

## Haringey Strategic Partnership – 27 November 2006

### Subject: HSP Performance Assessment & Annual Review

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#### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider GOL's feedback from the annual assessment process.

#### **2. Summary**

- 2.1 The HSP has been rated as an amber-green Partnership by the Government Office for London (GOL) following the completion of the annual review process. GOL's feedback letter which sets out their view of the strengths of the partnership and areas for improvement is appended for more detail.

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 For HSP members to note and comment on GOL's assessment of the Partnership, in particular the "issues to be addressed" under each of the 6 thematic areas.

#### **4. GOL's Assessment and Feedback on 2005/06**

- 4.1 Overall the HSP was given a rating of amber-green. Performance areas identified by GOL where good progress was being demonstrated include education where improvement is beyond the national average with certain groups on GCSE attainment, and the target of 100% of schools with at least 50% of pupils achieving 5 A-C GCSEs by 2008 is on course. Liveability was also recognised as an area where good progress was being made with some targets met and many exceeded. Other successes highlighted relate to improved planning processes as well as sharing information, data and trend analysis.
- 4.2 Areas highlighted by GOL as particular challenges for the partnership include schools performance on science which brings down the overall performance. Although improvements against some of the Worklessness targets is being made, the gap between Haringey and the national average is significant for those aged 50 to 69 and lone parents. Although health indicators are moving in the right direction the gap between Haringey and the national average does not appear to be narrowing.

#### **Key strengths identified**

- 4.3 For each of the theme assessment areas GOL identified the following strengths:
  - **Health** – active commitment from a wide range stakeholders. Indicators (apart from male life expectancy) moving in the right direction and prevention interventions expected to accelerate progress.

Focus on prevention, including healthy eating and exercise initiatives and anti-poverty/social inclusion initiatives.

- **Education** – the gap on most targets is narrowing. Attendance levels improved; additional support for literacy skills, unauthorised absences improved and exclusion rates reducing.-
- **Employment-** self-employment rates improved to above the national average rate. Business start-ups also above national average. Gap narrowing between Haringey and London average on NEETS.
- **Crime** – overall crime figure down from 97.3 to 92.6 and in right direction. Activity targeted at crime “hot spots” which are in NRF priority areas. Good use of performance data analysis.
- **Housing** – 46% of homes now non-decent against 55% in 2004. Homes for Haringey live from April. Strategy and business plan assessed as fit for purpose, and robust Service Improvement Plan in place to achieve 2 stars at inspection.
- **Liveability** – good progress on targets overall and most show progress in the right direction.

### Issues to be addressed

4.4 For each of the theme assessment areas GOL identified the following issues/areas for improvement:

- **Health** – male life expectancy gap between Haringey and the national average has widened with notable gap between deprived wards and others. Despite some effective teenage pregnancy interventions, no real evidence yet of “narrowing the gap”.
- **Education** – performance on Science brings down performance overall, more work to be done to improve some specific schools (White Hart Lane, Northumberland Park, St Thomas Moore).
- **Employment** – employment rate for lone parents and those aged 50-69 showing a downward trajectory. Engagement of Jobcentre Plus and DWP is poor and needs to be addressed.
- **Crime-** Haringey still a high volume crime area. Basket of 10 offences showing year on year reductions but significant increases in other offences (robbery of personal property, wounding, theft from mv).
- **Housing** – 5,500 households in temporary accommodation – 2010 target a major challenge. Reaching the decent homes standard depends largely on the bid.
- **Liveability** - unclear about narrowing the gap between east/west, apart from Green Flag awards (mainly in NRF wards). Might wish to consider including a BVP1 199a reward target in LAA.

## 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The GOL's performance assessment of the HSP for 2005/06 concluded that the partnership is rated amber-green, the same rating as the last two years. It is not known yet if the rating system will be maintained in future years or whether it will become part of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) performance management arrangements. The new six-monthly review process for the LAA will however take the form of a self-assessment by the Partnership which will then be submitted to GOL and discussed with GOL at a meeting or series of meetings at which any necessary actions are agreed.
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