

Haringey Strategic Partnership – 27 November 2006

Subject: Thematic Partnerships Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper sets out a brief update on the work streams, activities and recent decisions undertaken by each of the thematic partnerships.

2. Summary

- 2.1 This paper provides an update from each of the HSP thematic partnerships over the last quarter period. The updates are part of an improvement process introduced by the Chair to ensure that all partners can be kept informed of the overall business of the Partnership.
- 2.2 The minutes of each board meeting are also attached for information.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To note the updates from each thematic partnership and for board members to comment as appropriate.

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4. Well-being Partnership

- 4.1 In September the Well-being Partnership Board (WBPB) discussed how to take forward the recent White Paper *Our health, Our care, Our say* in Haringey. It was felt that detailed discussions needed to take place at a strategic level between key partners to consider how the desired shift to preventative services could be achieved.
- 4.2 The Board has been developing the Healthier Communities and Older People Block of the LAA through a sub group which held a consultation event attended by over 70 people including members of local community groups. The four goals of the *Our Health Our Care Our Say* were used to develop the relevant targets.
- 4.3 The Well-being Chairs Executive (WBCE) a sub group of the WBPB has discussed a first draft of our Life Expectancy Action Plan which has been developed to meet the key floor target of increasing life expectancy in the Borough. It will be discussed further at the next WBPB. The Executive has also taken a decision to review the Housing Partnership arrangements with a proposal to replace the Housing Strategic Partnership and the Housing Management Board with one Strategic Housing Forum. Consultation will be undertaken in December seeking

views from stakeholders on how they would like to be involved in discussions on the strategic direction for housing in the borough.

- 4.4 Further NRF projects relating to well-being have been agreed and are aimed at meeting the WBPB's outcome of 'Achieve economic well-being'.
- 4.5 The Audit Commission was on site between 30 October and 3 November 2006 inspecting Haringey's Supporting People Programme. The focus was on how the programme is helping to deliver the corporate, housing and social services objectives. The inspectors carried out reality checks, interviews and focus groups as well as visits to a number of service providers. A draft report of findings with comments is expected week commencing 4 December 2006.

5. Better Places Partnership

- 5.1 The September meeting of the Better Places Partnership Board devoted most of its meeting to discussing the relevance and need to set a "haringey standard" for the management and maintenance of the physical space across the borough.
- 5.2 A major theme emerging from the Community Strategy is environmental sustainability and the need to tackle climate change at the local level. A programme of activity is being developed that will require a partnership approach to these important issues.

6. Enterprise Partnership

- 6.1 The Enterprise Partnership Board has been focussing on four major pieces of work as follows:

- **The Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF)**

The Enterprise Partnership Board has agreed a £1million integrated package of interventions tackling worklessness in 3 wards – Bruce Grove, Noel Park and Northumberland Park funded through the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund Neighbourhood Element. Core populations at which employment programmes will be targeted are:

- those in contact with Haringey Council and other public services
- Young People
- Incapacity Benefit claimants
- workers in low paid/low skilled employment.

The interventions are integrated and cemented together through a **Haringey Guarantee**. The Guarantee involves a quality service for all beneficiaries; an entitlement to services from partners including information, advice and guidance, priority interviews for college programmes and places; partners' commitments to offer real work experience/placements and volunteering opportunities; and guaranteed

interviews for programme beneficiaries applying for employment opportunities with partners.

The Council has agreed to support this with support for up to 30 work placements and has committed to offering guaranteed interviews to successful programme beneficiaries who are assessed as job ready and who meet a post's person specification.

- **Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI)**

Haringey submitted a LEGI bid worth up to £18 million pounds over ten years. The bid focused on Tottenham and if successful it would have delivered a programme of intervention to increase enterprise and entrepreneurial culture. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful - no London borough bids have progressed to the next stage. The Board will now focus on delivering the elements of the bid that can be delivered without LEGI funding.

- **The Economic Development Block**

The Enterprise Partnership has been involved in developing the Economic Development Block of the Local Area Agreement (LAA). The block builds on the work being done on the SSCF and proposals contained in the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative bid. Two stretch targets have been proposed as part of this block – stretching the SSCF from 3 to 12 wards and stretching the number of people on IB benefit (borough wide) more than 6 months into sustained employment - and two enabling measures (freedoms and flexibilities) around in-work support for new workers and extended benefit support for work placements are being requested and supported by Government Office for London (GOL).

7. Safer Communities Executive Board (SCEB)

7.1 The SCEB met in June and September 2006. There have been a number of developments as follows:

- On the back of the recent very positive YOS inspection and current high performance, a Youth Crime Prevention Strategy has been drafted and is going through the due process. This builds on existing work with the following, main strategic aims: To build on and improve partnership working; To reduce re-offending and tackle persistent and high risk offenders; To reduce child and youth victimisation; To target crime prevention and early intervention.
- Crime reduction performance for the past 6 months has been exceptional. While reductions have been seen across London, Haringey is performing well compared with our similar boroughs and particularly well against the MET average. Particular success has been achieved in turning around the level of personal robberies from poorest performance to top performance in London. Sustaining this level of performance will, however, be challenging.

- Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI) has successfully tendered to run Haringey's Drug Intervention Programme (DIP). The essence of this programme is to divert people from the criminal justice system and into drug treatment. Since the beginning of November the CRI has started working to achieve success against 6 COMPACT outcomes.
- The Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) will be tendering for a new stimulant/polydrug service targeted at young, African-Caribbean males in 2007. This new service will respond directly to a needs' assessment highlighting the importance of directing services to this community.
- The Safer Communities Executive Board is overseeing a review of the use of CCTV for community safety purposes in the borough. Work is being shared between the Community Safety Team, Scrutiny and external consultants, Perpetuity Ltd. Initial findings are due by the end of November and a final report in January 2007.
- The second Partnership Data Report has been produced and distributed. This contains around 60% more data sets than previous reports from around the partnership. It is being used for joint analysis and recommendations are being considered across all partnership action plans for community safety priorities. We expect such reports to become a Home Office requirement from next year.
- A recent DAAT review has resulted in the preparation for re-tendering young people's substance misuse services aimed at SMARTER ways of working and at achieving joined-up care pathways for young people. This will be completed in Spring 2007.
- Developing the crime and drugs element of the Safer and Stronger Communities block of the LAA, ensuring it is linked to other elements in this block which include the liveability agenda, community engagement and neighbourhood working.
- The Hate Crime and Harassment Strategy has been well supported and goes before the Executive on 21 November. The Safer Communities Partnership has also been asked to present to the London Race Hate Forum on 22 November as part of their programme of invitations to key boroughs.
- The "crime" element of the Safer and Stronger Communities Block of the LAA has been developed around four themes:
 - early intervention and prevention,
 - working effectively with communities including the RESPECT agenda,
 - focusing on shared priorities (e.g. vulnerable families, joint hot spots and area working). This includes specific crime reduction targets for Noel Park and investigative work on Northumberland

work to understand how joint working can make impact on the area.

- 7.2 Agenda items for the December SCEB meeting include: Reports on financial out-turn and performance; Implications from the White Paper: Strong and Prosperous Communities; Young people and Police Relations Scheme; Counter-terrorism and the YOS inspection.

8. Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)

- 8.1 The CYPSP has considered the outcome of the Joint Area Review. Overall the board is pleased with the outcome but is keen to improve further. An action plan is being prepared in response to the JAR recommendations. The Board has also received feedback and action plans on the Youth Service and Youth Offending Service Inspections.
- 8.2 The CYPSP now has an agreed model for performance monitoring of *Changing Lives*, and quarterly monitoring reports are presented to the Partnership.
- 8.3 Joint work on the Local Area Agreement and its relationship with the Community Strategy has been on-going over the last few months and proposals are now well developed and shared across the partnership.
- 8.4 The second CYPSP annual conference took place at Alexandra Palace and attracted people from a range of statutory, voluntary agencies, schools and colleges. A number of high profile speakers from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, the IDeA and the DfES made the event very successful. There were opportunities during the day for participants to contribute their views about current and future developments. These have been collected together for future analysis.
- 8.5 A meeting of the Partnership Forum was held in October. This Forum brings together a wider group of people from across agencies working with children and young people than is possible at the CYPSP Theme Board. The Forum has a role in overseeing the development of *Changing Lives*. The meeting considered the first quarters monitoring of *Changing Lives*, the views from the Annual Conference and possible priorities for the 2007/8 programme for *Changing Lives*.
- 8.6 The age and theme forums are also well established and draw upon a wide membership. They each have a clear set of targets to achieve and contribute both to the evaluation of *Changing Lives* and the proposal for the programme 2007/8.
- 8.7 The CYPSP has also agreed an Information Sharing protocol for agencies working with children and young people.