

# MINUTES OF HARINGEY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Monday, 13 March 2006 at 18.30 Hrs.

## Members:

<b>Haringey Council</b>	*Cllr Charles Adje (Chair) *Cllr George Meehan Cllr Nilgun Canver Max Caller, Chief Executive, Haringey Council *Sharon Shoosmith (Director of the Children's Service, Haringey Council)
<b>Haringey TPCT</b>	*Sue Baker *Pam Constantinides *Helen Brown *Cllr Dr Viv Manheim
<b>CONEL</b>	*Paul Head
<b>Connexions</b>	*Lenny Kinnear
<b>Great Ormond Street Hospital</b>	Jane Collins
<b>Haringey Police</b>	Commander Simon O'Brien
<b>Haringey Probation</b>	Sean Walker
<b>Learning &amp; Skills Council</b>	*Philippa Langton
<b>Mental Health Trust/CAMHS</b>	Jane Lithgow
<b>Middlesex University</b>	Dr David Shemmings
<b>North Middlesex Hospital</b>	Clare Panniker
<b>Voluntary Sector HAVCO</b>	*Jim Shepley *Stanley Hui
<b>Whittington Hospital</b>	*Cllr Narendra Makanji David Sloman

## \* Members Present

## In attendance:

Claire Wright (Haringey TPCT), Maria Collins (Great Ormond Street Hospital) David Holmes, Jean Croot, Jan Doust, Patricia Walker and Rosie Dei-Boateng (LB Haringey).

### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Nilgun Canver and Commander Simon O'Brien.

### 2. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2006**

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The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2006 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING

It was enquired whether the letter to the Metropolitan Police Authority had been sent.

Cllr Adje informed the Board that the letter was still in draft form and had not yet been sent.

## 6. PLAY STRATEGY:

A presentation was made to the Board regarding the development of a Play Strategy . Members were informed that the Children's Act mentions play as an issue that should be dealt with in local authorities' Children's Plans. The GLA had also issued guidelines for local authorities' play strategies.

Members were informed that consultation had taken place with schools and with other partners. Children themselves had also been consulted. The Chair indicated a wish to see a list of the partners consulted.

Gaps in provision could be identified by a baseline audit, which members were advised had already commenced. Certain parts of the borough, mainly in the west, had notably more play space than the east of the borough.

Concern was expressed by councillors about cost implications of the play strategy recommendations. Cllr Meehan stated that Big Lottery Fund awards were likely to only cover capital expenditure rather than on-going costs.

Representatives from the TPCT mentioned that there was a need to deal with the play needs of children in hospital. The TPCT and hospitals had not been consulted on this.

### AGREED:

That the report be noted.

## 7. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2006-09

The Director of the Children's Service presented the final draft of the 2006-09 Children and Young People's Plan. She informed attendees the Council were under a statutory duty to introduce a three-year plan.

The TPCT commented that the plan had been a good example of joint working, as Council and TPCT staff had worked together on issues within it.

### AGREED:

That the report be noted.

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## **8. THE FUTURE PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES IN HARINGEY:**

It was agreed that this report be taken after Agenda Item 11.

A discussion paper was presented by the TPCT on the options for future provision of health services to children and young people in the borough. The options were:

1. Developing a separate primary care organisation to employ services (PMS or AMS)
2. Retaining the PCT has the employer of staff carrying out community health services for children.
3. Care to be managed and delivered through formal integrated arrangements with the London Borough of Haringey
4. Children's primary care services to be transferred to the North London Children's Partnership for Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The TCT informed members that following consultation with staff, employees said the preferred option for them was Option 4.

Members at the Board meeting expressed the view that Option 4 would be the option they would suggest as it would enable use to be made of the skills and specialities of Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The Board was informed that, having received feedback and considered the matter, the TPCT would be making a decision on the issue at its May board meeting.

## **9. JOINT AREA REVIEW**

The Director of Children's Service informed those present that a Joint Area Review was taking place. Inspectors would be looking at a variety of the services provided to children in Haringey. The final review would be published on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

The Director advised partners that contributions were needed from them as well. She asked that they consider the Joint Area Review at their own meetings.

She informed attendees that the wards that she expected the inspectors to focus on were Noel Park, Bruce Grove and Seven Sisters. She asked partners to suggest examples of where there is good practice and areas they would like the inspectors to see. It was mentioned that an example of good practice was speech and language therapy.

Inspectors would be examining case files to see joint working in the cases of looked-after children and of other cases handled by children's social services.

Officers informed the Board that they had spoken to colleagues in Enfield and Hounslow who had already gone through the inspection process.

### **AGREED:**

That the report be noted.

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## 10. INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL

The Deputy Director for Delivery and Performance introduced the draft information sharing protocol. He mentioned that there was already a general protocol on information-sharing, but that one needed to be developed for Children's Services in particular.

He advised members that the protocol needed examination by all partners to see that it met their needs. Information would be shared, under the protocol, on a 'need to know' basis.

### **AGREED:**

That the report be noted and that partners inform the Deputy Director of their views on the draft protocol.

## 11. WORKING TOWARDS A CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Director of the Children's Service made a presentation on the progress towards a Children's Trust. Engaging with front-line staff was mentioned as a priority for the Service.

She mentioned that work was being done on moving towards joint commissioning where appropriate. There was to be a half-day seminar on the topic, with local authority and TPCT representatives. Other partners were invited to attend if they had commissioning issues that they felt linked into the commissioning currently being undertaken by those two organisations.

HAVCO expressed concern that some voluntary sector organisations were not feeling that they were being consulted by the Council on issues of interest to them. The Chair stated that he hoped that, through HAVCO, voluntary sector organisations could be informed of issues being discussed by the Council and partners and feedback their opinions.

The Director mentioned the need for joint monitoring and reporting of performance. A paper would be presented to a future meeting of the Board on this topic.

### **AGREED:**

That the contents of the presentation be noted.

## 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Director of the Children's Service mentioned that there would be a press announcement on the launch of the Children & Young People's Plan on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am.

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Thanks were conveyed to David Holmes for his contribution to the Board and he was congratulated on his new job at the BAAF (British Association for Adoption and Fostering).

It was agreed that the new Chief Executive (Dr Ita O'Donovan) replace Max Caller as a representative on the Board.

Thanks were conveyed to Cllr Adje for his work as Chair of the Board this municipal year.

## **PROPOSED DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**19 June 2006 at 18:30hrs**

The meeting ended at 20:15hrs

**Councillor Charles Adje**  
**Chair**