

Haringey Strategic Partnership

Special meeting

18th September 2006

Subject: Update on the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-16

1. Purpose

1.1 To update the HSP on the development of the sustainable community strategy, particularly the consultation process.

2. Summary

The Have your Say prize draw postcard campaign closed on 25th August. Early analysis reveals that the majority of respondents believe that Haringey's diversity and cultural mix are one of the best things about living in Haringey and that crime and bad behaviour are their greatest concerns. Other newer themes emerging are the desire to increase prosperity, to build on the borough's dynamism and tackle issues such as air quality.

The consultation with the Partnership's thematic boards and at the borough's Area Assemblies has now commenced. The HSP will be meeting to consider the consultation and the wider drivers and imperatives for the Sustainable Community Strategy at the next HSP meeting on 16th October. This will be a specially facilitated meeting. The meeting will be designed to elicit collaborative but clear and appropriate decision making around the direction and priorities that are to be included in the draft of the sustainable community strategy.

3. Recommendations

2.1. To note the report

4. Background Information

4.1 Further information on the development of Haringey's next Community Strategy and the policy context can be obtained from Janice Robinson, Principal Policy Officer, LB Haringey, Strategy Service. 020 8489 2613 janice.robinson@haringey.gov.uk

5. Update

5.1 Analysis of consultation undertaken so far

The Partnership held a conference at the end of May to consider the development of the next community strategy. Following this the Partnership went out to consultation on the next sustainable community strategy. Whilst the consultation continues through the autumn, the main public consultation campaign ended on 25th August. Consultation so far reveals:

In response to the question what are the good things about living in Haringey?

- A majority of respondents believe that the borough's cultural and ethnic mix and diversity is one of the best things about living in Haringey. Other 'good things' are

- The parks and open spaces
- The retail experience
- Good transport links and the proximity to central London
- The number of and vitality of cultural/arts events and the boroughs heritage

The good things are” the local shops, restaurants, diversity of cultures and good parks”

In response to the question what three things do you think would make Haringey an even better place to live?

Many respondents listed

- Lower crime, additional policing and safety measures are overwhelming themes

Other issues include

- More jobs and provision for youth
- A cleaner and tidier borough
- Improved recycling
- Less and paradoxically more parking control

In response to the question what concerns do you have?

- A majority of the respondents have concerns about crime. There are also concerns about anti social behaviour and cleanliness.

The concerns are “crime” ...”drugs” ... “guns and knives” “dirt” ... “rubbish”

However, many respondents believe that the borough has improved and they want that improvement to continue - particularly around cleanliness and education.

- Other major themes arising from this public consultation are
 - A desire for greater prosperity and economic vitality
 - That there is a need to develop the borough’s latent potential and distinctiveness
 - Better and improved transport
 - To improve life chances – especially for young people
 - To continue to improve cleanliness
 - A need to tackle wider environmental concerns such as air quality
 - A desire to create greater opportunity for involvement and raise peoples sense of social responsibility
 - The need for value for money public services

In response to the question “what should Haringey look like in 10 years time?”

- For a majority of respondents, once again crime is the major theme. Overwhelmingly peoples’ vision for the borough in 10 years time is that it should be safe, peaceful – ***“a comfortable place to live.”***
- However, there are further dominant themes around
 - Diversity and dynamism
 - Prosperity and less poverty

- A desire for improved shopping,
- An aspirational shift – the borough should be better, “***the borough should be like Hampstead***”
- A cleaner and more attractive borough
- Better schools
- An environmentally friendly borough
- A good and more responsible community

The Partnership will look at the results of the consultation alongside other key drivers and imperatives at a special meeting in October 2006. This meeting will set the priorities and vision for the Sustainable Community Strategy.

From the consultation results so far, coupled with the wider contextual evidence and other relevant intelligence at the disposal of the Partnership, it would appear that there will be no abrupt change in the direction of Haringey’s next community strategy. The focus on crime and the environment, service improvement, value for money and educational attainment will continue. However, there will be changes in emphases and fresh themes emerging to meet the new challenges we face. These will include

- increase resident engagement, raise levels of social capital and to encourage social cohesion
- deliver the conditions necessary to create greater prosperity, opportunity and economic vitality.
- Address sustainability and climate change

5 Conclusions

The consultation around the community strategy is continuing as this update is being written. Whilst we cannot second guess the eventual outcome of this consultation, the general direction of the consultation has been apparent for weeks and this has been outlined above. A more detailed analysis will be available at the next HSP meeting.

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