

Discussions regarding reductions (In chronological order by date)

Extracts taken from either minutes of meetings or papers.

DATE	MEETING	ITEM/EXTRACT FROM MINUTES/DISCUSSION
Thursday, 10 June 2010	Haringey Well-Being Partnership Board (HSP) Representations: Community Link Forum HAVCO Haringey Council NHS Haringey Metropolitan Police BEH Mental Health Trust	<p>Local Government Funding Cuts (<i>This item was added to the agenda as a new item of Urgent Business under agenda Item 2</i>) (ITEM OBHC207)</p> <p>The Board discussed how the cuts would impact on services and the need to establish a process to review the projects funded and where cuts could be made. It was noted that the report tabled provided a blunt analysis of the statutory and non statutory services funded from the ABG; however, there was agreement that, whilst this provided a useful tool to demonstrate the severity of the cuts, what was really required moving forward was an assessment of the impact that this level of cuts would have upon Health Inequalities.</p> <p>It was noted that the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) was likely to be significantly effected by cuts to the ABG and the Assistant Director Safeguarding and Strategic Services suggested that a meeting should be arranged during the next week between herself, the Interim Director of Public Health, the Head of Governance and Partnerships, ACCS and the Chief Executive of HAVCO, to discuss the cuts and how the Council and VCS could work together to address this.</p> <p>Comprehensive Overview – Financial Planning/Challenges 2010/11 (ITEM OBHC208) In response to concerns raised around the loss of VCS funding and services the Chair noted that both she and the Council's Cabinet recognised and valued the importance of the VCS; however, the extensive level of cuts anticipated meant that all organisations, including those from the VCS, would need to demonstrate value for money. It was noted that there would need to be an overview of all of the services delivered in light of funding cuts and it was suggested that as part of this the VCS should be invited to look at areas where it felt it may also be able to deliver efficiencies.</p>
Friday, 11 June 2010	HSP Business Group Representations: HAVCO Haringey Council Metropolitan Police Community Link Forum	<p>Area Based Grant - Review Of Spending Commitments (ITEM HSP06) The level of Area Based Grant (ABG) received by the Council had been reduced by £3.3M. To put this in context, of the overall ABG funding received by the Council of £43M, £32M was comprised of several grants, including the Supporting People budget, were allocated for statutory services. A paper was tabled that set out an indicative amount, based on the current allocation, that each of the Thematic Boards would now receive following the £3.3M reduction. This had been determined on the basis that each Board's funding would be reduced proportionately in line with the figures previously agreed. A further paper was tabled setting out what could be decommissioned at present in terms of projects funded by the</p>

		<p>ABG and an assessment of the likely impact upon LAA targets. Views were sought from the group as to whether the initial methodology used was acceptable and there was a general consensus that this had formed a good starting point; however it did not pick up cross cutting issues and how the impact of the decommissioning by one Thematic Board may affect another.</p>
Monday, 21 June 2010	<p>HSP Business Group</p> <p>Representations: HAVCO Haringey Council Metropolitan Police Community Link Forum</p>	<p>Area Based Grant Reductions 2010/11 (ITEM HSP12)</p> <p>The group resumed discussion with respect to the funding cut to the Area Based Grant (ABG) announced by the Government on 10 June and a report was tabled that reflected discussions to date with Theme Board leads regarding how savings could be achieved by each Board.</p> <p>It was clarified that information presented at the Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board on 10 June had been based on the assumption that 30% of the total ABG would be lost and that each Thematic Board would need to achieve this level of savings. It had subsequently become clear that the in year reduction to the ABG would not be as high as this and therefore the savings required were not as drastic as originally anticipated. In response to a query it was noted that the VCS would have the opportunity to influence decisions made with respect to funding; however, there was a very tight timescale in place around the decisions being with respect to the in year savings required. This was recognised by the Council and measures had been taken to limit the impact of the initial savings upon the VCS.</p> <p>In terms of the decommissioning and advising the relevant providers the ACE PPP&C advised that letters should be sent out by 30 June 2010 in order to meet the end of the first quarter and to give a three month period of notice.</p>
Tuesday, 22 June 2010	<p>ABG Reduction Impact & Planning Meeting</p> <p>Representations: HAVCO NHS Haringey Haringey Council BME Carers Asian Carers Centre Open Door Haringey CAB Mind in Haringey MHSCA Crucial Steps AGE Concern PHASCA ACLC HAGA</p>	<p>Budget Meeting with Voluntary and Community Sector providers and Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £667,000 reduction in the Wellbeing theme ABG to be made within the year. Approximately £20,000 of this will be on discretionary services. However, it was noted that some VCS groups are also funded through other segments of ABG or via other funding streams, and the impact of this is not yet known. • There is recognition of what reductions to VCS services would mean. Beyond ending services, the potential loss of jobs and of volunteering opportunities was noted. • VCS Organisations must plan and prepare for deep cuts over the next 3 – 4 years. It was suggested that worse-case scenario exercises are carried out by VCS agencies. • Statutory funders need to look at value for money and what difference projects and services have made to users, when looking at continuing or cutting funding. • The impact of funding reductions was discussed in some detail, and examples of mitigating actions were shared, e.g. a funding reduction affecting an agency's premises might be lessened through co-locating with another service provider to share premises and costs. The Council should also be open to considering this and other examples of cost-reduction measures, so that wherever possible, services can be maintained. • The meeting noted that reduced funding for service delivery may be compounded if other costs (building rents etc) were increased, and representatives asked that the Council try to avoid such increases. MA agreed to feed these comments back to the Director ACCS, the Cabinet Member and the Chief Executive.

Thursday, 8th July, 2010 6.00 pm	<p>Standing Leadership Conference (HSP)</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council NHS Haringey BEH Mental Health Trust Metropolitan Police London Fire Brigade Job Centre Plus Homes for Haringey Community Link Forum HAVCO</p>	<p>Financial Outlook (Agenda Item 10 HSP230)</p> <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>
Friday, 23 July 2010	<p>Haringey Carers Partnership Board</p> <p>Representations: Mental Health Carers Support Association Asian Carers Support Group Black & Minority Ethnic Carers Support Service Haringey Council Carers</p>	<p>AOB - ABG funding (Item 8)</p> <p>The Chair gave the Board an update on the state of play regarding Area Based Grant (ABG) funding. The Chair explained that a number of grants had been cut and that there may be future cuts in October as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review conducted by Central Government. The Chair was unable to give a clear picture on what the cuts mean for Haringey as the size of the problem is still being looked at as our solutions on what we can do. Once it is clearer the information will be shared. There is a £59 million net budget for Adult Services that will be subject to budgetary savings over the next three years following the new government's programme of cuts to public sector spending plus the cut on grants. The focus is on protecting frontline services – work will be done on stripping out any unnecessary administrative and IT functions etc. within the Council and working more closely with voluntary and corporate sector and reduce any duplication of services across all public sector agencies. The key message will be what to we have to provide, what are our priorities and making sure that we do those well. The Chair made it clear that the cuts are being imposed upon the Council by Central Government and not by the local authority.</p> <p>The Chair reiterated that we (the Board) have to ensure that care services are protected and priorities are maintained and delivered. There is some duplication across the ABG projects – we all need to work together across the Council, NHS Haringey, and the voluntary and community sector to make the lives of carers better and even though dealing with such budget cuts is never easy this is an opportunity to review our priorities and work more closely together to get the best services for Haringey's carers.</p>
Friday, 30 July 2010	<p>VCS – Council Funding</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council PHASCA Asian Carers Support</p>	<p>VCS – Council Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to the WBPB meeting held on the 10th June re: cuts to ABG, a voluntary sector / council meeting took place on the 22nd June. Main discussion point related to concerns and impact of reductions and the need to put in place mitigating plans. • Proposals on funding reductions went to CAB on the 24th June 2010 and on to Cabinet on the 13th July 2010. • Sustainable Community Strategy is currently being refreshed; until CSR is announced in October, unable to

	<p>Group Mind in Haringey AGE Concern HAVCO Crucial Steps African Consortium Catch 22</p>	<p>establish possible implications of any/further ABG reduction. Worse case scenario is to de-commission and re-commission projects/initiatives/etc., and link priorities/strategies to SCS</p>
<p>Wednesday, 11 August 2010</p>	<p>Council and Voluntary Sector Partnership Group</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council AGE Concern HAVCO Tulip Mental Health Group</p>	<p>Agenda Item 7 – Spending Cuts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABG cuts to be formally announced 20th October 2010 – currently modelling on what ‘may be’. • Plans for cuts of 25% of overall budget for four years – could be up to 40%. Current Council plans for around £60m cuts over the next three years, equating to 25% on non-controllable budgets, mainly through its workforce and ABG. • Although no firm decisions have been taken, there is an expectation that grants, commissioning and voluntary sector budgets will be cut • Current services will be reviewed against new priorities and discussed with Cllr Dogus – any changes will be transparently undertaken. The current services will be reviewed re the eligibility for core grant against new priorities. • The Council was unable to provide definitive information to the voluntary sector until formal ratification of budget cuts/proposals.
<p>Thursday, 30 September 2010</p>	<p>VCS Personalisation Steering Group</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council AGE Concern HAVCO Tulip Mental Health Group BME Carers MIND In Haringey HAGA One Support</p>	<p>Item 4 Section 4.6 Matters Arising</p> <p>The Area Based Grant could be cut in its entirety, which would include the Supporting People funding.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 5th October, 2010 7.00 pm</p>	<p>Haringey Well-Being Partnership Board (HSP)</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council</p>	<p>Financial Planning / Challenges 2010/11 (Item WB005)</p> <p>The Board received a report on the funding cuts and financial challenges facing Public Sector organisations.</p> <p>Voluntary Sector Review</p> <p>Haringey Council values the contribution and role of the third sector in terms of service delivery and currently spends c£18 million through a combination of grants and commissioned projects. In the current financial climate the</p>

	<p>Community Link Forum HAVCO BEH Mental Health Trust NHS Haringey College of NE London</p>	<p>Council has to review all funding with the objective of maximising the outcomes that can be achieved for our communities. The Council wants to ensure that funding provided to the sector is appropriately targeted given the new financial position and that we are maximising outcomes which promote sustainable communities, self reliant individuals, early intervention and prevention, and other outcomes that will enable the Council's resources to achieve 'more for less'. The Council is also concerned to ensure that we are making the full use of the voluntary and community sector in Haringey in ensuring that we support our communities.</p> <p>The aim of this review (led by Cllr Dogus) is to ensure Haringey's spend is aligned to the core council and NHS Haringey strategic priorities and Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) priorities and that the projects offer value for money and there is also a need to minimise possible duplication in projects and in funding streams.</p>
<p>Thursday, 21 October, 2010 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Standing Leadership Conference (HSP)</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council Metropolitan Police London Fire Brigade Job Centre Plus Homes for Haringey Community Link Forum HAVCO</p>	<p>As part of the Thematic board Update (Agenda item 8) The Board received a report on the financial situation facing the Local Authority, NHS Haringey and other Public Sector organisations. Over the next 3 years there will be significant challenges to the funding of the public sector in Haringey and there will be a need to fundamentally re-evaluate all aspects of the way in which the statutory and third sector organisations work. The financial implications will become clearer once the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) is announced</p> <p>Comprehensive Spending Review (ITEM HSP241)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation was given setting out the headlines from the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) announced on 20 October 2010. • Local Authorities to face an average loss of revenue of 7.25% in each of the next four years • Area Based Grant (ABG) to be abolished in its existing form • Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) to be abolished as of March 2011 • The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services noted that it would be essential for the partnership to map the reductions hitting the Public Sector as a whole. • Effective partnership working would become more important moving forward in order to make the best use of the resources available and to mitigate the impact of cuts upon local services. • It was noted VCS organisations and other partners utilised the knowledge of officers within the Council's Policy and Performance Team.
<p>Friday, 12 November 2010</p>	<p>HSP Business Group</p> <p>Representations: NHS Haringey Haringey Council Community Link Forum HAVCO Metropolitan Police</p>	<p>HSP Priority Setting And Resourcing 2011/12 (ITEM 5) AD of Adults Services is briefing CVS regarding future allocations and funding implications. Met with Naeem (HAVCO) and Leader to discuss the current situation. HAVCO are hoping to meet with 80 voluntary and community groups in January and February. This could be an opportunity to have this discussion. PP also mentioned that the HAVCO website newsletter could be a way of keeping groups updated. AD of Adults Services also mentioned that there are a number of opportunities through ACCS for directorates to raise discussions with the VCS.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 16 November</p>	<p>VCS Personalisation Steering Group</p>	<p>AOB Budget The budget situation is bleak. There had been a meeting with Cllr Kober, Naeem and herself. The full position will</p>

2010	Representations: Haringey Council HAVCO Tulip Mental Health Group BME Carers MIND In Haringey HAGA One Support	not be known until December. LR has made her recommendations to Cllrs and it will be up to them to make final decisions
Monday, 22 November 2010	Haringey Carers Partnership Board Representations: Haringey Council BEH Mental Health Trust Carers MHCSA DAAT	AOB - Funding (Item 8) Lisa Redfern informed the Board that NHS Haringey has to manage a deficit, and both the Council's and NHS Haringey efficiency savings will have an impact on the voluntary and community sector. The potential impact is unprecedented and has not been seen before in local government
Wednesday, 22 December 2010	Adult Social Care Service Consultation 2011	Letters to <u>all</u> partner agencies, including the VS Adult Social Care – Public Consultation: http://www.haringey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation (Fact sheet: http://www.haringey.gov.uk/adult_social_care_consultation_fact_sheet.pdf)
Wednesday, 5 January 2011	Meeting between Naeem Sheikh (HAVCO) and Lisa Redfern (Haringey Council)	Discussed budget situation and future challenges. Current services will be reviewed against new priorities. Meeting was purposeful and meaningful.
Tuesday, 11 January 2011	VCS Personalisation Steering Group Representations: Haringey Council Tulip Mental Health Group BME Carers	How can the Group Progress (Item 7) £6.2m savings in ADS is bleak and that funding would not be like for like. Individuals will need real options from the new personalised services.

	<p>MIND in Haringey Council HAGA One Support HAIL HAVCO</p>	
<p>Tuesday, 11 January 2011</p>	<p>Haringey Well-Being Partnership Board (HSP)</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council Community Link Forum HAVCO BEH Mental Health Trust NHS Haringey College of NE London</p>	<p>Future Challenges and Impact following Comprehensive Spending Review Announcement Reductions to the Area Based Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In mid 2010, the Coalition Government required an in year saving resulting in the Well-being Partnership allocation being reduced from £5.1million to £4.6 million. • In the Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 it was confirmed that the Area Based Grant will be abolished from April 2011. This has significant implications for the Council as well as health and voluntary sector partners, although this has yet to be quantified through the Council's budget setting process, and will be confirmed in the New Year. • The Council is working to ensure that the voluntary sector is protected as much as possible; however there will inevitably be a reduction in overall funding. Commissioning of services provided by the voluntary sector through what was the area based grant will be delivered through the Voluntary Sector Strategy, and its commissioning and funding framework. • It is inevitable that there will be less funding available for the voluntary sector due to local authority cuts and reduction in grant aid. Micro or small organisations with incomes of less than £10,000pa are likely to be particularly hard hit by the reduced funding.
<p>Wednesday, 12 January 2011</p>	<p>Meeting with members of LINK and Lisa Redfern & Barbara Nicholls (Haringey Council)</p>	<p>Update on the AS savings and how they are being implemented and managed</p>
<p>Thursday, 13 January 2011</p>	<p>Haringey Mental Health Partnership Board</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council Carer - MHCSA Metropolitan Police Stretch Polar Bear Community Patients Council</p>	<p>Budget Savings Impact & Potential Service Impact (Item 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Redfern outlined the potential impact to services in Haringey. The proposals for budget savings as imposed on the Local Authority by Central Government include cuts to Adult Services which are directly provided by Haringey Council. • Government cuts to the money we receive to fund local services mean that substantial cuts are being made to Haringey Council's budget. This is having an impact on services across the Council. • A number of cuts are being proposed and adult social care services is one of the services potentially affected – a service used by you, a member of your family or the person you care for. • Just to be clear, there is no change to Haringey's eligibility criteria to access adult social care services, so if a vulnerable adult is assessed as needing services s/he will continue to receive services.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are committed to involving users of services, relatives and carers at the centre of decision making about the care you or your loved one receives and to provide services according to changing needs. As someone directly affected by the proposed changes, we are writing to tell you about the formal public consultation we are holding about the proposed cuts. The proposed savings in terms of Adult Mental Health Services are the proposed closure of Alexandra Road (also funded by NHS Haringey who are also considering withdrawing funds and the 684 Day Opportunities Centre which also receives funding from NHS Haringey), and which NHS Haringey are considering withdrawing funding from as part of their budget savings. For further information, please see the attached Adult Social Care Service Consultation 2011 fact sheet and click on the following link: www.haringey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation
Wednesday, 19 January 2011	<p>Haringey Carers Partnership Board</p> <p>Representations: Haringey Council DAAT Carers BME Carers Support Service Asian Carers Support Group PALs – Whittington Hospital</p>	<p>AOB – Council Budget (Item 10) Discussed proposed budget cuts. Key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council needs to save £46M over the next two years and a total of £80M (including the £46) over the next 4 years. Significant cuts across the Council, £6.2M from Adult Social Care. Information letters have been sent to partner organisations, service users, family, and carers. Information sessions have been held and formal consultation will begin from 31 January and will last for 90 days. Proposals include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting all drop-in centres for older people - Abyssinia Court, The Irish Centre, Willoughby Road and Woodside House. Closing 3 older people residential care homes – The Red House, Cranwood and Broadwater Lodge Closing 2 day centres for older people – Woodside Day Centre and The Haven Closing Whitehall St (learning disability service) Closing Alexandra Road Crisis Unit and 684 Centre (both mental health services) Lisa Redfern emphasised that none of these cuts are what the Council wants to do; all the services are very good quality services and are rated as good by the Care Quality Commission - proposed closures have nothing to do with the quality of services. Each directorate of the Council has to make cuts and proposals. Elected members will consider the cuts around June. If service users continue to be eligible they will receive a service, but the planning and buying of services will be different – not provided by the Council directly, but by the independent sector. Haringey has performed top in London for the quality of its residential care services that it commissions and has performed in the top quartile nationally for the last two years for all the residential and community services that it commissions. Osborne Grove Nursing Home is not being closed.
Monday, 24	Autistic Spectrum	AOB Budget Update

January 2011	Disorder Group Representations: Haringey Council Haringey Autism Members Parent/Carers Haringey Federation of Residents Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed and reviewed salient points letters sent out on 22nd December 2010 with regards to budget cuts; • Lisa Redfern provided a summary on how the cuts will impact on adult social care services and how the provision of services will change. There is a proposed closure of Whitehall Street; • The formal consultation begins on 31st January 2011; • Lisa also outlined the Council's overall position and the proposals made in order to achieve the required savings and Council restructure over the next 3-4 years; • Lisa provided a brief summary of how the Area Based Grant (ABG) worked and how this has now been reduced and packaged as part of our Spending Review Agreement; • Lisa outlined the administrative and management cuts being made in the Council; • Lisa outlined the proposal to close the existing in-house Homecare Service and replace this service with a newly developed, more robust Reablement Service.
Tuesday, 25 January 2011	Residents and Relatives Council (facilitated by Haringey LINK) Representations: Haringey Council LINK chair and staff Residents Carers	The impact of Local Authority Budget cuts (Item 6): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Len Weir stated that the level of the proposed budgets cuts was severe, and included proposals to close three of the four council run care homes (Cranwood, Red House and Broadwater Lodge). • Very detailed consultation will begin at the end of January, over the next three months, and dates for meetings will be circulated to all residents and relatives in the near future • The process will also include discussions, questionnaires and comments by interested organisations (e.g. Age Concern/Age UK and LINK). • Formal consultation meetings will take place and will be minuted. The outcome of all the meetings will be fed back to Members to assist them in their decision making