

Report Title: **Sustainable Community Strategy Summary Progress Report**

Report of: **Wayne Longshaw, Assistant Chief Executive.**

Signed :

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non-Key Decision**

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

- 1.1. To present to Overview and Scrutiny the draft summary public-facing report, and to provide Overview and Scrutiny with an opportunity to give feedback on the draft report. The report sets out the key elements of the progress made against the outcomes in Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1. The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out Haringey Strategic Partnership's vision and high level priorities for the borough. Extensive consultation was carried out to establish these priorities and the Council's role in delivering them. The second progress report reviews progress against the outcomes and priorities since January 2009 up to March 2010. It also looks ahead to what we will be doing in 2010-2011 to help the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) to achieve what it said it would do. A summary public-facing version has been produced for Haringey's residents.

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

3.1. The Sustainable Community Strategy Summary Progress Report considers each of the six outcomes set out in Haringey's Community Strategy. It is supported by the council and partners' overarching plans and strategies.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Overview & Scrutiny is asked to note the report.

4.2 Overview and Scrutiny is asked to review the draft Summary Progress Report and provide any feedback to the Corporate Policy Team by Wednesday 7th July (please email feedback to Helena.Pugh@haringey.gov.uk).

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1 Although the new coalition government has announced its intention to abolish the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) it stresses the need to be transparent and accountable e.g.

- Create a new 'right to data' so that government-held datasets can be requested and used by the public, and then published on a regular basis.
- Ensure that all data published by public bodies is published in an open and standardised format, so that it can be used easily and with minimal cost by third parties.

5.2 The Second Progress Report will help us to demonstrate progress on our priorities over and above the work reported through the LAA. It uses qualitative examples of initiatives to complement our performance reports based on the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) scorecard. The Summary Progress Report will help us to communicate our progress to a wider audience, particularly Haringey residents.

6. Other options considered

6.1. None

7. Summary

7.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) second summary progress report sets out the key elements of the progress made against the outcomes of the SCS between January 2009 and March 2010. It also looks ahead to some of the next steps to be taken towards achieving the outcomes and priorities. The summary will be available on the Haringey website and an article will be included in Haringey People which is distributed to every household in the borough. The draft wording

for the summary report is set out in Appendix 1.

7.2 A full progress report has been finalised and was submitted to the Audit Commission as supporting evidence for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) self-assessment 2010, although following the new Coalition Government's announcement that CAA is to be abolished all the Audit Commission's work on updating the Area Assessment will cease with immediate effect. The full report will be made available on the Haringey website.

7.3 Developing the Progress Report

7.3.1 Contributions for the full progress report have been collated from the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) Coordinators Group and officers from across the Council and the Partnership. The following criteria have been used to select examples for the summary progress report:

- Partnership focus
- Representative of the diversity of the borough
- People focus
- Outcome focus

7.3.2 The summary report is structured around the Sustainable Community Strategy's six outcomes. It showcases key achievements against each outcome and outlines our next steps for 2010-2011. Each outcome also includes a short case study and a 'facts and figures section' which identifies some of our key performance achievements.

7.3.4 Haringey's Press Office has reviewed the content and wording of the summary progress report and the report has been refined to incorporate this feedback.

7.3.5 The summary report will be designed and published on the Haringey website and an article will be included in Haringey People.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 Whilst the report sets out some of the key next steps, these are based on the current Community Strategy, Council Plan and manifesto commitments which were agreed before the general election. The new national coalition government has stated their objective for "a significantly accelerated reduction in the structural deficit over the course of a Parliament, with the main burden of deficit reduction borne by reduced spending rather than increased taxes"; inevitably some of this reduced spending will come from local government and, as part of the forthcoming budget planning process, the Council will need to re-visit its current medium term financial strategy the outcome of which could impact on the delivery of the Community Strategy.

8.2 The summary report will be made available on the Haringey website and an article will be included in Haringey People. All costs will be met from within existing budgets.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. There are no legal implications attached to the summary progress report.

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

10.1. [click here to type]

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1. Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy was developed through a thorough needs analysis of the borough. Extensive consultation was undertaken with a range of stakeholders, residents, businesses, service users, voluntary and community groups and other organisations. Each of the Thematic Partnerships undertook a range of consultation activities. The needs analysis and consultation was used to inform the development of the outcomes and priorities of the strategy which will help to reduce barriers to equality across the borough.

12. Consultation

12.1. The Sustainable Community Strategy Progress Report has been developed in conjunction with the HSP Coordinators group; officers from across the Council and Partnership have also contributed to the document.

12.2. The Press Office has reviewed the wording and content of the summary report and their recommendations have been incorporated into the draft document.

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1. The summary report will be made available on the Haringey website and an article will be included in Haringey People. All costs will be met from within existing budgets.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

Appendix 1: Draft wording for the Sustainable Community Strategy Second Summary Progress Report.

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1. [List background documents]

15.2. [Also list reasons for exemption or confidentiality (if applicable)]