

## **Better Places Partnership Board (BPP)**

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**Report Title:** Quarterly Monitoring Update for BPP Projects

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### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To report on the current progress across the two programmes, providing monitoring information for spend and progress against outputs and performance.

### **2. Summary**

- 2.1 The report sets out the current position for the programme of projects that the BPP has approved and allocated funding to for the current year 2007/08 with NRF and SSCF funding. The report details of financial spend across the programmes identifying any issues of concern, and progress made against delivery of outputs and outcomes.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 BPP to note the current position across the programme of projects funded with NRF and to continue to monitor progress for slippage.
- 3.2 BPP to note the current risk of under spend within SSCF programme for the Automatic Public Conveniences project.

### **4. Background Information**

- 4.1 Haringey's Local Area Agreement Grant allocation for 2007/08 is £15,545,909. This comprises 17 mandatory funding streams pooled together in accordance with Government guidance. LAA Finance Guidance stipulates that the LAA Grant must be utilised solely for the purposes of delivering the LAA.
- 4.2 The NRF and SSCF are both mandatory pooled funding streams within the LAA Grant. Haringey's NRF allocation for 2007/08 is £7,862,806, of which the BPP was allocated the sum of £2,240,000. Haringey's SSCF allocation for 2007/08 is £2,193,709, of which BPP was allocated the sum of £1,130,000.
- 4.3 In March 2007 the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) agreed the NRF and SSCF funding for projects and activities to be delivered by the Council and partners, through its thematic boards, for 2007/8.
- 4.4 The NRF and SSCF programmes of projects have been aligned with the LAA outcomes to demonstrate that all allocated spend contribute to the delivery of one of more LAA outcomes (as per LAA Finance Guidance).

## **5. The current position NRF – programme value £2,240,000**

- 5.1 The BPP has approved a total of 20 projects that are currently in receipt of NRF. The majority of these projects are managed through the council and are working towards the cleaner safer greener agenda adding value to statutory provision.
- 5.2 Current spend (as at 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007) across this programme is £1,377,287 against the allocation of £2,240,000, with the value of £862,717 remaining to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 08. Spend is currently on target, as per project spend profiles, and project managers are confident that full spend will be achieved as per allocation.
- 5.3 The projects align to National Indicators within the Local Agreement, straddling two blocks: Safer and Stronger Communities block; and Healthier Communities and Older people block.
- 5.4 Good progress has been made against delivery of outcomes and outputs and this is detailed within the progress update table.

## **6. The current position SSCF – programme value £1,130,000**

- 6.1 The BPP has approved a total of six projects that are in receipt of SSCF. The majority of SSCF funding is targeted at capital improvements within the three super output areas, with only a small proportion funding revenue expenditure, as per Government stipulation.
- 6.2 Current spend (as at 27<sup>th</sup> November 2007) across this programme is £450,879, with the value of £679,121 remaining to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 08. Traditionally capital spend is profiled heavily towards the last two quarters of the year, and although spend is currently on target, as per project spend profiles) there is always a risk of slippage due to key activity not occurring as originally programmed.
- 6.3 Good progress has been made against delivery of the majority of outcomes and outputs and this is detailed within the progress update table. There is a potential risk to delivering the 'Automated Public Conveniences' project within the specified timescale. Issues of concern have been raised by stakeholders re potential sites identified and further consultation is needed to address this. The project manager will be able to confirm in January / February 2008 whether this project can proceed.
- 6.4 To mitigate against potential risk of under spend it is prudent that considerations are made now as to how the remaining value of spend against this project can be deployed elsewhere. Key actions for consideration include:
  - Identifying which if any of the other capital projects within the SSCF programme can utilise further funds to achieve enhanced outputs against their current programme of projects, within the current timescale.

- Identifying other potential areas of work which is capital spend, will contribute to the current LAA outcomes and indicators that will add value to the cleaner safer greener agenda – where funds may be deployed within current timescales
- Formally requesting to carry forward under spend into 2008/09 to complete the 'Automated Public Conveniences' project within a revised timescale.

6.5 Although there is potential to carry forward 5% under spend into 2008/09 this will need to be officially requested and approved by Government Office for London. Clarity will be sought as to whether the value of carried forward is 5% of the overall SSCF allocation which represents £109,000 or 5% of the Cleaner Safer Greener Element of the SSCF grant which only represents £49,000.