



MEETING: Haringey Strategic Partnership – 8 April 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 Board has agreed new Terms of Reference. These now reflect the role that Better Places will play in tackling climate change, creating a sustainable Borough and driving forward the Greenest Borough Strategy. Our ambitions for a high quality built environment as well as a clean and green environment are also now a key part of the overall vision for Better Places.

The Board is continuing to develop the Greenest Borough Strategy and it is expected that this strategy will be in place by late summer 2008.

The recent Local Area Agreement (LAA) workshop was a success and considerable headway was made in developing actions for the new LAA Indicators. This was particularly important for the Indicator on the reduction of CO² emissions. This is a new Indicator for Local Authorities and it presents a considerable challenge for everyone.

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

The Board met in February 2008. A presentation was received on the Council's Greenest Borough Strategy in addition to the regular agenda items.

The presentation and discussion of the Greenest Borough Strategy noted the links with the five main outcomes in Changing Lives, for example how proposals around use of recreational facilities, walking buses and growing clubs could contribute to the Be Healthy Outcome. The Board was informed that the Youth Council had been included in the consultation on the Strategy. The Board noted that the environment was an issue that young people were generally very aware of and is included in the schools syllabus. It would be useful to consider possible ways of including them in the Strategy in the future or involving them as ambassadors for green issues.

The Board considered a report from the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board recommended that the Chairs of the Forums beneath the Board should sit on it and this was agreed.

There was the quarterly review of the key performance indicators which monitor progress on Changing Lives. There was a general discussion on performance and the Board noted that there had been improvements in several areas, including young people who are NEET.

Under the business items of the agenda reports were received from the Primary Care Trust, HAVCO, the Learning and Skills Council, Community Safety and the Police.

The Board was also given an update on the LAA and the latest developments and outcomes of discussions with the Government Office for London (GOL). Amongst GOL's suggestions were some that impacted on the National Indicators for the Board. It was agreed GOL's suggestions of including two additional indicators, NI 116 (proportion of children in poverty) and NI 56 (obesity in primary school children), and changing NI 198 (travel to school) to a Local Indicator. It was noted that in addition to those of the thirty-five Indicators related to children and young people the Board would also lead on the delivery of the sixteen DCSF statutory indicators.

The Board's LAA workshop was held on 10 March and was well attended.

Enterprise Partnership

The Enterprise Partnership Board met on 5 March 2008.

The Board considered a report setting out the proposed Area Based Grant (ABG) allocation for the Enterprise Partnership Board for 2008/09.

It was noted that £1.181M had been allocated to the Board and it was agreed that this would be used to continue to fund the main programme for tackling Worklessness, the Haringey Guarantee. Work on Business and Enterprise Growth and Support would also continue to be funded and as part of the new

approach to tackling Worklessness the Families into Work Programme in the Northumberland Park area was being launched and funded from the Area Based Grant.

The Board considered a report on the future of the Haringey Guarantee and agreed that the delivery and development of the Haringey Guarantee would continue on an interim basis until the presentation of the Final External Evaluation and the Employment and Skills Team's Action Plan for the future of the Haringey Guarantee to be presented to the June meeting of the Board.

The Board received a report setting out progress made against the programme for tackling Worklessness across the Upper Lea Valley from 2008 until March 2010. The Programme, known as the North London Pledge, had been formed in order to create a link between the three Boroughs on tackling Worklessness and to develop and build on good practice. The programme is worth £1.51 million and will be co-ordinated and managed by Haringey's Employment & Skills team with Haringey Council as the accountable body.

It was noted that the Programme would be delivered locally through the Haringey Guarantee and would feed into to and complement mainstream provision and other employment and skills interventions in the sub-region.

The Board considered a report that provided an update on the development of the Families into Work Programme.

The Programme will be an innovative pilot project that would focus on one hundred families in the Northumberland Park Ward with the aim of developing a multi agency approach to addressing Worklessness and social exclusion issues. This would be done by working closely with families to improve the life chances of all family members.

The pilot would take place over a three year period and would include an embedded evaluation. A team of four people would be established to work with the one hundred families identified. Participation in the scheme was voluntary and required permission from the families for Services to share information about them in order to form the best package of services to meet their needs. It is planned that the Steering Group will meet in late April to agree the project delivery plan and that the project should be up and running by June 2008.

The Board also considered and discussed the new performance indicators and agreed the Enterprise Board lead on indicators relating to working age claimant rate, VAT registrations and skills outcomes. The Board will also be informed on progress against indicators on child poverty and NEETs.

The Board held a successful LAA Workshop on 20 March 2008.

The next meeting of the Board is provisionally planned for 11 June 2008.

Integrated Housing Board

The IHB held its fourth meeting on Monday 17 March 2008. The meeting received a presentation on the Greenest Borough Strategy and the challenges arising for the Board and housing providers. The importance of addressing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty were highlighted as was the importance of effective management of open space.

The meeting received an update on the planned consultation on the Draft Housing Supplementary Planning Guidance. It received further updates on the Mayor of London's Draft Housing Strategy, the Homelessness Strategy and the Housing Strategy. The IHB received an information report on the Council's success in tackling fuel poverty. The Board agreed to hold an Annual Consultation Conference for service users and other stakeholders.

Safer Communities Executive Board

The Board has not met since 10 December 2007 and is due to meet on Friday, 28 March 2008. In the interim period, the main areas of work have focused on the new three-year Partnership Plan (Safer for All 2008-2011) and the new drug treatment strategies for adult and young people.

The proposed priorities for the work of the Board over the coming three years are: Young people (prevention and support); serious crime; anti-social behaviour; drugs and alcohol; reducing re-offending (adults and young people) and increasing confidence locally in the Criminal Justice System. Following consultation and a workshop with board members, there is consensus on our future approach being driven more by problem-solving; area based working; better strategic links across theme boards, and a more co-ordinated approach to communications and community engagement.

All Boards have been working consistently on Haringey's Local Area Agreement and the Boards contribution towards the Borough's thirty-five improvement targets will be in the following areas:

- Preventing and reducing serious violent crime (NI 15)
- Preventing and reducing serious acquisitive crime (inc. robbery, burglary, vehicle crime) – (NI16)
- Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and the police (NI21)
- Building resilience to violent extremism (NI 35)
- Drug users into effective treatment (NI 40)
- Preventing first time entrants into the youth justice system (NI 111)

In relation to performance, the most recent survey into concern about crime shows a marked improvement from 54% down to 46% of respondents registering that they fear crime in the area. An overall reduction in recorded crime of around 4% is anticipated for year end 2007/08 compared with the previous financial year.

Well-Being Partnership Board

The Well-Being Partnership Board last met on 4 March.

A final draft of the Primary Care Strategy was being produced and this took into account the recent local consultation, Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcome of *Healthcare for London* consultation. Discussions were underway with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the detailed planning of services in each area and engagement with the public, GPs and other key stakeholders and the phasing of those planning/engagement processes, ie should detailed plans for each super health centre network be drawn up before engagement with stakeholders or would it be more appropriate to phase this so that plans are developed in one area and consult before moving on to the next.

An update on the Welfare to Work for Disabled People Strategy showed some progress has been made. A Community Interest Company had been established that was staffed by disabled people who provided training on Disability Awareness to mainstream employers. The Board identified opportunities for collaborative working between all Partners and in noting that there are specific issues in certain parts of the Borough affecting BME groups it was suggested that that specific measures to improve skills levels amongst BME groups be developed.

In the light of new National Framework of standards for good practice for work to safeguard vulnerable adults, the multi agency Safeguarding Board has reviewed and revised the existing policy and procedures and produced a new Safeguarding Adults Policy and procedures.

The Board endorsed and commended them to all stakeholders for implementation. All stakeholders were asked to review their internal procedures to ensure that they are aligned to the revised policy and procedures.