



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING Haringey Strategic Partnership – 13th November 2007

Title: Six month review of Haringey's Local Area Agreement 'stretch targets'

1. Purpose:

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress against the Local Area Agreement stretch targets including an analysis of direction of travel and likely end of year one outcome.
- 1.2 To propose targets for a number of mandatory perception indicators included in our current LAA (Appendix ii).

2. Summary:

- 2.1 Good progress has been made in the first six months with improvements in performance and positive progress towards target seen in 9 of the 13 stretch targets. A key area for focus in future months remains young people not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs).

3. Recommendation:

- 3.1 To review progress and actions in place to achieve the 13 stretch targets.

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4. Background

- 4.1 Thirteen stretch targets were negotiated and agreed in Haringey's Local Area Agreement (LAA). They sit alongside around 50 mandatory indicators which measure outcomes in areas where we receive funding such as Neighbourhood Renewal.
- 4.2 This report presents a mid year assessment of progress against the thirteen stretch targets. Targets have been presented under their relevant LAA block.

5. Healthier Communities and Older People

5.1 Smoking cessation; increase in the number of quitters living in N17

Performance in quarter1 exceeded the target significantly (48 quitters against a target of 33). Only partial data is available for quarter 2 (currently 21) as clients will still be receiving treatment until the beginning of November. Final data submission for quarter 2 is at the end of November, when clinics will have been completed and all data has been collected.

It is expected that there will be a higher number of smoking quitters in the second half of the year as the various projects progress. The assumption is that there will be 68 smoking quitters in quarter 3 and an additional 135 in quarter 4. There is an obvious risk attached to this assumption although the HTPCT are confident that this target will be met. Actions for 2007/08 include the recruitment of a stop smoking advisor and community advisors for the N17 area as well as increasing access to clinics and targeted marketing.

5.2 The percentage of adults participating in at least 30 minutes moderate intensity sport and active recreation (including recreational walking) on 3 or more days a week, as measured by the Active People Survey.

There is no update on the Active People Survey, however, proxy measures show encouraging signs with leisure centre usage on target for 1.18m user visits for 2007/8 up 4% on 2006/7; and ActiveCard Memberships are up 11.5% against target at 8,433. The Active Participation Survey is to be conducted annually from October 2008.

5.3 Improve living conditions for vulnerable people ensuring that housing is made energy efficient, decent and safe.

(i) The tonnage of carbon not released into the atmosphere

As at August '07 the number of homes which received energy efficiency measures exceeds the number achieved in the whole of 2006/07. This is also the case for the number of private sector non-decent homes made decent, 118 in the year to August compared with 109 in 2006/07.

Our contractor has not as yet provided a conversion between energy efficiency measures and reduction in carbon emissions. This is expected to be available at the end of the year and we are therefore unable to make a confident assessment against this target.

(ii) Number of older people and vulnerable adults permanently admitted into residential and nursing care.

Latest data for July and August shows forecasted performance exceeding 06/07 performance and meeting the 2007/08 target.

(iii) Number of accidental dwelling fires

There have been 103 accidental fires in the year from April to August '07 with a preliminary figure of 10 for September bringing the total to 113. This performance is better than the same period in 2006 when there were 115 fires. If the current trend is maintained the target of 242 fires (230 with stretch) will be met in 2007/08.

6. Children and Young People

6.1 Number of schools achieving 'healthy school' status

Performance has improved with 28 schools (36%) achieving Healthy School status at the end of July, up from 21 schools (27%) at the end of quarter 1. The introduction of the new tougher healthy school standard means that previously accredited schools will be removed from the database as part of the national rolling programme. A new Healthy School self validation process was introduced midway during the year and schools have needed additional support to assist them in this process. Progress is monitored termly by a Quality Assurance Group and reported on a National database quarterly. Positive indications that this target will be met include:

- 80% school-age children engaged in 2 hours of physical activity
- 70% of all schools with breakfast clubs
- 95% of all schools run after-school/evening activities
- Healthy eating programme in place with school meals service meeting national food-based standards and on target to comply with new nutritional based standards.
- Building Schools for the Future has planned substantial investment in kitchen development and targeted school meals grant has already made such substantial investment.
- Feasibility study undertaken for developing and delivering smoking cessation programme in secondary schools through partnership working between TPCT & Drugs Education team.
- Youth Service promoting Youth Activity Card as part of Summer University programme.

6.2 Percentage of 19 year olds with level 2 qualifications

Latest data indicates that the percentage of 19 year olds achieving level 2 qualifications in Haringey has increased from 53% in 2004 to 62% in 2006. Good strategies are in place to raise participation and achievement through the development of a broader more personalised curriculum.

Previous and sustained progress at the end of Key Stage 4 will translate into higher attainment at 19 in future years. The new Haringey Sixth Form Centre will offer places for over 600 young people. An increased range of courses from Pre Level 1 to Level 3 are in place through various providers in Haringey and plans are well underway to increase the provision of courses further from September 2007.

6.3 Reducing the proportion of young people aged 16 to 18 not in education, employment or training (NEET)

Connexions are currently the lead partner for dealing with young people not in education, employment and training in Haringey. As from April 2008, responsibility transfers to the Local Authority. Other partners include schools, post 16 providers, especially the sixth form centre, CoNEL, work based learning providers and Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS).

If current performance does not improve, the 2007/08 LAA target is unlikely to be met. Performance over the last three months has declined and as at September '07 is at 14.1%. In addition, for 10.4% of young people we are unable to track whether they are in education, employment or training. It is a condition of the reward grant for this target that this percentage does not exceed 9.9% (average) from November '09 to the end of January '10.

Connexions have commissioned a range of reports to better understand the NEET group and a detailed review of the NEET strategies is currently taking place. A variety of approaches have been identified through the strategies to get young people back into education, employment or training, including immediate support for young people who first present as NEET and a number of new courses have been established at Level 1 and pre Level 1 as well as a pre NEET engagement programme. The opening of the Haringey Sixth Form Centre is likely to have an effect on NEET numbers as more Haringey residents can select in-borough provision.

7. Safer and Stronger Communities

7.1 Reduction in personal robbery

Performance is improving since quarter one and is on track to exceed the 07/08 target a 6.2% reduction or 1,692 offences, the average number of monthly offences is currently 119. A number of initiatives in place have contributed to this reduction.

Operation Curb, a London wide operation to tackle violence among young people whereby London boroughs proactively target known offenders and increase patrols to reassure local communities. Young people under 20-years-old who are involved in serious violence are the focus of borough intelligence teams, who seek to engage with and work with the youths to reduce their risk of further offending or of becoming a victim.

The Safer Transport Team launched in April 2007 has objectives of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in and around transport hubs and reassuring the public.

The team provide high visibility patrols in three areas across the borough: from Wood Green to Turnpike Lane, Seven Sisters and Bruce Grove. According to figures provided by the Transport Operational Command Unit, robbery on Haringey's transport has reduced by 30%.

Q-Cars, a dedicated rapid response team respond to robbery reports at the scene and conduct a thorough investigation working closely with the Borough Intelligence Unit and the Robbery Squad. The high quality information gathered by the Q-Cars team contributes to successful convictions. It is also reducing false reporting and contributing significantly to increased victim confidence and intelligence gathering.

Haringey also has a dedicated video identification suite. The team can provide a controlled identity parade within 24 hours of a robbery occurring. The short time frame within which such parades are arranged has contributed to a positive identification rate of 70%.

7.2 Number of incidents of domestic violence with result in sanction detections

Figures used in the initial agreement with the Home Office were erroneously based on offences not sanctioned detections. The number of offences in 2005/06 was 2,139 and this was used as the baseline. The sanction detections in 2005/06 were 487. In 2006/07 the number of offences reduced to 1,712 but the sanctioned detections rose to 671. The stretch agreed was an additional 129 sanctioned detections bringing the total to 2,310 by year ending 31st March 2010.

There have been 361 sanctioned detections in the year to August which scaled up equates to 866 in a year and would put us on track to achieve the agreed stretch. However recent feedback from CLG is that they are not prepared to accept changes to the baseline. If we therefore track offences as per the baseline used in the agreement, the current trend suggests that the target will not be achievable because the number of offences are reducing. There have been 695 offences in the year to August '07 scaled up to an annual equivalent this equates to a further reduction to 1,668 offences.

7.3 Reduction of repeat domestic violence victimisation incidents

Quarter one estimated figures from the police CSU show 47 repeat victimisations. In recent months the number of repeat incidents have increased to an average of 26 per month. If the current trend continues performance will be worse than the previous year and the 07/08 target will be missed.

7.4 Reduction in litter and detritus in Noel Park, Northumberland Park and Bruce Grove wards

Performance has improved significantly from the baseline of 42% of land being of an unacceptable level of cleanliness to 17%. The in-year data is taken from an in-house survey based on the Capital Standards methodology.

(i) Increase in the number of parks achieving Green Flag status

We will sustain the current 8 Green Flags. We are proposing 9 submissions in 2007/8, 10 in 2008/9 and 12 in 2009/10.

(ii) The number of parks achieving Green Pennant status

Two of our open spaces have maintained Green Pennant status, and we are targeting a further 2 sites per year over the next 3 years 2007/8, 2008/9 and 2009/10. This should enable us to hit our overall stretch target to achieve 7 green pennants by 2009/10. Sites included in our major renewal and open space capital improvement programmes are: Chestnuts, Markfield, Lordship, Noel Park, Paignton, Belmont, Falkland and Fairfax and Woodside.

(iii) The % of people who report that they are satisfied or fairly satisfied with local parks & green spaces

The baseline for this satisfaction indicator was the Local Government BVPI survey but this is only carried out once every three years. In order to track changes in perception we will monitor satisfaction levels through our quarterly Tracker Survey (results show in appendix i), annual Parks User Survey (Sept./Oct.) and the Residents Survey (Nov./Dec.) against 2006/7 baselines of 59%, 6.8 and 57% respectively. The Parks User survey provides a national comparison on areas of public satisfaction or dissatisfaction. Our 2006 survey showed that Haringey park users are most satisfied with the cleanliness of our parks, grass cutting and the flowers where our performance is above average and our scores categorised as good. An area where our score was lower than average was satisfaction with the toilets. The survey also illustrates our overall improvement in our parks with an improved ranking of 14 up from 21 in 2005 and 41 in 2003.

7.5 Recycling – the percentage of household waste arising sent for recycling or composting as measured by BVPI 82a(i) and BVPI 82b(i)

Recycling and composting performance remains strong with 24.3% of waste recycled in the year to September against a target of 25% for 2007/08.

The Mixed Recycling Service is being extended across Haringey during 2007/08 and 2008/09. This service enables residents to recycle a greater range of materials every week, including plastic bottles, cardboard, food waste and garden waste. Comprehensive and easy-to-understand leaflets are delivered to residents when the service is introduced. During the most recent expansion of this service in Harringay and St Ann's wards in April 2007, an 11% boost in resident participation was recorded.

A new service is being launched in early 2008 that will provide private street-facing blocks of flats with on-site mixed-material recycling facilities. Many residents in these types of properties currently need to use on-street recycling banks, so this service will make recycling as convenient as disposal of refuse.

A dedicated Recycling Officer for education and community involvement has been recruited to develop the existing schools programme. Assemblies and workshops are run in schools by the Recycling Team, whilst pupils can also visit the Council's Environmental Education Centre

where special workshops and activities covering recycling and other sustainability issues are available.

All of this action puts us on track to achieve our stretch target of 31.8% or an additional 3,750 tonnes of waste recycled or composted by 2009/10.

8. Economic Development

8.1 Number of people from the 12 worst wards helped into sustained work

Provisional figures show that since April 2007 there have been 59 job starts, 32 of which have been sustained; 20 of these were long term job seekers allowance claimants and 12 were lone parents. This indicator is on track to meet the 2007/08 target of 60 people helped into sustained employment.

8.2 Number of people on Incapacity Benefit for more than 6 months helped into sustainable employment

Provisional figures show that since April 2007 there have been 59 jobs starts, 32 of which have been sustained, none of these were people on incapacity benefit. The 2007/08 target for this indicator is 45. All of these will now have to come on track in the last half of the year.

9. Setting targets for the mandatory perception indicators in our LAA

9.1 Our current LAA includes a number of mandatory perception indicators. For these indicators targets were not set at the time of submission. Targets now need to be set against these satisfaction measures so that we can measure progress at the end of the year. Proposed targets are shown in Appendix ii. These are based on current perception levels and comparative information. Partners are asked to endorse these targets. The next annual residents' survey will measure performance against these indicators.