

Haringey Strategic Partnership – 27th March 2006

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Programme – 2006/07

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Over the past few months, the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP), and its Theme Boards, have been developing the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) programme for 2006/07.
- 1.2 The NRF programme allocation is £8.2m for 2006/07. Of this, £5.8m has been committed to continuation projects and these were approved by the HSP in December 2005. The January meeting of the HSP approved new projects for the Safer Communities and Enterprise themes.
- 1.3 This report sets out new project proposals for the Better Places theme which were approved at the Better Places Partnership Board on 8 March 2006. The Well-Being Partnership Board met on 16 March 2006 and approved its strategic objectives.

2 New Projects

- 2.1 The Better Places Partnership Board has pulled together NRF and Safer and Stronger Communities funding streams for 2006/07. There has been a special meeting to discuss priorities for the theme and how the partners can be involved in commissioning and delivering new projects. The new project proposals are listed as new projects in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The Well-being Partnership Board agreed on 16th March 2006 to put in place three new programme areas linked to the following of its strategic objectives:
- Be Healthy
 - Achieve economic well-being
 - Meeting current and future housing needs

Projects which combat social exclusion and alienation, embed activities that promote well-being, including mental well-being, and that can deliver the following outcomes are now being invited:

- [a] increasing household income by an average of £10 per week
- [b] reducing fuel poverty in 100 households
- [c] 500 adults participating in at least one 30 minute session of physical activity of moderate intensity for at least three months
- [d] at least 140 older people [over 50] participating in a community based healthier eating programme.

It is intended that these projects will start at the beginning of June 2006 and the indicative programme funding is as follows:

- [i] Be Healthy [linked to [c] above] - £150,000

- [ii] Be Healthy [linked to [d] above] - £200,000
- [iii] Achieve economic well-being [linked to [a] and [b] above] - £200,000
- [iv] Meeting current and future housing need [linked to [a] and [b] above] - £100,000

2.3 The January HSP approved £300k NRF funding for freestanding enterprise projects. The initial proposal was to match fund the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) bid. Unfortunately, Haringey did not secure LEGI funding. The allocation was reviewed by the Enterprise Board on 7th March and the allocations confirmed.

3 **Top Slice**

3.1 The NRF programme has consistently contained an element of funding for neighbourhood management and capacity building. The December HSP approved £1.414m top slice from the NRF for 2006/07 and expressly agreed that:

- £500k of the resource would be allocated to support the roll out of neighbourhood management;
- £300k for seed funding to utilise at a neighbourhood level to continue the successful programme of working with local people, where they set priorities and work with partner agencies; and
- £114k for a contingency fund.

3.2 This report sets out proposals for the remaining £500k:

- £200k for programme management, in line with normal practice;
- £45k to support enhanced links with and monitoring of HARCEN (which the HSP will recall is funded from SSCF);
- £35k to continue funding a VCS capacity building project run by HAVCO;
- £75k to fund perception surveys, in support of the performance measures set for SSCF, NRF and the HSP overall; and
- a provisional allocation of £145k for support to the partnership infrastructure, provisional pending a review of how the support could or should be enhanced.

3.3 The full top slice would, therefore, be broken down as follows:

Top Slice	2006/07 £'000
Neighbourhood Management roll out	500
Empowerment Seed Funding	300
Programme Management and Capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRF Programme Management • Voluntary Sector Engagement • VCS Capacity Building • Baseline assessments perception surveys • Provisional allocation for partnership infrastructure (pending review) 	200 45 35 75 145
Contingency	114
Total	1,414

4 **Recommendations**

- 4.1 To agree the NRF programme for 2006/07, as set out in Appendix A.
- 4.2 To agree the allocation of the balance of the top slice.