

Vision for Haringey

Over the next three years the Council will need to reduce its spending by around £70 million due to funding reductions from Central Government. That means we must make some hard choices – however we do not believe that less money means a worse service and it is not our job to simply manage decline. Instead our challenge is to find new and different ways to generate income, promote economic growth and create a stronger sense of team working across our communities to provide services and tackle local problems.

We must identify better value for money ways of doing what we do and target what we do much better, so that the money we spend is focussed sharply on achieving our priorities. We are ambitious for Haringey – it is already a great place to live and bring up a family, but there is much more we can do together to make it even better and in particular, ensure we create greater equity so that everyone in the borough can thrive and achieve their potential.

On 8th December, we will be publishing (for consultation) a draft Corporate Plan, 3 year medium term financial strategy, workforce plan and draft delivery plans. The Council cannot achieve the level of ambition we are setting out alone. It will require a stronger partnership with residents and businesses and a stronger working with our partners in the public, voluntary and private sectors. On 11th November, we hosted an event at Alexandra Palace which a whole range of partners attended. The purpose was to engage with a wider group of people on the development of our corporate plan for 2015-18 so that we collectively have a vision for the place as well as our organisation.

Engaging with Residents

We continuously engage with residents, seeking their views on a whole range of matters. Between October 2013 and February 2014 3,762 took part in a consultation called 'Tottenham's Future' to help shape the Strategic Regeneration Framework and between September and November, our communications team led widespread discussions with residents to inform the priority setting in the corporate plan and MTFs. Activity was undertaken by Haringey's Association for Community Organisations (HAVCO), Together North London and Healthwatch Haringey.

Over 1118 people have taken part by:

- completing an online survey
- attending a borough wide roadshow
- attending one of seven area fora meetings
- attending dedicated outreach events in partnership with community groups to engage young people, older people, Turkish women and members of the Chinese, Polish, Latin American and Muslim communities
- attending one of 12 focus groups to discuss each corporate plan theme and refresh of the health and wellbeing strategy in greater detail
- a business breakfast meeting was also held to understand the views of our business community
- and/or writing to us

Growth and Inward Investment

Growth is crucial for Haringey for a number of reasons. Our residents need more homes, more jobs and vibrant town centres, so growth is central to their greater prosperity and independence, better physical and mental health, lower child poverty and higher aspirations and achievement.

Key areas of our current work around growth and inward investment include:

- The Wood Green Investment Framework, which was approved by Cabinet in October, and sets out how we will bring together different regeneration schemes and underused land into one co-ordinated plan. The comprehensive strategy will aim to make the most of proposed new Crossrail 2 stations at Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace and improve connections between the town centre and the new homes, jobs, and public facilities being created to the west.
- The Economic Development and Growth Strategy, which will be coming to Cabinet in January 2015. This sets the direction for Haringey's economic development and growth over the next five years – enhancing our talent base, growing businesses and developing our infrastructure.
- The N17 Design Studio, which opened on the Tottenham High Road on 20 November. This transformed an empty shop to a working architecture practice, in a partnership between the council, John McAslan + Partners and the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London. This is a great exam example of a new kind of business coming to Tottenham, alongside the exciting range of local food and drink producers who catered the opening event (Beavertown and Redemption Breweries, Craving Coffee, Flourish Bakery).
- Tottenham Hale Housing Zone bid, which was recently submitted to the Greater London Authority. This would see part of Tottenham Hale become a dedicated Housing Zone, with £28million in infrastructure funding unlocking brownfield sites and creating first-class public spaces. The funding would mean an extra 1,700 home build that would otherwise be unviable.
- The ongoing campaign to secure funding for four-tracing on the West Anglia Line. The line currently has two tracks, and suffers from a wide range of issues with capacity, frequency, speed and reliability. Doubling the number of tracks would drastically improve transport links for those in north Tottenham.