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HARINGEY CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2007 AT 18.30hrs

CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N22.

DRAFT MINUTES

PLEASE SEE APPENDIX ONE (BELOW) OF THE MINUTES FOR A LIST OF THOSE MEMBERS, OBSERVERS, AND OFFICERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

1. APOLOGIES (Agenda Item 1):

Apologies were received on behalf of the following members:

Andrew Kilpatrick
Councillor Nilgun Canver
Sue Baker
Dr Ita O'Donovan

2. URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 2):

None

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3):

None

4. MINUTES (Agenda Item 4):

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the HSP on 20 November 2006 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

5. THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY UPDATE (Agenda Item 5):

The Board heard that following the open consultation on the Draft Sustainable Community Strategy, the document is being redrafted. The redrafted document would:

- Give greater prominence to issues around children and young people
- Have a greater focus on inequality and health inequalities.
- Be a document of two parts – the top strategy, supported by a more “technical” document that contains the action plans and targets.
- The redrafted document is to be discussed with the council’s Executive and the HSP Steering Group. The HSP Steering Group was set up to oversee and authorise the drafts.
- Comments from the CYPSPB can still be considered if they are received by 26 January 2007.
- The final strategy is scheduled to be published in April.

Further information is available from the Project Manager, Janice Robinson (janice.robinson@haringey.gov.uk).

6. PROGRESS WITH PLAY STRATEGY AND BIG LOTTERY FUND (Agenda Item 6):

This item was a revisit to the Board as improvements had been made since the Board last considered it, and it would go before the Board at its absolute final stage. A bid to the BLF would be made in March 2007 after the Strategy had gone through the Council’s Executive. Concerns over the term “play” as opposed to “leisure” were raised and taken on board by the project team managing the Strategy.

7. SAFER SCHOOLS PROGRESS REPORT (Agenda Item 10):

The Board had received three reports focussed on safer schools issues and various projects. The Board was informed that funding had been gained up to March 2008, but that more was needed once this date had past. The importance of securing this funding for the benefit of continuity of the good work done so far was highlighted by the Board. The Board also heard that SCF would be ending in 2008, in large part going directly to schools and that this transition would need to be considered by the Board in due course.

RESOLVED

That the reports be noted in order for thinking on future funding to continued.

8. JAR ACTION PLAN (Agenda Item 7):

The Board was informed that the draft post-JAR Action Plan had been developed but that there was still work in progress. The Board noted that good progress had been made especially in the evaluation of social workers. The Action Plan would not be brought back to the Board once it had been finalised, but it would be subjected to internal exception reporting.

9. THREE MONTHLY EXCEPTION REPORT ON YOUTH SERVICES ACTION PLAN (Agenda Item 8):

The Board heard that this report was unavailable at present and would be brought to the Board at its meeting on 22 March 2007. The Board noted that the Council’s Youth Member Working Group also received this report for monitoring.

10. REPORT ON FINAL EXAMINATION RESULTS (Agenda Item 11):

A report was tabled outlining CoNEL's successes in retention and achievements for 2005/6. The overall position was reported as follows:

Achievement:	92% (against a benchmark of 84%)
Retention:	94% (against a benchmark of 86%)
Success:	86% (against a benchmark of 72%)

The Board heard that in future, these results should be brought together in order to manifest joint service provisions throughout education/schooling careers (for example from schools into colleges).

The Board also heard that examination results for the borough's schools had continued to improve, and that "value-added" scores were significant. Full details about school examination results would be available on the Council's web-site in due course.

11. CHANGING LIVES 2007/8 (Agenda Item 9):

The Board were invited to reconsider the twenty priorities of the *Changing Lives* plans as it approached its second year and thus taking into account the following:

- The Local Area Agreement targets and stretch targets especially in terms of partners' inputs.
- The costs associated to each of the priorities.
- Childrens Trust arrangements

The Board split into small work-groups to consider these issues before feeding back their thoughts as follows:

- It was felt that the current plan used included some "woolly" outcomes.
- The plan should include language that emphasised positive improvement/direction of travel.
- Consideration over developing the role of external partners' roles to ensure positive contribution in the outcomes.
- A spread of best practice by focussing not just on Council related activities, but also on partner activities.
- Work on focussing on preventative work rather than reactive especially in terms of mental health.
- Information on costs needed.
- Ensure that the headline priorities remain up-to-date and relevant according to the information that becomes available.
- Time based specific outcomes needed.
- Consideration of a risk assessment for short-term funded priorities.
- Consideration of hierarchy around priorities to ensure a domino effect starting with the hard hitting priorities that will stimulate others.
- In terms of some specific priorities within the current plan, the following was suggested:
 - Add "learning" to priority three – *improve outcomes for children and young people with "learning" disabilities.*

- Add “alcohol dangers” to priority eight
- Priority 11 to be reviewed in line with new targets
- Priority 19 to be reversed in its approach in order to express a positive impact, ie to *increase* the number of young people between the ages 16-19 who are in education, employment or training, especially those looked after by the local authority.

The Board heard that these comments would be taken on board during the redrafting of the plan.

12. CONNEXIONS FUTURE AND ACTION PLAN (Agenda Item 12):

The Board was given a summary of the situation by with responsibility for the services currently delivered by Connexions, and the funding that goes with it, will progressively transfer to local authorities between now and 2008. This would also be a target for the LAA. In terms of the transition, there were four option models available to manage this. The Board heard that option 4 (a hybrid of in-sourcing and out-sourcing), and that it had been agreed with neighbouring boroughs to maintain the status quo until April 2008. The Report before the Board highlighted weaknesses of the current Connexions service, but the Board heard that work had been done to rectify these with plans in place to address the weaknesses in all areas identified which was not reflected in the Report. It was agreed to update and undertake to reflect these efforts and improvements before the Report went to the Council’s Executive. The Board heard that improvements to performance were vital and that the ad-hoc group on NEETS which was being set up by the Haringey Strategic Partnership would report on this.

RESOLVED

That the Report be agreed subject to said updates.

13. ANNUAL REPORT FROM LSCB (Agenda Item 13):

The Board heard that the Learning Safeguarding Children Board had been functioning generally well and that its core membership had been achieved which included an element of direct young people involvement. A DVD had been produced raising awareness of safeguarding which had aided a popular training programme. The Board also heard that there had been no serious case reviews held in Haringey to date in 2006/7. The Board finally heard that as the LSCB is funded through a pooled budget, future funding contributions would be sought from partners.

14. NRF PROGRESS (Agenda Item 14):

The Board was given an update on what projects would need to be carried on in 2007/8 but with £100k less in the NRF budget that the current year. After discussion about various projects included in the funding, including funding for the Muslim Cohesion Group and supplementary schooling, the Board agreed to receive the 2008/9 plan at its meeting in September 2007 in order to incorporate/rectify some of the concerns identified – one of which was to link allocations of NRF to the LAA.

15. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT (Agenda Item 15):

The Board heard that the final LAA submission to GOL was nearing completion – awaiting final agreement on a small handful of *stretch* targets which would need to be measurable before signing off the agreement.

RESOLVED

The Board agreed to the following recommendations:

- To note the report and the current children and young people's LAA
- To note the need to monitor future progress of the LAA and carry this out via the quarterly *Changing Lives* performance monitoring reports

16. CHILDREN'S NETWORK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE, SOUTH NETWORK, IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL IN NEED (Agenda Item 16):

The Board was given an updated summary of the work being carried out on expanding the Children's Network pilot into the borough which will streamline and fast-track child protection systems – ultimately building a "team around the child". The Board also heard that guidance had been produced in order highlight the new processes. Evaluation systems would also be in-place going forward, in order to ensure deliverability and improvements.

RESOLVED

The Board agreed to the following recommendations:

- To continue to endorse the work in progress
- That individual agencies within the CYPSP continue to review their own practice in relation to delivering the "team around the child" approach and reflect the move to more integrated service delivery within their own planning processes.
- To continue to monitor the implementation of the Children's Networks approach and request a further update in April 2007.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (Agenda Item 17):

- An invite was extended to partners to the HAVCO CYP VCS Theme Group Event to be held on 6 February 2007 between 12:30 and 4:30pm at the Selby Centre.

18. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS (Agenda Item 18):

None.

19. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS (Agenda Item 18):

The following dates for future meetings of the CYPSPB were confirmed as follows:

- 12 March 2007, 6:30pm
- 14 May 2007, 6:30pm

20. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (Agenda Item 16):

Partners wishing to put forward items for a future agenda are asked to contact Nicolas Mattis, Principal Committee Co-ordinator at: nicolas.mattis@haringey.gov.uk

The meeting ended at 21:00 hours.

Councillor LIZ SANTRY

Chair, Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board 2006/7

Date: _____

APPENDIX ONE

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

22 January 2007

SECTOR GROUP	AGENCY	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
Local Authority	Haringey Council	Councillor Liz Santry , Exec Member, Children & Young People (Chair) Councillor George Meehan , Leader of the Council Sharon Shoemith , Director of Children and Young People's Service Councillor Emma Jones
PCT	Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust	Pam Constantinides , Non-Executive Director Helen Brown , Director, Strategy, Performance & Children's Services
	North Middlesex Hospital trust	
	Mental Health Trust	Jane Lithgow , Director of CAMHS
	Whittington Hospital Trust	David Sloman , Chief Executive
	Great Ormond Street Hospital	Maria Collins , Director of Partnership Development
Voluntary Sector	Haringey Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO)	Jim Shepley , Chair of HAVCO Stanley Hui , Chief Executive of HAVCO
	Haringey Community Engagement Network (HarCEN)	
Education	Connexions (North London)	
	Learning and Skills Council (London North)	Yolande Burgess
	Middlesex University	
	College of North East London	Paul Head , Principal
Schools	Early Years and Play	
	Primary Schools	
	Secondary Schools	
	Special Schools	Margaret Sumner
Other Community Agencies and Groups	Haringey Probation Service	
	Metropolitan Police	Commander Simon O'Brien , Borough Commander
	Youth Offending Service	Jean Croot
	Haringey Youth Council	

OBSERVERS/OFFICERS PRESENT AT THE MEETING

11 September 2006

AGENCY	NAME
CYP Partnerships for Health	Devala Dookun
Safer Schools Project	Vic Lofthouse
Haringey Children and Young People's Service	Patricia Walker
Haringey Member Services	Nicolas Mattis