

### Haringey Strategic Partnership – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007

#### Subject: Six Month Review of Local Area Agreement

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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update on the process for completing the six month review of Haringey's Local Area Agreement for submission to Government Office for London with the Statement of Grant Usage.

#### 2. Summary

- 2.1 The report sets out the current position for the LAA programme across the four blocks.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 HSP to approve the LAA Statement of Grant Usage to be submitted to Government Office for London by 27<sup>th</sup> November 07. This statement is to be submitted along with the Partnerships' six month review report of Haringey's Local Area Agreement. HSP to agree Chair's delegated authority to sign off the final version. Please refer to appendices A and B.
- 3.2 HSP to note late changes to overall delegation by Treasury as informed in June and September 07 and to ratify the decision taken by the Chair of HSP under delegated authority in August, to utilise remaining NRF contingency fund to meet short fall in SSCF resulting from Treasury reductions.
- 3.3 HSP to note changes made to LAA Outcomes Framework since formal sign off of LAA in March 07.

#### 4. Background Information

- 4.1 The report sets out the current position for the LAA programme across the four blocks including finance, performance of stretch targets and progress made against all outcomes agreed within LAA Outcomes Framework.

## **4.2 The current position 2007/08**

- 4.2.1 The Partnership is required to submit its Statement of Grant Usage for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> September 07 to Government Office for London by 27<sup>th</sup> November 07. This statement outlines forecast spend across the mandatory pooled funding streams within the LAA grant for the year. The Partnership is forecasting to achieve full spend across the 2007/08 programme. Please refer to appendix A.
- 4.2.2 The Statement of Grant Usage will be accompanied by the Partnership's Six Month Review of the LAA for the said period, detailing progress against spend and delivery of outcomes agreed within the LAA Outcomes Framework, including stretch targets. Please refer to appendix B, noting that this document is currently work in progress and subject to amendments. Information is still to be received from lead agencies for individual outcomes within the Framework, and this information will be added in due course.
- 4.2.3 Good progress has been made by the Partnership over the first six months against delivery of the outcomes and indicators agreed within Haringey's LAA. Action plans have been developed by lead officers and agencies for each of the outcomes and thematic boards are starting to monitor performance of their specific outcomes and indicators on a quarterly basis.
- 4.2.4 In late June, Government Office for London announced late reductions made by the Treasury to local area grant determinations. These cuts were within the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund revenue allocation, resulting in a £60,000 short fall for Haringey. In August the Chair of the HSP, under delegated authority, approved the use of the remaining £52,000 NRF contingency fund to meet this short fall.
- 4.2.5 The borough received the Partnership's allocation of Pump Priming Grant (PPG) in August 07, to the value of £974,000. As previously agreed the PPG is to be split equally to the value of £80,000 for each of the 12 stretch targets, with the thirteen stretch being given an allocation of £80,000 from NRF. The PPG is split two thirds capital and one third revenue; however, the Partnership can request to have the capital element transferred into revenue on a yearly basis. We will be requesting this transfer from capital to revenue in March 08 as per guidance stipulation.
- 4.2.6 In September, Government Office for London informed the Accountable Body of the Treasury's decision to award Haringey

additional funding within the CYP block to the value of £3,700. This funding is un-ring fenced and must be spent in accordance with LAA Funding Guidance.

- 4.2.7 Approval has been sought and granted from Government Office for London to have a number of targets outcomes removed from Haringey's LAA Outcomes Framework. In the main these outcomes / targets related to and were dependant on successful external funding bids such as the LEGI and the Invest to Save bid. The Partnership is not in a financial position to deliver against these targets without the relevant funding streams attached to them.
- 4.2.8 Good progress has been made in the first six months against the LAA stretch targets. With improvements in performance and positive progress towards targets seen in 9 of the 13 stretch targets.

## **5 Conclusion**

- 5.1 The Partnership is making good progress in delivering its Local Area Agreement.

## **6. Comments from Corporate Finance**

- 6.1 The Director of Finance has been consulted in the production of this report and notes that the submission of the proposed Statement of Grant Usage (SGU) meets the requirements of the grant funding body.
- 6.2 Full spend is currently forecast and HSP Members are reminded that under grant conditions a maximum of 5% of the total LAA grant may be carried into 2008/09.

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