated with closing down the NDC programme and as well as implementing the succession arrangements. These activities will encompass the majority of expenditure derived from the NDC grant which is expected to be £275,000 subject to confirmation from Government Office for London (GOL) and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).
- 12.2. **Laurels Income:** This revenue income from NDC investments is forecasted to reach £556,457 in 2010/11. This will include £285,000 income during 2010/11 and £271,457 carried forward from previous years. Planned projects and expenditures include rent/service charge payments and setting up costs for the NDC successor body.

13. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

- 13.1. Appendix – Bridge NDC Delivery Plan 2010-11

14. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 14.1. DCLG Programme Note 45 – Guidance on requirements for (NDC) succession strategies and the approval process