



**MEETING: Haringey Strategic Partnership - 11 February 2008**

**Title: Thematic Partnerships Updates**

**1. Purpose:**

1.1 To present summary updates of the work streams, activities and recent decisions undertaken by each of the Thematic Partnership Boards.

**2. Recommendations:**

2.1 To note the updates from each Thematic Partnership and for Board members to comment as appropriate

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### **3. Thematic Partnerships Updates**

#### **Better Places Partnership**

The Better Places Partnership has considered and put forward suggestions and amendments to the Greenest Borough Strategy. Once the Local Area Agreement has been concluded, the Better Places Partnership will play a key role in monitoring and helping to deliver the borough's response to climate change and reducing carbon emissions, as well as delivering a programme of work aimed at improving the overall quality and safety of the environment.

The Council held a successful public conference to consult on this strategy at the West Green learning Centre at the Park View Academy School on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January when over 120 people attended. This conference has provided very valuable feedback for the development of the Greenest Borough Strategy. For example, the issue of sustainable food will now be included as well as ensuring that the strategy clearly articulates that it will tackle climate change and reflect our commitment to the Nottingham Declaration. The Greenest Borough Strategy has now been to or is programmed to go to all of the Partnership theme boards, to seek the comments and views of partners. The Greenest Borough Strategy cannot be delivered without the commitment of our residents, businesses and the work

of the Partnership in its respective organisations. We are anticipating that, with the agreement of the Chair, the Greenest Borough will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the HSP in April for the consideration of partners, with the final strategy being an HSP document.

With the advent of the new Local Area Agreement, we have seen major changes in funding streams and the introduction of the new Area Based Grant. Through the work of the Council and the Better Places Partnership, we will ensure that we build on the success of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and the Safer, Stronger Communities Fund, and continue to deliver improvements for the environment and parks.

The Better Places Partnership has agreed new interim terms of reference that will be updated following the adoption of the new Local Area Agreement.

### **Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP)**

There was a presentation from the Primary Care Trust on the Children and Young People's Health Service's Commissioning Strategy. The PCT is currently consulting on the strategy. This sets out the framework within which children and young people's health services will be commissioned in Haringey. The strategy shares its vision with Changing Lives and will be delivered through two partnerships, the CYPSP and the GOSH Partnership. It was noted that issues around drugs, alcohol and children acting as carers needed further coverage and this will be taken account of in the development of the strategy following the consultation phase. The CYPSP went on to discuss aspects of the health of children and young people in Haringey and integrated working to deliver better health outcomes.

The CYPSP also received a report updating progress on NEETS. Members were pleased to note that the rate for young people who are NEET had fallen from 13.9%, reported at the last meeting, to 10.8%. The Board also discussed the availability of apprenticeships and ways of helping teenage mothers into work or training.

The CYPSP undertook its regular review of the key performance indicators, which are used for monitoring Changing Lives, and the Local Area Agreement (LAA). It was noted that there had been a 6.5.% increase in the number of looked after children achieving five or more GCSEs at A\*-C, which is well above the London average.

Under the business items the Police reported on work in response to the numbers of young people who are victims of crime, and complaints about motorcycles on estates. The Youth Offending Service gave an update on work to reduce first time offenders and re-offending. The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) said that a statement on their priorities for the coming year was available and that there had been discussions with local schools about apprenticeships.

In a new development the CYPSP has established an Advisory Board, with the Chairs of the principal forums which are part of the Children's Trust arrangements and representatives of the main agencies commissioning and delivering services to children and young people in Haringey. Advisory Board members can share information, highlight developments and needs and make recommendations based on these to the CYPSP. It will also support the CYPSP in monitoring Changing Lives, make proposals about possible future items for strategic discussion and support the forums.

The CYPSP meets again in early February and will be receiving a presentation on Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy, in addition to the standing items.

### **Enterprise Partnership**

The Enterprise Board last met on 3 December 2007 and the following items were discussed:

- The Board received an update on the Regeneration Strategy where members were informed that a conference was held, at the Bernie Grant Centre, on 29 November, which was well attended. After a period of consultation the strategy will be considered by CEMB and Cabinet before being finalised in February 2008.
- The Board received an update report on the Families Into Work project in Northumberland Park where members were informed that a business case has been commissioned. This Business Plan has since been drafted and was presented to the Families Into Work steering group on 9 January. The draft will be modified further before being presented to the Families Into Work executive group and then submitted to GOL.
- A presentation was received on the draft Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy and the Board will further consider how employment, skills and enterprise can contribute to this agenda.
- A presentation was received on commissioned research about the employment, skills and training needs of refugees, asylum seekers and recent migrants in Haringey. The Working Lives Research Institute, part of London Metropolitan University, conducted the research. The following issues emerged from the research:
  - Many migrants and refugees are working at a level far below their qualification and skills levels.
  - One of the major barriers migrants seeking employment face is the lack of recognition of foreign qualifications. The report recommended that a pan London accreditation service should be set up to help remove this barrier.
  - Another recommended area for exploration was a more co-ordinated approach to the provision of ESOL as a lack of language skills is a major barrier to work for many migrants.

- The report also called for public sector bodies to encourage contractors to adopt the London Living Wage, currently set at £7.20 per hour.
- The Board considered a report on the Statement of Grant use for the LAA for the first half of the financial year. An overview was also given on the progress made against the delivery of the LAA outcomes. In relation to the mandatory outcomes, the Board were informed that the working age benefit claim rate in the 12 target wards had fallen by one percentage point since the baseline period of May 2005, although the risk of not meeting the 2 percentage point reduction target by May 2008 was still on the upside. The Board expressed concern about performance around the Incapacity Benefit (IB) stretch target and a paper will be presented to the Board at the next meeting, which will explore how performance in relation to this target can be improved.
- The Government's draft set of 198 National Indicators for local area performance was presented and the Board made a contribution to the HSP's response to the consultation on these indicators, which closed on 21 December 2007.

The next meeting of the Enterprise Board will be on 5 March 2008 with the major items for discussion being the IB stretch target and the future of the Haringey Guarantee. Prior to this, a workshop on the new LAA, scheduled for February, will be organised for Board members to attend.

### **Integrated Housing Board**

The IHB met on the 28 January 2007 and received a report on Local Area Agreement indicators that will be its responsibility to oversee. The meeting received a presentation on regeneration and this promoted a debate on how sustainable communities can be developed given the need to reduce Worklessness.

The Board also received an update on the Homelessness Strategy, which is the subject of extensive consultation with service users staff and stakeholders. It further received reports on preparatory work for the new Housing Strategy and on the proposed future work programme.

### **Safer Communities Executive Board (SCEB)**

The last meeting of the Safer Communities Executive Board on 10 December 2007 was used to identify the priorities considered to be required for the next three years Safer Communities Strategy which begins in April 2008. The Board was divided into groups and workshops took place to discuss the targets and the findings from the recently carried out data/intelligence assessment review.

### **Well-Being Partnership Board**

### **Arrangements to implement new Well-Being structure**

As part of the development of the Well-being Strategic Framework (WBSF), a workshop was held in October 2007 to review the existing sub-groups structure of the WBPB to ensure that the structure is fit for purpose to implement the WBSF. The final agreed structure seeks to reflect the seven outcomes adopted by the WBPB by aligning sub-groups in a more outcome focussed approach.

The November meeting of the Well-being Chairs Executive agreed co-Chairs of the new 'outcome focused groups' and they are currently finalising their respective terms of reference which will be presented to the Executive in January.

### **Development of JSNA**

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is the means by which Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust and Haringey Council will describe the current and future health, care and well-being needs of our population and the strategic direction of service delivery to meet those needs. As such it will provide a key component of the commissioning process, being focused on *outcomes* and the *future*.

The responsibility for delivering the JSNA would rest with the newly appointed Joint Director of Public Health, in conjunction with the Council's Directors for Adult and Children Services.

A scoping workshop to be attended by all stakeholders is being planned for February and will:

- raise awareness of the role of JSNA
- identify what key stakeholders would like the JSNA to deliver for them
- undertake an initial mapping of the scope and timescales
- identify a small project group to oversee the development of the JSNA

### **Health Inequalities Audit**

External auditors Grant and Thornton have been appointed to carry out an audit to identify key local Health Inequalities in addition to arrangements in place and future plans for their reduction. The final scope is to be determined, but following initial discussion, it is likely that there would be a focus and **deaths from circulatory disease amongst those aged under 75.**

The main benefits of this review are the facilitated joint assessment of:

- arrangements in place for achieving effective value for money outcomes in the key local health inequality areas identified
- key weaknesses in partnership and governance arrangements
- key strengths in the notable practice area identified.