

Haringey Strategic Partnership

27th November 2006

Draft Local Area Agreement

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To obtain sign off on the second draft of the Haringey Local Area Agreement for submission to GOL on the 15th December 2006.

2.0 Summary

- 2.1 The first draft of the LAA submitted in September was well received by GOL. They responded with a range of comments which has been used to inform the development of the second draft of the Haringey LAA.
- 2.2 The LAA continues to be developed through the Council Block Leads working with thematic partnerships and overseen by the LAA Partnership Group.
- 2.3 This report provides a summary of the key aspects of the LAA and the full second draft and the Equalities Impact Assessment can be found at Appendix 1.
- 2.4 There are still some gaps in the mandatory outcomes framework around baselines and targets (particularly the perception indicators) which will be addressed before the second draft is submitted in December or by the final draft in January as they are subject to the MORI survey results, due out in December.
- 2.6 A number of optional indicators have been identified by the thematic partnerships to ensure that the LAA includes local priorities. If the optional targets are not currently being funded through the nationally pooled funding including Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF) then partners are encouraged to identify existing funding streams that will be aligned to deliver these targets.
- 2.7 For the reward element (stretch targets), 14 targets are proposed for negotiation with two to be identified as reserve targets.
- 2.5 The next deadline for the LAA is the 26 January 2007 which is when the final draft will be submitted.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the HSP note the second draft of the LAA including amendments following GOL's feedback and further discussions between partners locally.
- 3.2 That the HSP comments on and agrees the 14 stretch targets being proposed.

- 3.3 That the HSP notes the three enabling measures being supported by GOL for negotiation with Government departments.
- 3.4 That the HSP note that a decision about the amount of pump priming funding to be allocated to each of the stretch targets will need to be made by early next year.
- 3.5 That the HSP encourages all partner organisations to identify funding to be aligned to the delivery of the LAA where appropriate.
- 3.6 That the HSP notes and encourages partners to support the equalities impact assessment of the LAA.
- 3.6 That the HSP notes that the second draft will be subject to minor revisions up until the submission date and agrees that the Chair and Vice-Chair will sign off the final draft.
- 3.7 That the HSP receives a report at a future meeting setting out options and principles which will enable future investment decisions on the Performance Related Grant (not applied until 2010-2011).

4.0 **Background Information**

- 4.1 The HSP received a report at the 20th June 2006 meeting on the process for development of the LAA in relation to the June 30 submission and the September 30th draft LAA.
- 4.2 The HSP discussed and agreed the first draft of the LAA at its meeting in September 2006.

5.0 **Analysis**

- 5.1 LAA Summary (please see the full draft at Appendix 1)

Overall Focus and Context

- 5.1.1 At the moment Haringey is between Community Strategies and therefore the first draft of the LAA straddles the two. It aligns well with the existing Community Strategy priorities and does not appear to be at odds with findings from the consultation on the new Sustainable Community Strategy.

Mandatory Outcomes Framework

- 5.1.3 More than 80% of indicators are baselined and accompanied with three year targets in the second draft. A number of perception indicators will be baselined between December and January as a result of the MORI and dipstick surveys. Council Block leads and thematic partnerships will continue to complete the framework by the final submission in January 2006.

Reward Element

5.1.4 The five thematic partnerships were tasked to develop their relevant blocks of the LAA. As part of this task the thematic partnerships have identified a list of stretch targets. This list has been rationalised to fourteen which are now the subject of negotiation with government departments and GOL. Each target is accompanied by request for pump priming and likely value of the performance related grant each target is likely to be worth.

5.1.5 Stretch targets being negotiated (please see appendix 1 for the business cases):

Children and Young People Block:

- Number of schools achieving a healthy school status.
- %of 19 year olds with level 2 and 3 qualifications
- Reducing the proportion of young people aged 16-18 not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Safer and Stronger Communities Block:

- Number of sanctioned detections of domestic violence
- Reduction of personal robbery
- Reduction of litter and detritus in super output areas
- Recycling participation within super output areas
- Increase the number of green flag award for 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 with a focus on N17
- Proportion of adults undertaking at least 5 x 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week.
- Improved living conditions for vulnerable people ensuring that housing is made decent, energy efficient and safe.

Economic Development:

- Number of people from the 12 'worst wards' helped into sustained work.
- Number of people on Incapacity Benefits for more than 6 months supported into sustainable employment.

Enabling Measures

5.1.7 GOL has agreed to support the negotiation of the following enabling measures:

- An obstacle to undertaking meaningful work placements is the restriction around the 16 hour rule, which triggers loss of benefit for

those on work placements. Currently, people can undertake 3-week “work trials” with the agreement of JCP+ which allow them to have a full-time placement and still be entitled to their full benefit. Extending this would remove a major barrier to work and would greatly increase the numbers able to take up and maintain sustained employment.

- Extending benefit support (including housing benefit) for new job entrants to 8 weeks would remove a major barrier to work and would greatly increase the numbers able to take and maintain sustained employment.
- Under the rules governing the award of CRED funding for estates recycling, the application for funding is only open to voluntary and community sector organisations – local authorities are not eligible. The request is that this money should be available to enhance recycling services, regardless of the service provider.

Statement of Community Involvement

5.1.8 This has been revised taking on GOL comments to include links to the sub-regional ChangeUp agenda and the Haringey Compact.

Equalities Impact Assessment

5.1.9 GOL had asked for an indication from the partnership about their commitment to equalities issues. In response to this we have undertaken an equalities impact assessment of the second draft of the LAA. This will be completed by December to be submitted with the second draft of the LAA.

5.2 Financial Implications

Keys issues:

Alignment of Funding

Partners have been asked to identify funding for alignment where pooled funding does not support the mandatory targets or where extra targets are being included as optional.

Pump Priming Grant for stretch targets

There have been questions around how much pump priming should be allocated to each stretch. Some partners have suggested putting a limit of £80,000 to simplify the process.

Performance Related Grant (PRG)

The HSP will receive a report setting options and principles which will enable future investment decisions around the performance reward grant (not applied until 2010-2011)

5.3 Next Steps - Submission January 2006

- Complete stretch target business cases and any gaps in the Mandatory Outcomes Framework.
- Develop the LAA delivery plan further.

- Continue negotiations for the stretch targets and enabling measures.
- Amend the second draft to reflect any changes recommended by GOL and the outcomes of the negotiations at that point.
- Submit the final draft to GOL 26th January 2007.

6.0 Conclusions

Good progress has been made in developing the second draft of the LAA for submission in December. The next push will be around successfully negotiating the stretch targets and developing the final draft by the end of January 2007.