

**MINUTES OF THE HARINGEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD (HSP)
TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2007**

Present:

Councillor George Meehan	Haringey Council (Chair)
Councillor Brian Haley	Haringey Council
Councillor Isidoros Diakides	Haringey Council
Councillor Lorna Reith	Haringey Council
Dr. Ita O'Donovan	Haringey Council
Paul Head	CONEL (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)
Linda Banton	Job Centre Plus
Yolande Burgess	Learning and Skills Council
Markos Chrysostomou	HAVCO
Robert Edmonds	HAVCO (substituting for Rachel Hughes and Enterprise Partnership Board)
John Egbo	HAVCO
Enid Legister	Safer Communities Executive Board
Adam Jogee	Youth Council
Michael Jones	Homes for Haringey
Pastor Nims Obunge	Peace Alliance
Richard Sumray	Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust
Helen Brown (substituting for Tracey Baldwin)	Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust
Sharon Shoesmith Partnership Board	Children and Young People Strategic
Mun Thong Phung	Well-being Strategic Partnership Board
Richard Wood	Metropolitan Police

Also Present

Mary Connolly (Haringey Council)
Zena Brabazon (Haringey Council)
Louisa Aubeeluck (Haringey Council)
Margaret Gallagher (Haringey Council)
Martin Tucker (Haringey Council)

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MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
HSP32.	<p>APOLOGIES AND COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nilgun Canver, David Lammy MP, Joanne McCartney AM and Rachel Hughes. Apologies for lateness were received from the Chair, Councillor George Meehan. Paul Head, the Vice-Chair, took the Chair for the duration of the meeting.</p>	
HSP33.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no such declarations.</p>	
HSP34.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The committee agreed one change to the minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the final full paragraph of page 6 (minute HSP25 – Developing World Class Primary Care in Haringey) be amended to read as follows: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>The Board was advised that over time the strategy foresaw a greater focus on GP/Primary care delivery from the proposed ‘super health centres’, with a reduction over time in the number of individual GP practice premises.</i></p> 2. That, subject to the above alteration, the minutes of the HSP meeting of July 29th 2007 be confirmed and signed. 	
HSP35.	<p>DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That dates of future meetings of the HSP be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11th February 2008 - 8th April 2008 	
HSP36.	<p>PRESENTATION ON WORKLESSNESS</p> <p>The committee received a joint presentation on Worklessness from Martin Tucker; Linda Banton and representatives from Job Centre Plus. The presentation covered the employment/jobs market and the numbers of people not in work and the various partnership working initiatives to tackle Worklessness.</p>	

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	<p>Officers discussed the 'benefit trap', a situation where residents perceived it as financially disadvantageous to return to work due to a belief in receiving greater income from benefits. Initiatives were being undertaken to combat this including work-trials, information about in-work benefits such as tax credits and personal advisors trained to provide in-work benefit calculations to demonstrate to individuals the financial incentives for returning to the world of work.</p> <p>Other initiatives were also outlined, including working with local businesses on subsidising travel costs; the Board heard of a current successful initiative of this nature with BAA at Stansted, with others in the pipeline. Officers also outlined their current key focus on providing in-work support, ensuring those who found work stayed in work.</p> <p>It was noted that the Employment Zone initiative had led to over 1000 people gaining work in the borough. In response to enquires from Board Members, Officers stated that this was a separate, more job focused initiative than the New Deal, a service which was limited in Haringey because of the existence of the Employment Zone.</p> <p>Representatives from the voluntary sector expressed their enthusiasm for the initiatives tackling Worklessness and stated their desire to be engaged with them further. The importance of joined up working between all partner agencies was affirmed by the Board, with support expressed by all for the Haringey Guarantee.</p> <p>It was noted that HAVCO were working together with the Council and other partners, and that further consultation with a focus on the voluntary sector would be forthcoming in the future.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Enterprise Board pull together work carried out on the barriers to employment within the borough. 2. That consultation on the Northumberland Park Families into Work project involve the Voluntary Sector. 3. That the presentation be noted. 4. That the Board receive a presentation topic on Housing issues in Haringey at its next meeting. 	
<p>HSP37.</p>	<p>SIX MONTH REVIEW OF HARINGEY'S LAA STRETCH TARGETS</p> <p>The Board received an update on progress against Local Area Agreement stretch targets, including an analysis of direction of travel and likely end of year outcome.</p> <p>Positive progress had been made on 13 stretch targets, with areas of concerns in NEETS, domestic violence and incapacity benefit. It was</p>	

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	<p>agreed that the relevant boards would receive information on action being taken to tackle 'red' target areas, and that they would report to the HSP on progress in this regard.</p> <p>The committee noted that a meeting was due to take place with the Government Office for London, picking up on issues with regards to domestic violence.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the relevant boards report to the HSP on actions taken to tackle 'red' target areas. 2. That the report be noted. 	
<p>HSP38.</p>	<p>SIX MONTH REVIEW OF LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT</p> <p>The Board received an update on the process for completing the six month review of Haringey's Local Area Agreement for submission to the Government Office for London with the Statement of Grant Usage.</p> <p>The Board noted that the distributed documents were a 'work in progress', and that the Statement of Grant Usage would be approved under Chair's Delegated Authority. It was also noted that the final version would be distributed to HSP's Performance Management Group (which included HAVCO) prior to the final sign-off.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That a note be included with the table setting out the Expenditure of Grant Allocation on page 35, explaining that although the spend on Positive Activities for Young People in Period 1 to 6 was zero at September 30th 2007, subsequent spend would be made after this time. 2. That Officers be thanked for their continuing hard work. 	
<p>HSP39.</p>	<p>NEW STYLE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-09 - NEXT STEPS</p> <p>The Board was informed on recent developments in the 'new style' Local Area Agreements (LAA), with agreement required on the make-up of the LAA by June 2008.</p> <p>The importance of a 'Haringey narrative' was underlined, with the Borough Chief Executive stating that the Performance Management Group would have a key role in its construction, with much of the background work towards it already having been carried out.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council was pleased to recognise the role of elected Members and the democratic legitimacy given in driving LAAs forward. The Council's Chief Executive also drew the Board's attention to the new Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act that places</p>	

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	<p>a statutory duty on Local Authorities to prepare LAAs and 'named partners' under a duty to co-operate, with Local Strategic Partnerships remaining non-statutory.</p> <p>The Board was pleased to note that the Chief Executive of HAVCO had a seat on the Performance Management Group. It was stated that this high level of voluntary sector engagement was not widespread across other boroughs LSPs.</p> <p>The key change from commissioning projects to commissioning outcomes was noted, with all agreeing that this was a significant challenge to be embraced.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the recommendations in the report be approved. 2. That Officers circulate to partners the new Area Based Grant allocation when it is known. 3. That the Performance Management Group examine the timetable for LAA formulation at its next scheduled meeting, and meet with thematic boards. 4. That the Cabinet Member for Housing be provided in advance with requests by the HSP on the role of the Integrated Housing Board in drawing up the LAA. 	
<p>HSP40.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY LINK FORUM - UPDATE REPORT</p> <p>The Board received an update report on progress relating to the Community Link Forum. It was noted that the Forum was likely to be launched on January 9th 2008, with nominations for election to the Forum opening on 15th January 2008, and the results due on 21st March 2008.</p> <p>The Board was informed that two full-time posts of Co-ordinator and Project Assistant had been approved and appointed to. Training was being set up for the forum's reps in the new year. Officers stated that funding going forward from April 2008 would be subject to the successor arrangement to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, with the amount dependant on what was granted in Haringey's settlement.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the update be noted. 	
<p>HSP41.</p>	<p>COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW STATEMENT AND PRE BUDGET REPORT</p> <p>The Board received a report on the results of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review 2007.</p>	

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	<p>Officers stated that the exact local government funding for Haringey in the next financial year was not yet known, although the settlement was expected to be tight. It was believed that the settlement would include a reduction in ring-fenced grants, with a corresponding increase in the general fund, placing an increased onus on the HSP to be a constructive and engaging partner in the budget process.</p> <p>It was noted that an announcement relating to the funding of the Sixth Form Centre would be made separately from the settlement announcement.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Board receive an update report at the next meeting on the upcoming settlement for the next financial year, incorporating input from all agencies. 2. That the report be noted. 	
<p>HSP42.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF THEME BOARDS</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the minutes of the following HSP theme boards be noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Better Places Partnership, 1st October 2007 ii. Integrated Housing Board, 23rd July 2007 iii. Children and Young People's Strategic Board, 8th October 2007 iv. Well-Being Partnership Board, 22nd October 2007 v. Enterprise Partnership Board, 24th October 2007 vi. Safer Communities Executive Board, 26th October 2007 	
<p>HSP43.</p>	<p>ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS & AOB</p> <p>There were no items of urgent business.</p> <p>Under Any Other Business, the Board resolved the following:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Haringey PCT be congratulated on their recent positive score rating. 2. That Haringey's Borough Commander Simon O'Brien be congratulated on his recent promotion. 	
<p>HSP44.</p>	<p>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>The Board resolved to receive reports back from the thematic boards on</p>	

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	<p>addressing underperforming stretch targets, and to discuss Housing in Haringey at its next meeting.</p> <p>Partners were advised to submit other proposed agenda items for the next meeting of the HSP (on 11th February 2008) to the Committee Secretariat no later than 7th January 2008.</p>	
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Vice-Chair