

**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 met on 18 February 2009.

The meeting was chaired by Sona Mahtani one of the Board's community representatives. The Board welcomed Cllr Bevan in his new role as interim Cabinet Member for Environment and Conservation.

The meeting received highlight reports and presentations from community organisations receiving funding from the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund. This provided a valuable opportunity for the board to see how the projects were beginning to deliver against the priorities of the fund.

John Morris, Assistant Director for Recreation Services at Haringey Council and Nic Durston from Groundwork gave an interactive presentation on the

progress that is being made on delivering Priority Two of the Greenest Borough Strategy – Protecting the Natural Environment. This covered recent work such as improving local green spaces and actively managing biodiversity, and plans for the next financial year, including climate change adaptation / mitigation, tackling open space deficiency and maximising the use of our assets.

The Better Haringey Programme Manager briefed members of the Board on the Going Green conference that was being held at Haringey Sixth Form Centre on Saturday 20 February. Cllr Toni Mallet attended to discuss topics that may be beneficial for future involvement from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny committee. Haringey's approach to carbon management and a review of the impact of the Greenest Borough Strategy on health inequalities were suggested as possible areas of work.

The next meeting of the Better Places Partnership Board has been provisionally scheduled for 20 July 2010.

### **Children's Trust**

Since the last report to the HSP the Children's Trust has not met formally.

An 'Away Day' workshop session was held on 9 February, which was led by IDEA to look at remits, roles and responsibilities within the Trust. It also gave Trust members a chance to meet and talk in a less formal setting. The three Children's Area Partnerships were invited to send representatives to the workshop so that they could share in the event, meet members of the Trust Board and give their views during the discussions.

The next meeting of the Trust is on 15 April 2010.

### **Enterprise Partnership Board**

The Enterprise Board last met on 17 November 2009.

At the meeting John Egbo (Community Link Forum) was confirmed as the Enterprise Board representative on the Haringey Strategic Partnership for the rest of 2009/10.

The Board agreed proposals to commission additional projects worth £613k. These projects will cover:

- New skills pilots
- Additional employment for people living in social housing
- Extending Families into Work
- Extending the Future Jobs Fund
- Employer engagement and business support
- Town centre management
- Social enterprises/third sector
- Credit unions

The Board was informed that delivery has started on Council led Future Jobs Fund bid. In the first month twenty people have been recruited against a target of twenty-four.

The Board approved proposals to renegotiate the targets associated to NI 153 (Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods) and NI 171 (New business registration rate) as part of the LAA refresh.

The Board received its latest performance scorecard covering Quarter 3 and it approved the full six monthly update of its Risk Register. An update on the three main Worklessness programmes: Haringey Guarantee, Families into Work and the North London Pledge was also provided and an update was also given on business and enterprise activities in the Borough.

The next meeting of the Board is provisionally scheduled for 16 June 2010.

### **Integrated Housing Board**

The Board last met on 23 February.

Three presentations were given and as these were felt to be of wider interest than just the Board, the Chair opened the meeting to a wider audience to include Housing Associations.

The first presentation was on Fraud and Sub Letting and how this was being addressed by the Council and other agencies. The Council had appointed an officer specifically to tackle fraud following an initiative run by the National Fraud office that identified a large number of potential matches against the criteria they used to identify potential cases.

By having an officer with the expertise to investigate fraud the Council and Homes for Haringey was also able to develop and review their systems to prevent fraud. Work was also being done with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to improve the systems and checks in place within their organisations.

The second presentation was on Emergency Planning and Business Continuity and the provision made within this for Housing. The Board and the Housing Associations present felt the presentation was extremely helpful and generated discussion about the effectiveness of each representative's own emergency plans.

The third presentation was on the forthcoming Audit Commission inspection of the Council's Strategic and Community Housing Service.

It was noted that a different approach had been adopted in the formation of the Self Assessment for this inspection and the work of Partners had been recognised more fully. In terms of the work being done to improve resident involvement it was noted that whilst there had been a great deal of positive work there was still room for improvement.

The next meeting of the Board was provisionally scheduled for 14 June.

## **Safer Communities Executive Board**

The Board last met on 18 February.

At this meeting the Board endorsed the priorities for the coming year with funding allocations. There was some minimal decommissioning, a reduction to the problem-solving fund and an increase in funding for the new priority of reducing adult re-offending.

Some challenges for the coming year will include further work to intervene effectively with gang members; establishing the new, multi-agency Reducing Re-offending Network; developing the Preventing Violent Extremism work and joining up the area-based partnership delivery mechanisms. Discussions are underway with the Area Partnerships for Children's' Trusts. Working effectively with the HSP Engagement Group and establishing a marketing strategy were also highlighted as areas of interest.

Overall crime performance remains favourable with the following highlights: All areas of acquisitive crime are now reducing and on target to meet the collective target (domestic burglary, vehicle crime and robbery); all stretch targets are on track to meet their targets (personal robbery, domestic violence sanctioned detections and repeat victims); numbers of first time entrants into the Youth Justice System is performing well but final figures await confirmation. Serious violent crime, mostly linked to gang-related offences among young adults, has been brought down from a high last August of +45% to a current +19% but shy of the annual target. Challenges are being faced in relation to the drug treatment and alcohol admissions targets, due in part to longer-term entrenched problems, and these are unlikely to meet annual targets.

The Scrutiny Review on Victim Support was discussed and will be finalised shortly. Looking into the confidence agenda was raised as a future scrutiny exercise, including a review into how aware all residents are of their Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

SCEB members have been extremely busy over the past few months. We held a very well attended, successful Awards Ceremony, championed by Cabinet Member, Councillor Nilgun Canver and hosted by Dr Kurt Barling.

Alongside Homes for Haringey, we contributed to the ASB Summit for key stakeholders recently with attendance from Council housing providers, Resident Social Landlords, the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team, enforcement and youth services. This was a really good step towards addressing early intervention around lower-level ASB. There were 6 workshops and an action plan is under development and key residents will be consulted in due course.

The My Safer Haringey poster campaign ran during February and initial feedback suggests high awareness. Further evaluation is being undertaken by corporate communications.

A fairly small but important Conference on Reducing Adult Re-offending was held in early March with workshops looking at motivation, partnership and community. External key speakers were drawn from Probation, Peace Alliance and the Association of Reformed Offenders. An action plan is already in place and will be further developed in light of the Conference feedback. This work has become a central priority for the partnership and, commitment willing, holds the promise of real progress and value for money.

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The next meeting of the Board is provisionally scheduled for 3 June 2010.

### **Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board**

The Board last met on 25 February 2010.

The Board considered a report that provided an update on the Joint Mental Health Partnership Strategy – 'Moving Forward 2010–13'. In achieving the aims of the strategy there would be a focus on joint commissioning, to create comprehensive, integrated and personalised services.

A report was provided that gave an overview of the Haringey 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Plan. A sum of £180K had been set aside to enable as many residents as possible to take up the opportunities offered by the Olympics and to ensure that an Olympic legacy was created in Haringey.

The Board considered a report that provided an overview of the key elements of the NHS Haringey Strategic Plan 2009-14. NHS Haringey is in discussion with Tottenham Hotspur football club around the possibility of creating a health centre within its complex. The creation of polysystems would enable GPs to access a broader range of skills and it was envisaged that this would help to drive up the quality of services delivered.

A report that provided an interim update on the Delivery Plan for the Experience Still Counts strategy and the progress being made with respect to developing a Priorities Options Paper was considered. The Older People's Partnership Board has now established a sub-group, which would monitor the delivery of the strategy

The Board received a report that set out the level of risk associated with the operation of the Board and the risk attached to achieving LAA targets as calculated at the end of December 2009.

The Board received an update on the Safeguarding Adults Prevention Strategy 2009/11. The relationship between the Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) may need to be clarified further to ensure that roles of

each body were clear. It was noted that Chief Superintendent Dave Grant had indicated that he would be raising this issue at the next HSP Performance Management Group meeting.

The next meeting of the Board is provisionally scheduled for 10 June 2010.