

Report Title: **Haringey's Local Area Agreement (2007-2010)**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Key Decision**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 To obtain sign off on the final draft of Haringey's Local Area Agreement.

### **2. Introduction by the Leader**

2.1 The Local Area Agreement is a three year agreement between the local authority, its partners and central government.

2.2 The attached document (to follow) represents Haringey's Local Area Agreement agreed by the Haringey Strategic Partnership. The key aspects of the agreement are:

2.2.1 The introduction which lays out the draft overall priorities as emerging through the Sustainable Community Strategy and five priority themes for the LAA.

2.2.2 There are four blocks in the LAA: children and young people, healthier communities and older people, safer and stronger communities and economic development. Each of these blocks include the following:

- mandatory targets which have been set by central government;
- optional targets which partners believe are important locally and where partnership working can add value to overall outcomes;
- funding streams that are nationally pooled and those that partners have identified locally for alignment.

2.2.3 Reward Element which will include 12 stretch targets to be agreed with government departments. If the stretch is delivered this will draw down funding known as the Performance Related Grant (PRG) potentially worth £9m in three years time. Currently there are 14 targets which are being negotiated. The final intention is to agree 12 targets which will receive pump priming funding not exceeding £81,000.

2.2.4 The agreement also includes three freedoms and flexibilities that Haringey has requested from central government in order to deliver some of the key local outcomes around worklessness and the environment. However, the signs are that these will not be granted by central government.

2.2.5 An equalities impact assessment (to follow) on the LAA has shown no adverse equalities impacts arising from the agreement.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the Executive notes Haringey's final draft of the Local Area Agreement.

3.2 To delegate the final drafting changes to the LAA and the finalisation of the stretch targets to ACE(PPPC) in consultation with the Leader.

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### **4. Director of Finance Comments**

4.1 Haringey Council is the designated Accountable Body for the LAA and therefore has responsibility for ensuring that clear and robust governance arrangements are in place for delivery of the financial element of the LAA.

4.2 In accordance with this, work is currently underway to ensure that appropriate financial management arrangements are in place for April 2007.

4.3 The funding being pooled into the LAA represent existing funding streams received by the Council. Therefore work is underway to ensure that the current funds are aligned to priorities in the LAA.

### **5. Head of Legal Services Comments**

5.1 The Head of Legal Services has read the report and confirms that there are no specific legal implications that the Executive should be aware of.

### **6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

6.1 Local Area Agreements: Guidance for Round 3 and Refresh of Rounds 1 and 2, March 2006.

6.2 The Reward Element of the Local Area Agreement: Negotiations of Stretched Targets, May 2006.

6.3 Feedback from Government Office for London (GOL) October 2006 and December 2006.

## **7. Strategic Implications**

- 7.1 The LAA presents an opportunity to strengthen partnership working and to align the LAA to the borough's local priorities.

## **8. Analysis**

- 8.1 LAA Summary

### ***Mandatory Outcomes Framework***

- 8.1.1 More than 75% of indicators are baselined and accompanied with three year targets in the final draft. The MORI Survey results are now available and therefore baseline information can be included. Council block leads and thematic partnerships will continue to complete the outcome framework over the course of the year.

### ***Reward Element (stretch targets)***

- 8.1.2 Negotiations and testing of stretch targets is still continuing and therefore the recommendation is that the ACE(PPPC) in consultation with the Leader sign off the final 12 based on analysis of deliverability.

### ***Enabling Measures***

- 8.1.3 There has been no formal feedback on these but the indications are these requests will be denied. This is consistent with experience of Rounds 1 and 2 of the LAA.

## **9 Financial Implications**

- 9.1 There are four financial aspects to the LAA. These are:

- 9.1.1 The local authority is the financially accountable body for the funds associated with the LAA.

- 9.1.2 Alignment of Funding

Partners have only identified funding for alignment where nationally pooled funding does not support the mandatory targets or where extra targets are being included locally as optional.

- 9.1.3 Pump Priming Grant (PPG) for stretch targets

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. This will total approximately £970,000. The pump priming grant will be distributed across the 12 stretch targets with an upper limit of £81,000 for each target.

- 9.1.4 Performance Related Grant (PRG)

This is worth up to 2.5% of the local authorities' net budget requirement, which could equate to up to £9m. The payment of PRG is dependent upon the HSP achieving a minimum of a 60% profile against the agreed end targets. This will be payable at the end of the LAA in 2010/11. Principles will need to be agreed by partners, before the start of the LAA in April 2007, on how investment decisions will be made about any future PRG (not applied until 2010-2011).

## **10 Legal Implications**

10.1 There are no legal implications arising from the current round of the LAA.

## **11 Equalities Implications**

11.1 The equalities impact assessment shows no adverse impact arising from the LAA and suggests that there are likely to be measures which address some of the current inequalities.

## **12 Consultation**

12.1 The key local priorities of the LAA are informed by the wide level consultation undertaken for the Sustainable Community Strategy. In addition the LAA is the result of consultations with statutory and voluntary and community sector partners across the Haringey Strategic Partnership network.

## **13 Background**

13.1 Haringey is in the Round 3 of the national roll out of Local Area Agreements. The Haringey LAA is the outcome of numerous discussions in the five HSP thematic partnerships and the HSP as well as a response to national government guidance. The whole LAA process has been overseen by the LAA Partnership Group, the members of which include key statutory, voluntary and community sector partners.

## **14 Conclusion**

14.1 The Haringey Local Area Agreement is the result of concerted effort by all partners through the Haringey Strategic Partnership and its five thematic partnerships.

## **15 Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs**

15.1 Haringey's Local Area Agreement appendix 1 (to follow)

15.2 Equalities impact assessment appendix 2 (to follow).