

Haringey Strategic Partnership

18th September 2006

Draft Local Area Agreement

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To sign off the first draft of the Haringey Local Area Agreement for submission to GOL on the 29th September 2006.

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The LAA has been developed through the Council Block Leads working with thematic partnerships and overseen by the LAA Partnership Group on behalf of the HSP.
- 2.2 This report provides a summary of the key aspects of the LAA and the full first draft can be found in the attached documents.
- 2.3 There are four overarching themes being proposed for the Haringey LAA. These are economic vitality and prosperity, a focus on young people aged 14-24 and targeting areas and communities to tackle deprivation, increasing community participation. Another theme on health is yet to be discussed.
- 2.4 Currently, in the mandatory outcomes framework there are more than 50% of indicators which are baselined and accompanied by three year targets. It is anticipated that gaps in this information will be addressed in the second draft of the LAA due for submission in December. This applies in particular to the perception indicators which will be informed by the Mori Survey results available in December.
- 2.5 A number of optional indicators have been identified by the thematic partnerships to ensure that the LAA includes local priorities. Where these are not currently being funded through the nationally pooled funding streams then partners have identified, where appropriate, existing funding streams that will be aligned to deliver these targets.
- 2.6 For the reward element, 18 targets are being put forward for negotiation with government departments. However, early feedback from GOL suggests that some of these may represent only one element of a target. This will be clarified through the negotiation process. The anticipation is that only 12 stretch targets will be agreed in the final LAA.
- 2.7 The Haringey LAA includes a number of enabling measures (freedoms and flexibilities) which are being requested from government departments. These have been identified as part of the development of the LAA.

2.8 Any amendments suggested by the HSP will be included before the submission to GOL on the 29th September.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 That the HSP comment on and agree the draft LAA including the overarching themes, stretch targets and enabling measures proposed.

3.2 That the HSP receives a report, at a future meeting, on the stretch targets agreed with GOL including proposals for pump priming investment as agreed by the relevant thematic partnerships and a set of principles and timescales relating to decisions on the investment of any future performance related grant (not applied until 2010-2011).

3.3 The HSP agrees that the final draft will be signed off by the Chair.

4.0 Background Information

4.1 HSP has previously received reports on the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) and the LAA setting out the general policy context for the LAA.

4.2 The HSP received a report at the 20th June 2006 meeting on the process for development of the LAA, particularly in relation to the 30th June submission and the draft LAA due on 29th September.

5.0 Analysis

5.1 LAA Summary (see attached documents for the full draft)

Overall Focus and Context

5.2 At the moment Haringey is between Community Strategies and therefore the first draft of the LAA inevitably straddles the two. The draft LAA aligns well with the existing Community Strategy priorities and does not conflict with issues emerging from the consultation on the new Sustainable Community Strategy. However, as the LAA is prescribed by government, it cannot be considered to represent the full implementation plan for the Sustainable Community Strategy.

5.3 There a number of overarching themes are proposed to provide a golden thread throughout the LAA. These are:

- Economic vitality and prosperity
- A focus on 14-24 year olds
- Targeting areas and communities where appropriate
- Increasing Community Involvement

Another proposed theme is around health and well being however this proposal is still being discussed by the LAA Partnership Group and may well need to be included in the second draft of the LAA.

Mandatory Outcomes Framework

- 5.4 More than 50% of indicators are base-lined and accompanied with three year targets in the first draft. A number of perception indicators cannot be base-lined until December when results of the MORI survey will be available and three year targets will need to be agreed then. Further work will take place to have the framework completed for the second draft.

Reward Element (stretch targets)

- 5.5 The thematic partnerships were tasked to develop their relevant blocks of the LAA. As part of this task they have identified list of stretch targets. This list has been rationalised to eighteen across the LAA blocks. In addition the thematic partnerships are developing business cases for each of the proposed stretch targets including the likelihood of the stretch being delivered together with the amount of investment required to deliver the stretch over the 2 ½ and 3 year period.
- 5.6 The list below represents the targets proposed for the stretch part of the LAA. The list includes an overall target on volunteering and one on efficiency saving. Some of these targets may not be seen by government departments as complete targets in themselves and these may need to be rationalised into themes to form a whole target. This will not be clear until the process of negotiation starts following the submission of the first draft. Business cases are being developed for each target.

Children and Young People

- Number of schools achieving a healthy school status
- % of 19 yr olds with level 2 and 3 qualifications

Safer and Stronger Communities

- Increased number of parenting interventions for YOS clients
- Decrease in Robbery (personal)
- Reduction of litter & detritus in super output areas
- Recycling participation within super output areas
- Increase in the number of green flag award parks and green space and public satisfaction
- Number of people recorded as or reporting that they have engaged in formal volunteering on an average of at least two hours per week over the last year

Healthier Communities and older people

- Smoking cessation: consider a split target stated in terms of (a) A smoke free Homes Campaign and (b) numbers of quitters in N17 (smoking cessation service data) plus possibly overall smoking prevalence (data from GP practices).

- Proportion of people aged 16 years in Haringey participating in at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport & active recreation on 3 or more days per week and increasing the uptake of physical activity in people aged 65+ through the uptake of Active Gold Memberships.
- Increase the number of Health Action Plans (HAPs) distributed for vulnerable groups
- Reduce fuel poverty in households

Economic Development

- Number of people from disadvantaged groups and NRF areas helped into sustained work
- Number of disabled people helped into sustained work
- Reducing the proportion of young people aged 16 to 18 not in education, employment or training (NEET)
- Number of people in temporary accommodation helped into sustained work
- Number of people on incapacity benefit for more than 6 months

Overall Efficiency Saving

- To improve the overall cost effectiveness of partnership working through efficiency savings

Enabling Measures

- 5.7 Partners have noted that Rounds 1 and 2 LAA pilots have not produced a positive response from government departments in granting enabling measures requested. However a list of possible measures has been identified including standard requests and some that relate to the delivery of specific outcomes. Business cases are being developed for each enabling measure and have to be submitted in the first draft and will not be accepted after that. Enabling measures include:

Economic Development:

Sub-regional/regional partnership through GOL with DWP/ JC+

DWP approaches, priorities and funding are generally set on a regional (pan-London) basis which does not take into account particular and specific local issues relating to worklessness. Flexibility to agree local joint commissioning/pooling of resources would enable a more coherent, strategically consistent approach to tackling worklessness

Regional partnership between London boroughs in receipt of NRF and Olympic Delivery Authority/ Thames Gateway Board.

Regional partnership for London NRF boroughs in the Olympic 2012 and Thames Gateway Planning framework

Haringey is part of a thriving capital city nevertheless alongside other London NRF boroughs some of our residents experience the worst levels of deprivation. As an area which falls outside the Olympic 2012 boroughs and the Thames Gateway we have little to say in planning how residents can benefit from these projects. Alongside the work of the ALG on this issue we are requesting that an appropriate national or regional body broker the integration of the NRF boroughs in London into the planning being undertaken by the Olympic Delivery Authority and the Thames Gateway Board.

Benefit flexibility for those entering employment

Extending benefit support (including housing benefit) for new job entrants to 13 weeks would remove a major barrier to work and would greatly increase the numbers able to take and maintain sustained employment. (e.g. as for some new dealers).

Flexibility around 16 hour rule for work placements and work trials

Extending “work trials” for work placements to 13 weeks. As in the above enabling measure extending “work trials” for work placements to 13 weeks would remove a major barrier to work and would greatly increase the numbers able to take up and maintain sustained employment.

Safer and Stronger Communities:

Consistency of measurement of indicators

Consistency in measurement of indicators throughout the life time of the LAA, particular in relation to stretch targets. Any changes in indicator need to be mutually agreed by parties to the agreement. This relates to some Home Office targets.

- 5.8 The following are also being proposed - carry forward of YOS budget, perverse impact of target to increase reporting in crime reduction, flexibility in revenue/ capital ratios for the Cleaner, Safer, Greener grant and flexibility in relation to recycling funding. These will also need to have business cases prepared before the September submission date.

6. Finance

- 6.1. **Pooled and aligned funding** – there are funding streams for each of the blocks which will be pooled nationally these funds will need to follow the delivery of the mandatory indicators. Optional outcomes and indicators may be supported by the alignment of existing funding streams where appropriate.
- 6.2. **The Pump Priming Grant (PPG)** is payable upon signing off the LAA and is designed to help kick start projects and interventions. It is worth £750,000 plus £1 per head of population. Options are being prepared by thematic partnerships for HSP to consider.

- 6.3. **The Performance Related Grant (PRG)** – Options for the investment of any future PRG investment (2010-2011) will be brought for HSP consideration. These options and timescales for decision making will be based on experience of LAA pilot areas) In agreeing this it would also be useful to learn from our NRF experience to ensure that any of the strengths are kept and weaknesses addressed.

7. **Timescales**

The next set of GOL deadlines:

15 November	A Revised Submission
26 January	Final Draft

8. **Conclusions**

The first draft of the Haringey LAA represents the broad framework for how partners want to pursue the LAA in the context of prescribed LAA framework. Negotiations with government departments particularly on the reward element and enabling measures will have impact on the second draft of LAA which will be in December and furthermore in January when the final draft will be submitted.