

Report Title: **The Bridge NDC Draft Delivery Plan 2007-08**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: **Justin Holliday, Assistant Chief Executive (PPP&C)**

Wards(s) affected: Tottenham Green,
St Ann's, Seven Sisters

Report for: Key Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To summarise the draft of The Bridge New Deal for Communities Delivery Plan for 2007/08 to Members
- 1.2 To highlight the NDC Partnership Board's priorities for 2007/08.
- 1.3 To seek Member endorsement for the draft NDC Delivery Plan Programme for 2007/08 acknowledging revised funding information received. The final Programme funding allocation will be confirmed when the Government Office for London supplies the formal written confirmation.

2. Introduction by Executive Member

2.1 The Bridge NDC is currently moving towards Year 7 of the 10-year programme. The Bridge NDC Partnership Board has been represented on the Haringey Strategic Partnership Board for over a year and the NDC programme for 2007/08 has been designed to align our work with the Haringey Community Strategy and the outcome targets in the Local Area Agreement. The Director is implementing changes in the direction of the NDC Delivery Plan to ensure that we achieve sustained change in local services to meet local need, working with other neighbourhood services, using a model of area-based neighbourhood renewal. The Partnership will continue to focus on our strong strategic relationships and our communication strategy. The Board has worked hard with partners and the community during the last year to ensure that we are now well placed to drive the final stage of the physical regeneration of Seven Sisters to benefit the local community. We are equally well placed, with active Theme Chairs and new Theme Managers, to lead and participate in local area service improvements. Members are recommended to approve this draft of the NDC Delivery Plan Programme 2007/08.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That Members note The Bridge NDC draft Delivery Plan Programme for 2007/08, and note that it is subject to approval by the Government Office for London.
- 3.2 That Members note that the Delivery Plan is subject to formal approval by Government Office for London.
- 3.3 That Members note Haringey Council's critical role as Accountable Body both in supporting and in delivering the Bridge NDC programme.
- 3.4 That Members endorse The Bridge NDC draft Delivery Plan for 2007/08.

Report Authorised by: **[Designation of Chief Officer (Include signature here)]**

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4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 The Bridge NDC draft Delivery Plan for 2007/08 sets down the Partnership Board's Priorities for the Bridge NDC programme over the next financial year and sets out the budget forecast up to programme end in 2011.

5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 6.1 The background papers used in preparation of this report can be obtained from Symon Sentain Director of the Bridge NDC, Tel 020 8489 8848.

7. Background

- 7.1 The Bridge NDC is community focused, with elected local residents making up the majority on its Partnership Board. Four Ward Councillors (Lead Member for Regeneration, Lead Member for Housing and the Lead Member for Health and Social Services) together with Haringey Council's Chief Executive and partner agencies are represented on the Board. We aim to influence delivery so that there is continuous improvement in local service provision and an excellent physical environment. Our Delivery Plan objectives have been devised on the basis of local priorities and strategic objectives. The NDC in 2007/08 will concentrate on working with the community to influence service providers through joint strategic planning and joined up work at a neighbourhood level.

7.2 The Bridge NDC Partnership Board is required to produce an annual delivery plan, which sets down its plans for the coming year (2007/08) and to set the budget forecast for the programme to 2011. The draft Delivery Plan is required to be submitted to Government office for London by 16th March 2007. The draft Delivery Plan will be available on 5th February 2007 and sets out the strategic vision of the Bridge NDC Partnership Board for the delivery of the programme. Members will appreciate that this delivery plan is still at the “work in progress” stage as the NDC has just (25th January 2007) received notification of a revised funding allocation for 2007/08. Therefore, the Partnership is still working through some of the revised detail with its key partners.

7.3 The Partnership Board has been operating through three themes:

- Neighbourhood Services (Housing, Environment and Crime)
- Education, Employment and Enterprise and
- Health, Social Care, Sport and Leisure.

The progress made and future targets are set out below.

8. Description

8.1 The Bridge NDC Draft Delivery Plan sets down the Partnership’s priorities for 2007/08, and beyond. We needed to invest resources to meet community priorities:

- To change the face of The Bridge NDC area, which includes delivery of Wards Corner, 341-379 Seven Sisters Road and St Ann’s Bridge
- To target and challenge crime and grime
- To raise local expectations for improved services
- To work with service partners to improve service delivery
- To continue to work with sustainable local partnerships to continue to drive high service standards after the NDC lifetime

8.2 These priorities remain central to the delivery of the programme. There is now also an emphasis on the capital programme which provides some of the facilities underpinning good sustainable service provision. In 2006/7 the NDC funded the new flagship building for the Triangle Children’s, Young People and Community Centre and the external, security and environmental improvements to homes and defensible space on the Suffolk Road Estate.

8.3 The NDC’s policy development has been influenced by the joined up working with the Council on the Haringey’s Local Area Agreement. The NDC is committed to assisting with the development of the four blocks of the LAA:

- Safer Stronger Communities
- Healthier Communities and Older People
- Children and Young People
- Economic Development and Enterprise

The NDC Partnership is also working to add value to the delivery of the objectives of the Haringey Community Plan.

8.4 The Partnership Board's priorities for 2007/08:

8.4.1 Neighbourhood Services - Housing, Environment and Crime

- Changing the face of Seven Sisters – through enabling the development of key sites of strategic importance in the Seven Sisters area such as Wards Corner, St Ann's Bridge and 341-379 Seven Sisters Road
- Designing out crime and providing high quality environmental improvements to estates where Decent Homes work is progressing and assisting the improvement of private sector properties.
- Improving Seven Sisters Road/High Road for residents, businesses and visitors – improving this key artery through the NDC area will be achieved by continuing to work with key partners such as Transport for London, Environmental Services, Housing, London Underground, local businesses, Network Rail, Metropolitan Police and the London Transport Police
- Developing our green spaces such as Chestnuts Park
- Influencing and adding value to the introduction and ongoing work of the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and joining up with the local area-based working approach to deliver identifiable improvements in services.
- Continuing to build on our notable success in reducing crime especially our reduction in street crime offences, residential burglary and vehicle crime
- Continuing with our significant reduction in the proportion of residents seeing litter and rubbish as major problems
- Continue to increase resident satisfaction in the NDC area

8.4.2 Health, Social Care, Sport and Leisure

- A physical exercise strategy is planned which will help to improve well-being
- Working with NHS partners to achieve improvements in NHS primary care services – for instance, this work involves trying to increase chiropody services for the elderly will be patient led and encourage active citizenship framework.
- New approaches to the improvement of mental health and well-being
- Intervention to reduce smoking in adults and young people
- Emphasis on sport and leisure through Sport England objectives:
 - i) Getting people moving
 - ii) Healthy Lifestyles
 - iii) Achieving Excellence (links with the Olympics)

8.4.3 Education, Employment and Enterprise

- Working with the Council to increase the take-up of the Haringey Guarantee using the Advice and Resource Centre as a local hub
- Progressing the development of cultural, media and music skills in a new development at St Ann's Library
- Increasing post-16 years participation in further education and training
- Increase the number of enterprising people so that more residents describe themselves as self-employed

8.4.4 Community and Partnership Working

- Increase the overall partnership work rating
- Increase the external funding so that match funding secured reaches 75% by 2011
- Increase the % of local residents to 75% who feel that NDC has improved the area a great deal or a fair amount

8.4.5 Community Involvement – across all Theme areas

- Across all Theme areas there will be more cross-agency working eg with Homes for Haringey, enforcement services and the Police.
- The development of a Neighbourhood Plan with key partners to provide a framework for long-term planning of service delivery.
- Aligning with the Community Plan and the LAA the NDC will work closely with others to identify, resolve and reduce issues affecting the local community.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 The Bridge NDC is a resident led community based programme. The Resident Board Members are elected by the local community and as such act as a consultative body on behalf of the community. The NDC Board has overseen the development of the draft delivery plan – part of the preparation took place at a Board Awayday on 20th January. The draft Delivery Plan 2007/08 has developed out of the engagement and feedback which we have had this year from resident meetings, Theme meetings, Partners Consultation event, Community consultation day and surveys.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1 The Government Office for London has indicated informally that we are likely to receive a budget of £6.295 million in 2007/08. This allocation provides us with an increase of £280k approx on revenue to £1,899m and a reduction of capital of £464k to £4,396m in 2007/08. We have requested the £464k capital be re-allocated to 2008/9 which is currently the final year for capital allocation for the NDC. Table 1 shows the proposed spend against the revenue and capital budgets for 2007/08.
- 10.2 The NDC operates within Haringey Councils financial regulations and Standing Orders. The payment arrangements are changing in 2007/08 and these changes have been notified to and agreed by the Accountable Body. The allocation is to be paid monthly to the Council direct from DCLG.
- 10.3 A Service Level Agreement between the NDC and the Council was required under the terms and conditions of funding from the DCLG and final drafting is being completed for signature between the Council and the NDC.
- 10.4 The Bridge NDC Programme is bringing additional funding into Seven Sisters and Haringey more generally. The Partnership is placing renewed emphasis on the

maximisation of match funding opportunities. This will be a key criterion for investment over the duration of the programme.

11. Summary and Conclusions

- 11.1 The draft NDC Delivery Plan 2007/08 sets out in detail the Partnership Board's Priorities for the Bridge NDC programme over the next financial year and beyond. The draft report will be available by 5th February 2007.

12. Comments of the Director of Finance

The NDC Delivery Plan for 2007/08 and future programme to 2011 relies on full government funding and as such will have no direct financial implications for the Council. However, the business plan appraisal and decision making process needs to ensure that any capital investment is sustainable in terms of ongoing revenue implications on a project by project basis and that any revenue commitment required by the Council, over and above the approved budgets, is approved at the correct level. The capital budget in the current delivery plan for 2007/08 is overcommitted by £460k approx against the total funding of £6.295m and this will need to be managed over the course of the year to stay within the funding available.

- 12.2 It is important that proper plans and project monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure that the projects set out in the delivery plan are delivered.

13. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

- 13.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the report and only wishes to add that the Council's land holdings at 341 –379 Seven Sisters Road and at Ward's Corner are held under housing powers and are minority land holdings in each scheme. Negotiations with private sector partners and housing associations respectively continue so that schemes meet strategic and regeneration outcomes for the Council and the NDC. The implications of this report are that those assets will be included for disposal on suitable terms.

14 Equalities Implications

- 14.1 The NDC programme is working to actively engage all its communities in the Seven Sisters area. The Delivery Plan 2007/08 recognises that the NDC will need to build upon its earlier work to facilitate the participation of all sections of the community and equality of access to services provided locally. The Delivery Plan 2007/08 recognises that effective Community Development in the context of the diverse communities in Seven Sisters is "a strength". The NDC will continue to work hard to ensure that all sectors are able to participate in the Bridge NDC programme.

15 Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

- 15.1 Table 1 - NDC Budget 2007/08
- 15.2 Appendix 1: Draft Delivery Plan 2007/08