

Better Places Partnership – addressing the new agenda

Overview

There are a number of new challenges facing the wider Partnership and the Better Places Partnership

- A new Local Area Agreement that will be refreshed and developed over the coming months to become more outcome focused and tailored to Haringey's specific circumstances
- A new sustainable community strategy with two of the outcomes directly related to the Better Places Partnership. The Better Places partnership will have a key role in our place shaping agenda. The two key outcome areas from the Sustainable Community Strategy that are relevant to Better Places are set out below.
 - **People at the heart of change**
 - “We will build on a cohesive and included community that gets on well together, sharing and taking a pride in a clean and attractive environment. Our excellent parks and open spaces will continue to improve. There will be outstanding schools, good housing, improved shopping and transport and a thriving arts and cultural sector. The changes and improvements we see will increase residents' satisfaction with where they live.”
 - **An environmentally sustainable future**
 - “We want to tackle climate change and manage our environmental resources more effectively, increase levels of recycling, improve and promote sustainable transport and create sustainable and energy efficient homes and buildings. We want to reduce the borough's environmental footprint. We will engage children and young people in environmental issues encouraging our future citizens to be our first 'green generation'.”

Better Places also has critical cross-cutting connections to the delivery of the other four outcome areas

- **Economic vitality & prosperity shared by all**
- **Safer for all**
- **Healthier people with a better quality of life**
- **People & customer focused**

Performance Management Group

There has been a review of the HSP and a Performance Management Group been formed, comprising the Chief Executives, or equivalents, for the council, the TPCT, the Metropolitan Police in Haringey, CoNEL and the voluntary sector. This will be responsible for strategic guidance and high level performance review of the partnership as a whole.

Launch of the Sustainable Community Strategy

The new Sustainable Community Strategy will be launched at the end of June and a seminar has been arranged to bring the Haringey Strategic Partnership together. A programme has been set up for the day and members of the

Haringey Strategic Partnership will be expected to consider the challenges and opportunities for delivering the LAA and the new strategy.

Next Steps

We need to ensure that the Better Places Partnership is shaped to help deliver these outcomes and move from an information exchange forum to one which adds value to key requirements of the sustainable community strategy and the LAA

1. In the first instance elect the Chair and Vice Chair
2. Over the summer undertake a review of the Terms of Reference covering the purpose, composition and work programme of the Better Places Partnership. This should address and answer
 - a. What is the purpose of the Better Places Partnership? There will be a need to focus on roles and responsibilities and define these.
 - b. What partners do we need to address the challenges and deliver the outcomes?
 - c. What do we need to do – what is the work programme? How can this best be done, especially if we are to avoid meeting overload?

The recommendations of this review should be reported into the Better Places Meeting that is scheduled for 1st October 2007.

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