

Haringey's Community Strategy 2007-2016 Update to the Better Places Partnership

The process to renew Haringey's community Strategy is underway. A conference for the HSP partners was held on 25th May. A number of key issues and priorities have emerged through this conference. These priorities will be subject to further discussion and agreement and consultation with residents and wider stakeholders. Alongside this there will be further consideration by the HSP and also within the partnership theme boards. The loose priorities and issues that have come forward from the conference are:

- Encouragement of active engagement, the development of social entrepreneurship and higher levels of social capital. Support volunteering and more positive images.
- Promote healthy living and focus on mental wellbeing - a *caring* borough as well as a better borough
- Develop a greater confidence in the borough, its people and its organisations
- A greater focus on Haringey *the place*
- Better transport and connectivity – across the borough and with other major areas of employment
- Tackle worklessness and build business and skill levels
- Raise educational attainment
- Reduce crime and the fear of crime – changing perceptions
- Raise the game for the partnership – meet the challenge of the LAA
- Better and more informed targeting of regeneration and priority neighbourhoods
- Focus on the environment and wider sustainability issues

These will obviously need to be refined and some such as crime and an emphasis on raising educational attainment are existing priorities that will need to be renewed. However the list does give a real sense of the key concerns of the Partnership.

Consultation with the Better Places Partnership

Consultation with Better Places (BPP) is planned to take place on 13th September and a separate meeting with the Community Engagement Forum can also be held. The consultation process for Better Places needs to focus on the priorities agreed for the BPP. However wider issues should be considered for example citizen engagement and worklessness. It is proposed that the BPP put forward

- Priorities
- Issues
- Proposals for activity – getting the partnership to deliver the priorities

It should be noted that a separate but related process around the *Local Area Agreements* is taking place alongside the development of the Community Strategy. Partners must consider their activity and use of resources in relation to achieving significant improvement in the following areas:

- **Safer & Stronger Communities** – this includes local empowerment, cleaner and greener spaces, improved quality of life and liveability, open space, recycling, climate change and to narrow the gap for those areas in receipt of NRF
- **Children and young people**
- **Healthier communities and older people**
- **Economic development**

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