

**Haringey Strategic Partnership – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007**

**Subject: Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Safer and Stronger  
Communities Fund**

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**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> six month review and the end of year expenditure statement of the SSCF Agreement for 2006/07, as required by Government Office for London, and the Outturn position for NRF for 2006/07.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The report sets out the end of year position for the two programmes for 2006/07.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 HSP to note the NRF Outturn report within the 2006/07 programme to be submitted to GOL on 5<sup>th</sup> June 07, see appendix A.
- 3.2 HSP to approve the second six month review of SSCF Agreement to be submitted to GOL on 1<sup>st</sup> June 07, and also to note the end of year statement of grant use with internal audit opinion to be submitted to GOL on 1<sup>st</sup> June 07. See appendix B and C.

**4. Background Information**

- 4.1 This report informs HSP of the end of year position for the NRF and SSCF regarding the 2006/07 programme.

**4.2 The Outturn position 2006/07 (NRF)**

- 4.2.1 The partnership is required to submit an Outturn information report for the 2006/07 programme to GOL by 1<sup>st</sup> June 07. This has been requested earlier than in previous years, due to round 3 Local Area Agreements being expected to fall in line with general reporting requirements of the round 1 and 2 Local Area Agreements.
- 4.2.2 As in previous years the programme has achieved full spend across the programme. The small overspend will be picked up by the council. Variances to profiled and actual spend resulted

from: robust commissioning of service providers across the thematic partnerships to ensure appropriate project delivery against outcomes within the programme, reducing actual spend during quarter one; and, needing to heavily load capital spend into the final quarter, the nature of delivering capital programmes. Please see appendix A for Outturn report.

4.2.3 GOL has requested the partnership undertake a risk assessment against residual risks of achieving outcomes within its 2007/08 Local Area Agreement, across the six NRF themes: crime, education, health, employment, housing and the physical environment and liveability. The Government's aim is to bring self assessment in line with future Corporate Area Assessments, reporting on risk rather than performance. At this point it is not clear what this format will be, so it is proposed that HSP receives a copy of the self assessment for discussion and approval at its July meeting.

4.2.4 The self assessment should be based on:

- Outcomes that are at risk of not being achieved,
- Significant gaps in indicators, targets, trajectories or data relating to outcomes,
- The impact of the LAA and strong performance, and
- Excellent results to be shared

### **4.3 The year end position 2006/07 (SSCF)**

4.3.1 The HSP is required to submit its 2nd six-monthly performance management review of the Haringey SSCF Agreement to Government Office for London (GOL) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 07.

4.3.2 To recap, the six monthly review is a process through which the HSP reports on and discusses with GOL progress against the overall SSCF outcomes and financial spend for the period of 1st April – 31 March 07. The objectives of the review are to

- Assess progress over last six months
- Agree any actions needed to address under performance
- Compare spend against profile, providing explanations for any difference

The six monthly review's objectives specifically exclude renegotiation of the previously agreed targets.

4.3.3 The HSP's assessment of progress made during its first six months, against overall outcomes and spend for the SSCF Agreement, was green. The four key elements of the SSCF Agreement are: crime reduction, neighbourhood working, cleaner safer and greener agenda and community empowerment. With the

exception of the community empowerment element of the Agreement, which reported an amber assessment, the other three elements reported a green assessment against overall progress against spend and delivery of outcomes.

- 4.3.4 It is proposed to report a green assessment for the second six month review of the Agreement. All areas are achieving relatively well against delivery of outcomes and targets, and the Outturn report submitted to Ministers of State in March approved the requested carry forward of spend within the community empowerment element. However, the BV 199 performance indicator results are of concern. Although the partnership has made inroad to improving resident satisfaction of street cleanliness, our comparator results to other London boroughs remains low. Please see appendix B.
- 4.3.5 The HSP is also required to submit on 1<sup>st</sup> June 07 an end of year statement of grant usage as per delegation. This must be supported by an internal audit opinion verifying the eligible expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 06 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 07. Please see appendix C.

## **5 CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1 From April 1<sup>st</sup> both the NRF and the SSCF have been pooled as part of the LAA. This means that the current reporting requirements will from now onwards be subsumed into those of the LAA. There is still a requirement, however, to report the financial figures of the NRF separately within the LAA. We have been advised of the reporting dates for GOL and the meeting cycle for the HSP has been adjusted to enable and receive sign off these reports before they are submitted to GOL.

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