

Meeting: Haringey Strategic Partnership
Date: 3 July 2008
Report Title: Local Area Agreement 2008/09-2010/11 Update
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Summary

The Partnership has negotiated a new Local Area Agreement for 2008/09-2010/11. Haringey's final Local Area Agreement was submitted to Government Office for London on 30 May 2008 and will be subject to ministerial sign off by end of June 2008.

The HSP's Performance Management Group (PMG) agreed the final submission on behalf of the partnership at its meeting on 28 May 2008. The concluding negotiated changes detailed in the body of the report, which were incorporated within the submission, were approved by the PMG.

It is not envisaged that there will be any major changes to the LAA from this point forward.

Recommendations

That the HSP note the contents of this report.

Financial Comment

The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted over the contents of this report and notes that there are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

Members should note however, as highlighted in section 3.8 the Government has allocated new stretch reward for this round of the LAA with additional sums available for authorities in the most deprived areas. The attainment of the reward is linked to improvement across the agreed 35 indicators.

Legal Comment

The Council and each partner organisation are under a legal duty to have regard to every relevant local improvement target under the Local Area Agreement when exercising their functions.

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1 Background

- 1.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 require local strategic partnerships to have in place new Local Area Agreements by June 2008. These are to include up to 35 improvement targets negotiated with Government, 16 attainment targets for the academic year 2008/09 and unlimited local indicators as targets for these are not negotiated with Central Government, and there is no formal reporting requirement.
- 1.2 The HSP approved in principle the LAA for 2008/09-2010/11 at its meeting on 8th April 2008, with delegated authority for sign off given to the Performance Management Group of the HSP. This report informs on the current position.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 Haringey's Local Area Agreement encompasses: A Haringey Story of Place; 35 Improvement Indicators, 16 attainment targets for the academic year 2008/09 and local indicators; Please refer to Appendix A.
- 2.2 Haringey's Story of Place explains in narrative form Haringey's own unique story and our future strategic direction. It outlines Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy outcome areas, our choice of priorities and national indicators and makes the links to our wider plans and strategies. A separate evidence base document details a wide range of information and data to illustrate and support 'our story' and choice of indicators.

3. Current position for 2008 /09

- 3.1 Haringey's Strategic Partnership has negotiated 35 improvement indicators and a number of local targets; along side the 16 attainment targets. Thematic Boards considered and agreed their final selections based on local priorities and the recommendations of GoL and the various government departments.
- 3.2 The 35 improvement indicators are aligned to thematic boards and have identified lead agencies with a named senior officer as required by statute. Many of the indicators are cross cutting and delivery will

impact across thematic areas. In these instances the indicators will be reported to and monitored by more than one thematic board.

- 3.3 Over the past month, the partnership's target leads have successfully negotiated with central government three year targets for the 35 national indicators within Haringey's Local Area Agreement. These are listed within the outcomes framework at the back of Haringey's Local Area Agreement, which was formally submitted to Government Office for London on 30th May 2008.
- 3.4 To support the target setting process, the programme management team produced a briefing note for thematic leads and target lead officers advising them of the process for gaining sign off through thematic boards, directors and lead members and of the process to be undertaken to ensure quality assurance of targets for audit purposes.
- 3.5 **Deferred national indicators:**
Government Office have advised that the following list of indicators are being deferred until 2009/10, these include: NI 6; NI 32; NI 54; NI 119; NI 125; NI 127; NI 135; NI 149; NI 187. Locally thematic boards will continue to performance manage these indicators.
- 3.6 **Changes to Haringey's indicator selection:**
In addition to the deferred indicators, a changes were made within Haringey's selection of 35 national indicators and local targets, which were agreed by PMG on 28th May 2008, prior to submission to GOL.
- NI 54 Disabled Services for Children (deferred until 2009/10) was substituted with NI 60 Core Assessments.
 - NI 32 repeat incidents of domestic violence (local target) was removed due to our ability locality to deliver against this target, as it is based on Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) which are not established locally at this stage;
 - Two local worklessness indicators: *Number of eligible individuals supported into employment through the Haringey Guarantee taking up working tax credit; and Number of eligible Haringey Guarantee participants taking up child tax credit*, was replaced with the Number of registered Haringey Guarantee participants with a completed better off calculation. This substitution was made due to difficulties about accessing recorded measurable data and as a result our ability to performance manage these targets.
- 3.7 Haringey's LAA is expected to achieve government approval by 27th June 2008. Government Office for London has advised that there will no longer be a formal signing off ceremony as previously informed. However, there will be a national launch on the 30th and a 'London Reception' rather than a signing ceremony later in the year. Further details expected from GOL in due course.

- 3.8 Government announced a new round of stretch reward on 4th February, with the total value to be at least £340 million. Split across the partnerships £340 million nationally is equivalent to an average of £2.2 million for each Local Area and this links reward payments to improvement across all of the 35 targets agreed in the LAA. Government also announced that the most deprived areas, which face the greatest challenges, will benefit from an additional £50 million WNF reward. Haringey's WNF reward is linked to two indicators within the supplied basket of WNF indicators; NI 153 and NI 117.