



Meeting: Better Places Partnership Board

Date: 11 March 2008

Title: Better Places Partnership: Area Based Grant Allocation 2008/09 and the New Performance Framework for the Local Area Agreement

Introduction

The Haringey Strategic Partnership at its meeting on 11 February 2008 agreed an Area Based Grant (ABG) allocation for the Better Places Partnership Board of £1.944 million.

The Area Based Grant is a new Funding stream that brings together existing council Grants with those grants traditionally shared with partners such as the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF). As such elements of the ABG cover key statutory services of the council. The Council receives the ABG as part of its allocation from Government to address local priorities, with the support of partners. The Council has taken a partnership approach to the ABG and wishes to support activity that improves local services whether they are delivered by the council or the key partners.

There has been a reduction in overall grant and a 7.3% reduction has been applied across the board. This year will be a transitional year to maintain as steady a state as possible given the overall reduction. A new performance framework will be introduced in April 2008 for the Haringey Strategic Partnership with a review of funding taking place in six months time (September 2008).

It is proposed to use this grant to continue funding of the overarching objectives of the Better Places Partnership, with the main programme to improve street cleaning, our parks, open spaces and leisure facilities, our town centres and recycling. The attached spreadsheet, shown as Appendix 1, sets out the 2007/08 allocation of NRF by project and allocations for Area Based Grant in 2008/09.

Recommendation

In light of the HSP decision on 11 February the Board is asked to support the decision of the HSP, agree the programme for 2008/09 and also note the contents of this report and the information below.

- i. That 2008/09 should be treated as a transitional year to facilitate the move to the new Area Based Grant.
- ii. That a consistent Performance Management Framework is being developed across the HSP. This framework will be capable of identifying whether the partnership is achieving its outcomes and value for money.
- iii. That a table given the latest position on the Local Area Agreement indicators is shown as Appendix 1 and that an up to date overview on the Local Area Agreement process will be given at the meeting.
- iv. That each Thematic Board will participate in a workshop in March that will cover the new national duties contained within the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, set out an action plan for each thematic board and embed the new Performance Management Framework.
- v. That a six monthly performance review will be conducted to identify any changes in activity or funding that may be required to meet Local Area Agreement Performance Indicators.