

## **Better Places Partnership - Terms of Reference**

### **Aim**

“Lead the delivery of cleaner, safer and greener public spaces and improvement of the quality of the built environment in deprived areas and across the borough, with measurable improvement by 2008.”

### **Rationale**

The Better Places Partnership (BPP) is a strategic body forming part of the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP). Together with other thematic partnerships, the BPP will help deliver the priorities set out in the Community and Neighbourhood Renewal Strategies. The BPP will be primarily responsible for the above overarching aim and it's own priorities outlined below.

### **Community Strategy Priorities**

- Improve Services
- Narrow the Gap
- Safer Communities
- A Better Environment
- Education

### **Better Places Partnership Objectives**

1. Cleaner & greener Haringey
2. Improving homes
3. Better & safer local transport and reduced traffic congestion
4. Enabling environmental sustainability
5. Better opportunities for sports & leisure
6. A quality built environment

### **Objectives**

1. To develop strategic partnership activity for the borough, focusing on the priorities for the BPP shown above (subject to agreement), together with any other appropriate issues.
2. The activities of the BPP and the associated working groups will be geared to achieving the agreed objectives. These priorities will largely determine the business of these groups.
3. To oversee the performance management of strategic local targets for this theme, including those that set the local contribution to achieving national or regional targets such as floor targets. To provide a strategic review of progress around these targets and recommend improvements that will help ensure their achievement.
4. To advise the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) on the above issues where they are part of the responsibilities of the HSP, such as the Community Strategy, NRF Strategy and programme and any other relevant strategic partnership matters that may arise.
5. To add value and ensure a joined up approach supported by the wider community through partnership working.

6. Work in partnership to shape the delivery of services with a customer focus.

## **Operational Protocols**

### **Membership**

1. The membership of the BPP will be agreed at the first meeting and reviewed periodically and when ever the need may arise. See appendix 1 for a suggested/draft list.
2. The BPP will select a member to represent the BPP at the main Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) board who will be responsible for feeding back to the BPP on the work of the HSP and leading on (with support) any BPP items to the HSP.
3. Members of the partnership will communicate to their respective organisations, decisions made by the BPP and ensure where possible that these decisions are reflected in their business planning process.
4. The activity of the Working Groups sitting under the Better Places Partnership will be regularly shared at agreed meetings with the Community Engagement Forum. The views of the Community Engagement Forum will be sought. The meetings will be seen as an opportunity for the Forum to influence activity within the bounds of the agreed priorities. The frequency of these meetings will be agreed directly with the Community Engagement Forum.
5. 3 Members of the Community Engagement forum will sit on the BPP. This will include representation from both HarCEN and the Community Engagement Forum. (This is subject to further discussion with the Forum and HarCEN).
6. Members of the Partnership will also communicate relevant business of the BPP to wider stakeholders, seeking, where necessary, views on decisions and activity.
7. Members will work in the spirit of partnership and be the ambassadors of BPP and HSP in Haringey and contribute to the wider role of the LSP.

### **Meetings**

1. The BPP will meet at least four times a year between April to March.
2. Each meeting will have a particular focus with additional officer support and partners invited as necessary
3. Sub-group and special meetings (including meetings with the Community Engagement Forum) will be organised on a regular and on-going basis with timings and frequencies to be agreed. (See **Membership** item 4. above).
4. The HSP will be a standing agenda item to enable the BPP to receive feedback from the HSP main board and to agree items that need to be feed into the next HSP meeting.
5. The agendas, papers and notes of the BPP meetings will be made available to members of the public after proceedings when requested.

## **Decision Making**

1. Decisions will be made on the basis of consensus.
2. Observers are not part of the partnerships decision making process.
3. To make decisions meetings must be quorate. A quorum will be 5 members.
4. Any conflicts between partners or members will be resolved through discussion and negotiation.

## Appendix 1 - Suggested Membership Draft

The representation of the BPP respect of the number of seats each organisation has is indicated in this list in the first column by the number of times each agency is listed for that particular agency.

AGENCY	REPRESENTATIVE
<b>Haringey Council</b>	<b>Cllr. Brian Haley</b> Executive Member for Environment & Conservation
<b>Haringey Council</b>	<b>Andrew Ttravers</b> Interim Director of Environmental Services, Haringey Council
<b>Haringey Council</b>	<b>Cllr. Lorna Reith</b> Executive Member for Community Involvement
<b>Haringey Fire Service</b>	<b>John Brown</b> Borough Commander
<b>Haringey Metropolitan Police Service</b>	<b>Paul Hand</b>
<b>Environment Agency</b>	<b>Di Holba</b> External Relations Officer
<b>Lee Valley Regional Authority</b>	<b>David Anstey</b> Director of Regeneration
<b>London Remade</b>	<b>Ellen Struthers</b> Project Manager
<b>Registered Social Landlords</b>	<b>Andrew Billaney</b> Chief Executive, Hornsey housing Trust
<b>New Deal for Communities (NDC)</b>	<b>Symon Sentaine</b> Programme Director
<b>Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust</b>	<b>Dr. Ann-Marie Connolly</b> Director of Public Health
<b>Mobility Forum</b>	<b>Pamela Moffat</b> Mobility Forum Chairman
<b>Transport for London</b>	<b>Pat Hayes</b>
<b>Thames Water</b>	<b>Jill Sterry</b> Community liaison Executive
<b>English Nature</b>	<b>Judith Hanna</b>

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM (CEF) REPRESENTATIVES**  
**(3 places – taken from list below and decided by the CEF)**

<b>CEF REP.</b> (Local Agenda 21)	<b>Phil England</b> CEF Secretary
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Haringey Federation of Residents Associations)	<b>Dave Morris</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Local Agenda 21)	<b>Philip Dale</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Friends of Parks)	<b>Cheri Williams</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Local Agenda 21)	<b>Ruth Tod</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Haringey Federation of Residents Associations)	<b>Ibilola Campbell</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Friends of Parks)	<b>Catherine Stenzl</b>
<b>CEF REP.</b> (Haringey Federation of Residents Associations)	<b>Bob Maltz</b>