

Haringey Strategic Partnership – 27 March 2006

Thematic Partnerships Update

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This paper sets out a brief update on the work streams, activities and recent decisions undertaken by each of the thematic partnerships. These updates (to each HSP board meeting) are part of an improvement process introduced by the Chair to ensure that all partners can be kept informed of the overall business of the Partnership.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the updates from each thematic partnership and for board members to comment as appropriate.

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3. Well-being Partnership

- 3.1 The Well-being Partnership, at its March meeting, agreed a commissioning led approach to allocate its Neighbourhood Renewal Funds to deliver the following three well-being strategic outcomes: Be healthy, Achieve economic well-being and meeting current and future housing need. The timetable for the programme has been agreed and it is hoped to have projects up and running by 1 June 2006.
- 3.2 On 8 February Haringey Council, Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust and the voluntary sector organised a highly successful event for staff whose work has a significant impact on the health and well-being of people in Haringey. They came from a wide variety of backgrounds including economic regeneration, environmental services, libraries and social services. The aim was to help set local priorities for improving health and reducing inequalities over the next five years. The priorities identified in the discussions will inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in Haringey, including the work programme of the Well-being Partnership Board, development of the next Community Strategy, and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Programme.
- 3.3 During the week of 13-17 March the Council ran a campaign to make sure that residents are not paying too much council tax. There was a steady flow of interest with interviews and enquiries for Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit and other entitlements taking place consistently throughout the day. Caseworkers were able to utilise the onsite

technology to enable the processing of Council Tax Benefit claims on the spot.

- 3.4 On 8th March Haringey Council held its first staff health fair at newly refurbished Tottenham Green Leisure Centre. A number of internal teams attended (Personnel, Occupational Health, Health and Safety) and others gave out advice and information to staff. The event was also attended by external organisations such as Diabetes UK and Allergy UK and Ouch First Aid Trainers providing expert advice and information. As it was No Smoking Day staff could also get information on how to give up smoking and details of their local smoking cessation services. There were discussion groups from a number of different people, a consultant on achieving work-life balance, Personnel on flexible working, a Nutritionist on Nutrition and Healthy Eating, and a Physiotherapist on avoiding aches and pains. Sports and Leisure gave tours of the building and gave staff attending a one week pass to Haringey Leisure Centres. Health checks as well as massage sessions and introduction sessions on the Alexander Technique also happened on the day. The day was very well received with staff overwhelmingly agreeing that the event made them more aware of how to improve their health.
- 3.5 The Well-being Partnership Board discussed the Haringey Race Equality and Partnership Task Groups' (REPTG) work to date and proposed work programme. The report recognised that race equality intelligence is crucial to effective planning and providing services and a key factor in developing the Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy. Although steady progress has been made in the development of systems for recording information and the partners are benefiting from shared learning opportunities, the Board recognised the need to support the proposed work programme of the REPTG and suggests the HSP and the other thematic partnerships be asked to contribute to this work when developing the Local Area Agreement.

4. Better Places Partnership

- 4.1 The Better Places Partnership (BPP) has now completed the first 'cycle' of its meetings. Topics and issues covered include
- Agreement around the strategic objectives and priorities for the Partnership
 - Climate Change and local flooding issues
 - Sport & physical activity strategy – increasing participation
 - The NRF & SSCF
- 4.2 The BPP has an active Community Engagement Forum that meets regularly. These meetings are currently being facilitated by the Council. It has not proved possible for HarCEN to provide the support to develop community engagement on the BPP and hold elections as previously reported. However, there is an agreement in place and community representatives are in place to take up the three Community Places and represent the Community Forum on the BPP for the rest of the year.

- 4.3 The work plan for the Council's Environmental Services Directorate has been shared with the Community Forum and they have asked to see further details on areas of particular interest to them. The intention is to give the community a chance to influence the priorities and the ensuing business planning. It is expected that in time, other key partners bring in their business and work plans and a greater synergy can be developed between them. Most recently the Environment Agency have given a firm commitment to working on key local issues in Haringey. The Community Forum are also actively engaged around the development of a climate change strategy.
- 4.4 The BPP has done much to establish a partnership approach to the improvement and stewardship of the environment. The meetings for the next cycle of the BPP are currently being organised. Through the on-going work of the BPP and the development of the new Community Strategy, the role of partners in helping achieve the objectives will become more planned and developed.

5. Enterprise Partnership

- 5.1 The Enterprise Partnership has had two meetings since the last thematic partnerships update report to the December HSP. The focus for the partnership has continued to be the delivery of the agreed business and employment and skills agenda. However, given Government Office for London's assessment on worklessness, there has been a greater focus on developing a step change in the way in which worklessness is tackled in Haringey. This was started with the tabling of a discussion paper developed by the Economic Regeneration Team in the Council. In addition a special meeting of the partnership was arranged to discuss the Neighbourhood Element of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund. This meeting followed the decision to use the Neighbourhood Element in all three wards (Noel Park, Northumberland Park and Bruce Grove) to specifically address the high level of worklessness in the borough.
- 5.2 The Enterprise Partnership also agreed to use its allocation of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund to match the Association of London Government's European Fund and to the Local Growth Enterprise Initiative.

6. Safer Communities Partnership

- 6.1 Since the last thematic partnership update report to the HSP in December there have been two meetings of the SCEB. The key issues from the meetings in December and March were as follows:
- 6.2 For the medium to longer term, the SCEB will be considering a commissioning model for the use of its crime prevention and reduction work. In the meantime, the board is using a split system whereby a proportion of funding is allocated upfront and a pot is held back for

evidence-led bids throughout the year. Funding across NRF and SSCF programmes have been looked at in the round this year and greater emphasis has been placed on joining up delivery with more focus on outcomes. The co-ordination and monitoring of funding and action planning is handled by the Servicing Group. It has been recognised that more work is required around impact evaluation and this is underway.

- 6.3 Developing an intelligence product for use by the wider partnership is a major development for this board. This involves adapting the current police data and analysis report (quarterly), sharing findings with partners and, with community input over time, developing a more comprehensive picture of where our problem areas lie and what the solutions might be. This product will help to establish an annual, rolling crime and drugs audit to replace the former 3-year audits. The partnership action plans and resources will be more closely aligned to this product with effect from 2006/07. We are also seeking to strengthen the analytical capacity across the partnership and Council departments through developing our Data Analysis Group.
- 6.4 The new draft Hate Crime and Harassment strategy was presented to the board and discussed. This followed an extensive consultation event with partners and community representatives, which was well attended and appreciated. A high-impact poster campaign is currently running on JC Decaux posters across the borough, which is also re-advertising the ASB hotline number.
- 6.5 The DAAT Treatment Plan has been finalised and highly praised by the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse. We recommend that a copy of the strategic summary be circulated to HSP members as there are several key links across the theme boards. The treatment priorities for 06/07 are:
 - : Development of a poly drug/crack service in the north of the borough
 - : Bolstering of SHOC (Women's sex worker project)
 - : Commissioning strategy for Tier 4 provision including block contracts for detox rehab and the longer term plan of buying into a sector wide inpatient facility
 - : Expansion of the existing statutory drug service (DASH) to meet additional numbers of people entering treatment via required assessment
- 6.6 The delivery of aspects of the Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) and the Prolific and Other Priority Offenders (PPO) scheme will see a boost with the imminent co-location of officers from the police, probation and drugs field.
- 6.7 A review of the services commissioned out of the young people's substance misuse grant is underway. Focus groups have been held with young people and professionals to seek their perception around drugs/

services provided in the borough. This builds on an earlier exercise which revealed that 'care pathways' for young people were not clear. Other important policy changes have informed the review such as Every Child Matters, Young people and Drugs and the need to align service provision to those deemed most vulnerable to substance misuse e.g. truants, excluded children, those with substance misusing parents etc.

- 6.8 Key pieces of new or forthcoming legislation affecting this board include: Respect agenda, Review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Violent Crime Bill and the Police & Justice Bill.

7. Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership

- 7.1 The Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) has reviewed its membership in response to the HSP's request for theme boards to review their voluntary and community sector membership and the developments in Government guidance on partnership working for children and young people. As a result the Board agreed to invite HarCEN, the Youth Offending Service and schools to join the Board. Schools are being asked to send 1 representative each from the primary, secondary and special schools sectors.
- 7.2 Major items of business have been the development of the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 and preparations for the Joint Area Review (JAR). The Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 has been the subject of wide consultation. Its development has been informed by the feedback from consultations, a wide ranging needs assessment, the Annual Public Health Report and statutory Government guidance. The Plan was agreed by the CYPSP at its meeting on 13th March 2006. Copies will be available on the Council's website www.haringey.gov.uk/cyp and paper copies will be available from the Deputy Director Strategy, Delivery and Performance in the Children's Service. The needs assessment "Knowing our Children and Young People - Planning for their Futures" is available on the website.
- 7.4 Another major discussion topic has been the development of proposals around the future management arrangements for the Haringey TPCT provider services for children and young people. A number of options have been put forward which will be subject to further discussion.
- 7.5 Other aspects of the Every Child Matters: Change for Children (ECM) agenda under discussion by the CYPSP are the development of a workforce strategy and children's trusts. A national strategy outlines the Government's vision for the children's workforce and the national and local actions considered necessary to realise the vision. In response a workforce strategy for the children's workforce in Haringey, across all agencies working with children and young people, is being developed. Children trusts are another initiative of the ECM agenda, the purpose of which is to ensure services for children and young people can work more effectively together in delivering the five outcomes of being healthy,

staying safe, enjoying and enjoying, making a positive contribution and achieving economic well being.

- 7.6 The CYPSP has also discussed funding for the **Local Safeguarding Children's Board**, the further development of **information sharing** protocols for children and young people's services and received a report from the Under 5s Forum on the development of a **play strategy**. The CYPSP has also had presentations on the **Annual Public Health Report 'Growing Up in Haringey'** and on **young people not in education, employment or training**.

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