

**Well-Being Partnership Theme Board**

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**Report Title:** Update from Supporting People Partnership Board

**Report of:** Chair, Julian Higson – Head of Housing

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**Summary**

To update Well-being Partnership Theme Board on Supporting People Partnership Board's progress in Implementing the Supporting People Year Strategy 2005 - 2010.

**Recommendations**

That the Well-being Partnership note progress and key issues.

To note the agreement of the 2006/07 Supporting People Annual Plan

To Note the completion of the Supporting People Service Reviews

To note the agreement of the revised Memorandum of Understanding, governing Haringey's Supporting People Programme, between the Council, London Probation and Haringey NHS Teaching Primary Care Trust and to note the change in the SP Commissioning Body's name to Supporting People Partnership Board

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## **UPDATE**

### **Background to the current Supporting People Five Year Strategy**

In March 2005 Haringey Council, London Probation and Haringey NHS TPCT agreed Haringey's Supporting People Five Year Strategy.

The strategy was originally approved by the Health and Social Care Partnership Executive (HSCPE - now wound up) in its role as the Supporting People Commissioning Body and it was also approved by the Council's Executive on the 23 March 2005.

It is a Government statutory requirement that a Commissioning Body is in place to develop, agree and implement a Supporting People five year strategy and that the local (administering) Council, NHS PCT and Probation are the only agencies that can exercise a vote on this body.

The Board should note that in July last year the Council, NHS TPCT and London Probation agreed that the SP Executive Management Board would temporarily assume the Commissioning Body role after the winding up of the HSCPE.

However, the strategy received wide consultation involving over 160 local organisations; consultation with other partnership bodies within Haringey's Strategic Partnership and extensive consultation with users of Supporting People services and the organisations that represent them.

A 'Key Facts' Summary of the Strategy is attached as Appendix A for the Board's information (attached).

### **Supporting People Annual Plan for 2006/7**

It is also a Government statutory requirement that the SP Commissioning Body agree an Annual Plan that sets out the following:

- the levels of Supporting People expenditure proposed for each vulnerable client group, details of any funding changes and details of high cost investments
- proposed changes in the Supporting People Five Year Strategy and description of consultation around these changes
- actions that the Commissioning Body propose to take to further implement the Five Year Strategy

The Annual Plan requires the agreement of all the voting partners on the Commissioning Body

Haringey's Annual Plan for 2006/07 was agreed by the Supporting People Executive Management Board at its meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 06 after extensive consultation with all stakeholders

Appendix B provides a summary of achievements against the plan for the Board's information (available upon request).

### **Service Reviews**

The review of all 153 support service funded by the programme have been completed and reported on to the Supporting People Executive Management Board, in line with Government statutory requirements

A summary of the key findings for each vulnerable client group will shortly be available on Haringey Council's website

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

London Probation, Haringey NHS TPCT and Haringey Council have agreed a new Memorandum of Understanding that will govern how key Supporting People decisions will be made. As mentioned already this is a Government statutory requirement.

This provides for a new SP Partnership Board, which will have the following membership:

- Assistant Director for Social Services Business Improvement (Accountable Officer)
- Haringey Council's Head of Housing
- Haringey Council's Principle Equalities Officer
- Deputy Director for Children and Families
- The Head of the Community Safety Unit
- The London Probation Service's Area Housing Manager
- Haringey NHS TPCT's Director for Strategy
- The Head of the Learning Disability Partnership
- The Joint Head of Mental Health Commissioning
- Chair of Haringey's Supporting People Provider Forum
- The Chief Executive of HAVCO (voluntary sector)

2 representatives for Haringey's SP Service User Steering Group

The Head of Housing will chair the SP Partnership Board (to be reviewed annually)

However, again in line with Government requirements, only the Head of Housing, the TPCT's Director for Strategy and the Area Development Manager for London Probation will have voting rights (one equal vote) and they shall form an inner SP Executive. The decisions of the Executive will be binding on the SP Partnership Board. The memorandum also includes a Dispute Resolution process.

A copy of the memorandum is available by calling the Supporting People Team on 0208 489 3316 or by e-mailing on [supporting.people@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:supporting.people@haringey.gov.uk) – It will also shortly be available on Haringey's website.

#### Initial Outcome of the Government's Consultation on the National Supporting People Strategy and Funding Formula

Essentially the Consultation has concluded that the ring fences on the programme should remain and there are strong calls to give Supporting People it's own statutory framework. However, the Government are likely to continue to pursue the inclusion of the programme in the Local Area Agreement Framework.

No final view has emerged from the Government on the future funding formula and it has stated that it wants to further analysis the evidence and responses. However, most respondents were against a re-distributive formula and early indications are that the Government are unlikely to go ahead with the current proposed arrangement. Haringey could potentially lose up to £10 million per annum under this formula and so this could potentially be good news.

However, the Government have used it again to inform 2007/08 allocations and this has resulted in a 2% reduction in Haringey's grant from £21.7 million to £21.3, which would be an actual overspend in next year. The SP PB will be reviewing the five year strategy and risks at it's next meeting in Sept 06, in light of next years funding announcement.