

**MINUTES of a meeting of the
HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
held on MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2006 at 6pm.**

Members present indicated by *

CORE/KEY AGENCIES

Haringey Council

*Councillor Charles Adje (Chair)
Max Caller (Interim Chief Executive)

*Councillor Harry Lister

*Councillor George Meehan

Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust

*Gill Prager

Richard Sumray

Learning & Skills Council (London North)

*Lindsay Bates

Metropolitan Police

*Supt. Gerry Leitch

Middlesex University

Norman Revell

Job Centre Plus

*Pat Mason

CoNEL

*Paul Head

Registered Social Landlords

Neil Mawson

ALMO

(to be appointed)

New Deal for Communities

*Lorne Horsford

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTORS

Faith Groups

*Pastor Nims Obunge

Race Equality JCC

*George Martin

HarCEN

*Faiza Rizvi

*Mohamed Elmi

HAVCO

*Lauritz Hansen-Bay

Markos Chrysostomou

Dixie-Ann Joseph

Youth

*John Egbo

(to be appointed)

THEMATIC BOARDS

Better Places

*Councillor Peter Hillman

Enterprise

Stanley Hui

Well-being

Councillor Kate Wynne

C&YPSP

*David Holmes

Safer Communities

Enid Ledgister

MPs

MPs

David Lammy MP

Lynne Featherstone MP

GoL

Mary Scott

Steve Speed

OBSERVERS & GUESTS

David Hennings, Justin Holliday, Nilam Popat, Alvin Elcock, Marcelle Fletcher (London Borough of Haringey), Gill Hawken (HTPCT & LB Haringey) Pamela Pemberton (HAVCO), Deborah Harris (HarCEN)

1. APOLOGIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Apologies had been received from Richard Sumray (Haringey TPCT), Neil Mawson (Registered Social Landlords), Prof. Norman Revell (Middlesex University), Lynne Featherstone MP, Chief Supt. Simon O'Brien, who was substituted by Supt. Gerry Leitch, Tracey Baldwin (Haringey TPCT), who was substituted by Gill Prager and Sharon Shoesmith, who was substituted by David Holmes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2005 were approved by the Partnership and signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

5. JOB CENTRE PLUS PRESENTATION

The Job Centre Plus representative on the HSP gave a presentation on Job Centre Plus's priorities for 2006-7 and future developments to 2008. The aims of the JCP remain the same, to help disadvantaged people into work and provide financial support as a safety net while people are out of work. The national programme of change will lead to a number of new developments to be implemented between now and March 2008. These include a reduction in the number of districts by the amalgamation of existing areas into larger districts and the delivery of provision from larger, centralised benefits centres.

Partners asked how the changes were being communicated to clients, and it was commented that all clients were being written to with an explanation of the changes. The outreach work and links with other groups were discussed, and it was commented that the new role of External Partnerships Manager would deal with a lot of this work, and the example of the work done in this field in West Green was noted.

AGREED:

That the presentation be noted.

6. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS

The Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) gave a presentation on Local Area Agreements, highlighting the role of LAA in reinforcing the council's community leadership role and the delivery of priorities to local people. The LAA is divided into four blocks, which are each linked to a specific grant funding stream. A routemap was detailed, from the beginning of the project in April 2006 to the commencement of delivery in April 2007.

Partners commented on progress to date, and it was noted that work had been done in building up the Safer and Stronger Communities theme of the LAA, and that the work done on the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-09 would be of great use in the development of the Children and Young People's block

AGREED:

That the presentation be noted.

7. SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND (SSCF)

The Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) introduced the report and commented on the development of the four Safer Stronger Communities Fund elements. The final document will be signed off at the end of March 2006, and it was noted that partners will be consulted beforehand.

AGREED:

That the progress on the SSCF be noted.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

The Executive Member for Community Involvement gave a presentation on the new proposals covering Neighbourhood Management. The history of Neighbourhood Management was discussed, with the ad-hoc expansion as funding becoming available being replaced by the seven areas supported by mainstreamed funding following the end of SRB funding. The seven areas would be based on area assembly boundaries, and would have boards containing representatives of local groups. Funding for each area would be proportionate to need, but the three Super Output Areas (SOAs) will receive additional funding as part of the SSCF. Partners were requested to come back to the Executive Member with suggestions for projects in the SOAs.

Partners discussed the proposed structure, emphasising the importance of consultation, and it was commented that there would be consultation with partners over the coming weeks. The issue of local representatives on existing SRB boards continuing on the new local boards was discussed, and it was hoped that these individuals would continue to use the experience they have gained on the new boards. The issue of SSCF funding for SOAs was discussed, and it was commented that at present specific projects were not being discussed, only themes. Partners commented that the main themes to look at could be worklessness and reducing teenage pregnancies, and that any specific projects should be brought before the HSP for discussion.

AGREED:

That the presentation be noted.

9. ODPM'S LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS CONSULTATION (Item 10)

The Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy) commented that the ODPM's LSP consultation notes that a future proposal will be to make LSPs statutory bodies. Partners were asked if they preferred a single response from the HSP as a whole or whether they would rather respond to the consultation individually. It was agreed that there would be a single response, a draft of which would be sent out to partners for their comments before final submission.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND (PLANS FOR REMAINING FUNDS) (Item 9)

The Assistant Chief Executive (Access) introduced the report and commented that the Safer Communities Executive Board and Enterprise Board had approved new project proposals and were looking for confirmation from the HSP. The Well-being Board has decided to continue with the Age Concern continuation project and the HSP was also asked to approve this.

The Haringey TPCT representative commented that the Well-being Board had not approved any projects as they had not discussed them at their previous meetings. The Chair commented that the Well-being funding had been agreed at the previous meeting of the HSP. Partners representing the voluntary sector raised the issue of additionality and ring-fenced funding for the voluntary sector and it was commented that funding from the NRF could only be used to fund a programme of projects directly linked to floor targets. It was agreed that a run-down of what the funding can and cannot be used for be distributed to partners.

AGREED:

1. That the recommendations of the report be agreed.
2. That the comments of the Haringey TPCT representative be noted.
3. That the two other HSP theme boards report back to the next meeting of the HSP with new project proposals.

11. BOARD DATES OF NEXT MEETING

(6.00pm at Haringey Civic Centre)

Monday 27 March 2006

The meeting ended at 7:45pm

Future agenda - Partners wishing to put forward items for a future agenda are asked to contact the Committee Secretary.

Councillor CHARLES ADJE
Chair, Haringey Strategic Partnership