

Chair:
Councillor George Meehan

Deputy Chair:
Councillor Lorna Reith

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The duty to prepare a draft Local Area Agreement (LAA) and to submit it to the Department of Communities and Local Government arises under Section 106 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Although the approval of the draft LAA is for the time being a Cabinet function the draft has been referred to full Council for noting and endorsement.
- 1.2 The timetable for the submission of the final draft LAA provides for negotiation on the targets between the Haringey Strategic Partnership and the Government Office for London between April and June 2008 with the final Ministerial sign off in June 2008.
- 1.3 This report covers Haringey's draft Local Area Agreement 2008/09 – 2010/11 which we considered at our meeting on 18 March 2008.

ITEM FOR NOTING AND ENDORSEMENT

Leader

2. HARINGEY'S LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT - 2008/09 TO 2010/11

- 2.1 We considered a report which advised us that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required local strategic partnerships to have new Local Area Agreements in place by June 2008. These were to include up to 35 improvement targets negotiated with the Government, 16 statutory educational attainment and early years indicators. Unlimited local indicators as targets for these were not negotiated with Central Government, and were not part of the formal reporting requirement. We noted that the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) had developed its 2008/09 – 2010/11 Local Area Agreement and that the HSP's Performance Management Group and the Government Office for London had been meeting to negotiate and agree the Partnership's final selection of indicators.
- 2.2 The report we considered on 18 March (attached at Appendix 1) proposed a Local Area Agreement which set out the Story of Place (Appendix A) and encompassed the 35 improvement indicators (Appendix B) and asked us to note the next steps for preparing the final agreement with the Government Office for London. It should be noted that the Appendix A and B have been merged into one document which is attached as Appendix A. We were also asked to note that a full review of all projects and initiatives funded within the Area Based Grant for 2008/09 was to be undertaken in September 2008/09 to inform future commissioning intentions and an update on the delivery of thematic workshops to promote ownership of LAA and accountability for the achievement of outcomes and delivery of improvement indicators within the thematic areas.
- 2.3 We were advised that from 2008/09 Haringey would no longer receive specific grant to fund the achievement of overall LAA targets as the Government had shifted considerable

funding from ring-fenced grants into non-ring fenced grant, including the Area Based Grant (ABG). The Council as the accountable body for the HSP would receive the ABG (currently forecast at £21.852 million for 2008/09) and was free to use this un-ring fenced funding as they see fit to support the delivery of local , regional and national priorities in their areas, including the achievement of LAA targets. In practical terms 2008/09 could be seen as a transition year between the previous LAA regime with tighter controls over spending and activity to one of greater freedom and flexibility both in terms of prioritising targets and also allocating funding across the HSP.

- 2.4 We report that we adopted the recommendations contained in the report which, in accordance with the agreed timetable, we refer to the Council for noting and endorsement. We also noted the intention of our Chair to convene a Leader's Conference on the Local Area Agreement to ensure all councillors are fully aware of the changes to the new arrangements.

Attached is the cover report that went to Cabinet on 18th March 2008. Also attached is a revised appendix which represents the final draft LAA submission.