

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (HSP)
THURSDAY, 8 JULY 2010**

Present: Councillor Nilgun Canver, Councillor Lorna Reith, Councillor Bernice Vanier, Richard Sumray, Susan Otit, Jane Lithgow (for Maria Kane), Richard Mills, Dave Grant, James Corbett (for John Marange), Paul Head, Michael Jones, Grant Cornwell, John Egbo, Maureen Galvin, Sona Mahtani, Reverend Nims Obunge, Michelle Stokes, Gloria Saffrey, Councillor John Bevan, Councillor Dilek Dogus, Councillor Lyn Weber, Councillor Anne Stennett, Councillor Isidoros Diakides.

In Attendance: Councillor Gideon Bull, Councillor Toni Mallett, Louisa Aubeeluck, Richard Burbidge, Mary Connolly, Wayne Longshaw, Naeem Sheikh, Liz Marnham, Becky Cribb, Marc Dorfman Yemisi Onigbinde, Bernadette Rigante, Patrick Lee and Stuart Young.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP223.	<p>APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kober and Kevin Crompton (Haringey Council), Councillors Councillor Christophides and Engert (Area Assembly Chairs) and Joanne McCartney (Observer – GLA).</p>	
HSP224.	<p>MINUTES (Agenda Item 4)</p> <p>Arising from Minute HSR.212 it was confirmed that an update on Housing I Haringey would be brought to the next meeting of the Conference on 21 October.</p> <p>Arising from Minute HSR.214 clarification was sought of the progress of the HSP Business Group’s review of performance and whether their overview would be brought to the Conference. It was reported that it had been intended to deal with the issue outside the meeting. A briefing on Total Place had been circulated and a further copy could be attached to the minutes.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25 March 2010 be confirmed and signed.</p>	HLDMS
HSP225.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR FOR 2010/11 (Agenda Item 5)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Councillor Kober be confirmed as Chair of the Standing Leadership Conference for 2010/11.</p>	HLDMS
HSP226.	<p>CONFIRMATION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010/11 (Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p>	

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	<p>That Paul Head be appointed as Vice Chair of the Standing Leadership Conference for 2010/11.</p> <p>(In the absence of Councillor Kober, Paul Head took the Chair).</p>	HLDMS
<p>HSP227.</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010/11 (Agenda Item 7)</p> <p>Arising from consideration of this item clarification was sought of whether the Registered Social landlords had yet appointed a representative to serve on the Conference. It having been reported that a nomination was still awaited, we asked that Councillor Bevan as the Integrated Housing Boards delegate encourage the RSL Forum to expedite the appointment.</p> <p>At this juncture Conference members asked if when presentations were to be given they could be circulated at least 48 hours before the meeting. Also if an induction session could be arranged for half an hour before the next meeting for all those members who had not previously served on the HSP.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the membership of the Standing Leadership Conference for 2010/11 be noted.</p>	<p>Cllr. Bevan</p> <p>HLDMS/ Mary Connelly</p>
<p>HSP228.</p>	<p>WORKING AT NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL (Agenda Item 8)</p> <p>We received a presentation from Patrick Lee and Bernadette Rigante (Neighbourhood Management) about Local Partnership working in West Green and Bruce Grove. The presentation gave the following examples -</p> <p>People at the Heart of Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage residents to influence the improvement and development of local services • Promote community cohesion • Develop good quality youth projects • Celebrate and build pride in our neighbourhoods – in our diverse communities, heritage buildings, schools, parks • Improved services for older and vulnerable people. <p>An Environmentally Sustainable Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle fly-tipping and dumping hotspots • Promote responsible waste management • Increase levels of recycling • Improve and promote sustainable transport • Work with residents and businesses to make the area more environmentally attractive and a place to be proud of. 	

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Economic Vitality and Prosperity Shared by All

- Address the serious issues of poverty, debt and unemployment in our area
- Support and promote local businesses
- Work with partners to reduce the numbers of young people not in education or employment
- Promote lifelong learning
- Supporting young people into education or employment
- More local jobs.

Safer for All

- Create safe neighbourhoods, where people of all ages feel safe on the streets and in their homes
- Tackle anti social behaviour
- Design out enviro-crime/ASB where possible
- Create safer roads for pedestrians and vehicles
- Safer parks and open spaces.

Healthier People with a Better Quality of Life

- Tackle health inequalities
- Promote healthier lifestyles including exercise and good food
- Reducing teenage pregnancy
- Decent affordable homes
- Reduce alcohol and drug abuse.

People and Customer Focussed

- Increase resident satisfaction with services and the area
- Deliver transparent and accountable local leadership
- Opportunity for civic engagement and participation
- Build on strength of the voluntary and community sector
- Make our children and young people active citizens
- Improving public transport
- Improving access to local services.

In response to questions, we were informed that although many of the projects highlighted were directly funded by the Partnership there was much co-ordinated work and pooling of resources. The sustainability of projects was considered and efforts were made to work with local groups.

Our Chair thanked the Neighbourhood Officers for their presentation adding that it was helpful to have a local area perspective of partnership working.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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HSP229.	<p>HARINGEY'S RESIDENTS SURVEY RESULTS: 2010 (Agenda Item 9)</p> <p>We received a presentation on the Haringey Council Residents' Survey 2009/10 which was broken down by Theme Board areas and we were informed that in terms of residents' personal concerns the significant changes from the previous year (2008/09) and difference to London 2009/10 were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crime which was down by 8 from the previous year and 6 below the London average• Traffic congestion which was up by 7 from the previous year and 5 above the London average• Lack of jobs which was up 5 from the previous year but 4 below the London average• Pollution of the environment which was down 4 from the previous year• Number of homeless people which was 3 above the London average <p>In terms of general perceptions 53% of adults agreed that they could influence decisions affecting their local area while 36% disagreed. 69% of adults agreed that they felt they had been treated with respect by public services while 5% disagreed. 80% of adults agreed that the local area was a place where people from different backgrounds got on well together while 11% disagreed. We were also informed that the Theme Boards would be receiving the presentation and some of the information behind it. If required the presentation could also be given at Area Assemblies.</p> <p>We noted that over the past 10 years satisfaction levels had improved due to a combination of factors but during the same period expectation levels had also continued to rise. Theme Boards would be asked to identify the key factors to be monitored. In response to a question about the methodology employed to conduct the survey we were advised that 88 sample points across the Borough had been used and 1055 respondents questioned. The authenticity of the survey had been verified both geographically and demographically.</p> <p>Disquiet was voiced that the increased level of concern expressed about traffic congestion might be due to the significant amount of road works which was being carried out locally and in this connection reference was made to a London wide initiative to improve co-ordination between Councils and utility to minimise disruption.</p> <p>In response to a question about the housing survey we were informed that some of the results were based on experiences others on perceptions. The findings were indicative only and more detailed surveys could be conducted by areas. It was confirmed that a breakdown of the findings by area could be supplied to Area Assembly Chairs and Neighbourhood Managers.</p>	
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	<p>With regard to the transparency of the data it was suggested that it be left to the Theme Boards to do the necessary benchmarking work.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and the HSP Performance Management Group be asked to look into the concerns raised about traffic congestion.</p>	<p>ACE-PPPC</p>																														
<p>HSP230.</p>	<p>FINANCIAL OUTLOOK (Agenda Item 10)</p> <p>We received a presentation on the Financial Outlook and noted the update on the national budget and its implications for the Council. Details were also given of the 2010/11 grant cuts and of the consequent grant reductions. With regard to Area Based Grants which had been reduced by £3.3 million we noted the Theme Board Allocations in 2010/11 had been –</p> <table data-bbox="284 869 906 1637"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2010/11</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ABG Theme Board Allocations</td> <td>£m</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Better Places Partnership</td> <td>2.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children’s Trust</td> <td>11.4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprise Partnership</td> <td>1.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Integrated Housing Board</td> <td>0.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Safer Communities Executive Board</td> <td>2.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neighbourhoods & Capacity</td> <td>1.8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Well Being Partnership Board</td> <td>5.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supporting People Programme</td> <td>18.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>43.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Of which specific grants passported:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>To CYPS</td> <td>8.3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To ACCS</td> <td>22.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>To POD</td> <td>0.6</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>There was continuing pressure on the Council’s revenue budget particularly in the areas of children’s safeguarding and placements, adult mental health and temporary accommodation. The capital programme too would come under significant pressure as a result of falling capital receipts and Section 106 contributions. The current revenue position allowed no scope for further prudential borrowing and the indications were that capital funding could now be cut by 40 to 50%. A strategic review of the capital programme would now be required. In conclusion, and in view of the scale of savings required the Council would have to make a strategic response and would need to put in place a coherent and sustainable cost reduction programme.</p>		2010/11	ABG Theme Board Allocations	£m	Better Places Partnership	2.0	Children’s Trust	11.4	Enterprise Partnership	1.6	Integrated Housing Board	0.2	Safer Communities Executive Board	2.2	Neighbourhoods & Capacity	1.8	Well Being Partnership Board	5.1	Supporting People Programme	18.7	Total	43.1	Of which specific grants passported:		To CYPS	8.3	To ACCS	22.9	To POD	0.6	
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	<p>It was noted that the spending cuts that would be necessary would present collective challenges for the Council and its stakeholder partners and it was emphasised that there needed to be a coherent and strategic cross-sector, cross-service dialogue on how best to deal with the impact of the measures. While it was accepted that reductions and adjustments would need to be made to grants concern was expressed about the adequacy of arrangements for engagement and liaison with the Voluntary and Community Sector regarding how and where the cuts would be implemented.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted and the attention of the HSP Executive be drawn to the concerns expressed by the Voluntary and Community Sector concerning the need for dialogue with the Council concerning proposals about cuts to be implemented in the Borough.</p>	<p>Paul Head</p>
<p>HSP231.</p>	<p>WORKING TOGETHER - REFRESHING THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY (Agenda Item 11)</p> <p>We received a presentation about refreshing the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and we noted that the HSP Executive had agreed that the Sustainable Community Strategy be refreshed so that it guided the work of the HSP was based on and directly linked to our key strategies and their action plans and identifies the priorities for the renewed Local Area Agreement (LAA). It was intended that this would create a dynamic relationship between the SCS, key strategies and the LAA. The refreshed SCS would set out the “big issues” for Haringey, based on evidence and be measurable, which meant it would have to be transparent about what it was intended to achieve, by when, how and about responsibility ‘spending wisely, spending fairly’ as well as contributing to our work on Total Haringey.</p> <p>We also noted the proposed process for achieving these aims by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing the framework for all of the HSP’s key strategies; and • aligning key priorities that they have identified (during development and regular monitoring) <p>The process would follow the principles set out in the HSP’s Community Engagement Framework, Compact and Community Cohesion Framework which incorporated our commitment to promoting equalities.</p> <p>We were informed that it was proposed that the process for refreshing the SCS fall into two broad phases, a self-evaluation of progress to March 2010 which had been completed and by establishing the ‘Big Issues’ for Haringey now and in the future including by an audit of existing knowledge, comprising the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings of local consultations since 2007 for key strategies including those undertaken to develop the Local Development 	

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	<p>framework and Core Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local and national political manifestos • statutory and local needs assessments, and Borough Profile information • perception information/ major surveys e.g. the Residents Survey • existing and upcoming local and national policy developments <p>In addition there would be consultation with stakeholders. A number of the HSP's key strategies and delivery plans were due to be reviewed including the Safer for All Strategy, the Well-being Strategic Framework and the Children and Young People's Implementation Plan. All consultations on SCS key strategies would be 'branded' as such to signpost their contribution to the SCS refresh process. This would ensure that these strategies would develop priorities not only for their individual areas but also for the SCS.</p> <p>The proposed timeframe for the refresh was as follows –</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 909 1337 1379"> <thead> <tr> <th>Deadline</th> <th>Action</th> <th>Responsibility of:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Summer 2010</td> <td>Review of existing SCS and audit of existing local knowledge</td> <td>SCS Refresh Project Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Autumn 2010</td> <td>Consultation on several key strategies which underpin the SCS</td> <td>Key Strategy Leads</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assess the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review</td> <td>SCS Refresh Project Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Spring 2011</td> <td>SCS refresh project ends, and a revised SCS is published</td> <td>SCS Refresh Project Team</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAA Delivery Plan produced</td> <td>Policy & Performance, Haringey Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summer 2011 onwards</td> <td>Key strategies delivering the SCS will be updated on a rolling basis and the SCS will be updated accordingly.</td> <td>Key Strategy Leads</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We were advised that the HSP Executive had agreed to nominate individuals to sit on a Partnership Steering Group which would oversee the refresh of the SCS. This would be a task and finish group that met a set number of times and reported to the HSP Executive.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	Deadline	Action	Responsibility of:	Summer 2010	Review of existing SCS and audit of existing local knowledge	SCS Refresh Project Team	Autumn 2010	Consultation on several key strategies which underpin the SCS	Key Strategy Leads	Assess the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review	SCS Refresh Project Team	Spring 2011	SCS refresh project ends, and a revised SCS is published	SCS Refresh Project Team	LAA Delivery Plan produced	Policy & Performance, Haringey Council	Summer 2011 onwards	Key strategies delivering the SCS will be updated on a rolling basis and the SCS will be updated accordingly.	Key Strategy Leads	
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<p>HSP232.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 13)</p> <p>We noted that this would be the last meeting of the Conference attended by Wayne Longshaw, Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication) who would shortly be leaving the Council's service. We thanked Mr. Longshaw for his work on the HSP during his time with the Council.</p>																				
<p>HSP233.</p>	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS (Agenda Item 14)</p>																				

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	<p>We noted that the dates of future meetings of the Conference in the current year were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21 October 2010• 3 February 2011• 28 April 2011	
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The meeting ended at 19.50 hours

PAUL HEAD
(In the Chair)