



**Meeting:** Haringey Strategic Partnership Board

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**Report Title:** Thematic Board Updates

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### **Summary**

This report provides a summary of the work streams, activities and recent decisions undertaken by each of the Thematic Partnership Boards.

### **Recommendations**

To note the updates from each Thematic Partnership and for Board members to comment as appropriate.

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### **Better Places Partnership Board**

The Better Places Partnership Board met on 19 June. The Board agreed its' terms of reference and membership, including agreement on the Chair and Vice-Chair, and acceptance of two new community representatives elected through the Community Link Forum

The Board received a presentation from a representative of HAVCO on the roles of HAVCO and the Community Link Forum and the relationship between them. The Board discussed how the voluntary and community sector are represented on the HSP and the various partnership theme boards.

A report was received on the Better Haringey Awards and Better Haringey Green Fair which took place on the 5, 6 and 7 June. The Green Fair aimed to inform, educate and entertain visitors on what the Council is doing to protect the environment and to provide simple advice and tips on how to live a

greener lifestyle, emphasising that everyone can make a difference. The Green Fair included a schools day, engaging 400 school children, and a public day which attracted approximately 2500 visitors. The Better Haringey Awards provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of local people, community groups, schools, businesses and Council teams over the last year in creating a cleaner, greener, safer Haringey. Overall perception of all three components of the Green Fair was extremely positive.

The Theme Board received a presentation that updated members on the LAA and Greenest Borough Strategy, and launched a discussion around how the Board can ensure that it's membership and meeting structure enables it to meet the delivery challenges ahead. The Board agreed that future meetings would focus on key delivery priorities, and that representatives from key partner organisations outside of the membership would be invited to these meetings according to the focus of the meeting.

The Greenest Borough Strategy is moving through the final stages of the Council's decision-making processes, and will be going to full Council in July.

### **Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board**

The Board has met once since the LAA workshops held in March.

The Board received an update on the implementation and progress of the Single Referral Route (SRR). The SRR had been developed to form one generic route that could be used by several organisations, and replaced the large number of referral routes that previously existed, which caused confusion and hampered information sharing.

The Board also considered a report on the development of Changing Lives 2006-09 and the Annual Performance Assessment (APA). It was noted that there is a requirement to produce an APA self assessment, which can also be an evaluation of Changing Lives. The self assessment process for the APA has to be completed by 26 June. This led the Board into consideration of the future development of Changing Lives, which is now in its last year. It was agreed that long term planning for a new children and young people's plan should begin with the CYPSP annual conference, which is to be held in September, and continue through the autumn. A related report was presented to the Board on new draft guidance issued by the Government on Children's Trusts.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) annual report and work programme for the coming twelve months was presented to the Board. This enabled CYPSP members to have an update on the legal status and operation of the LSCB. Consideration of the APA, Changing Lives and the LSCB also prompted a discussion around membership of the Boards and attendance at meetings. It was agreed that these concerns should be fed back to the LSCB and considered by the CYPSP at its next meeting when the annual review of terms of reference will be presented.

There was a report on the recent visit of the Teenage Pregnancy National Support Team (TPNST). The TPNST had visited earlier in the year and

interviewed a number of partners and had put forward recommendations and suggestions for further work on reducing teenage conceptions. The importance of partnership working to achieve the targets was emphasised. Discussion at the CYPSP noted the lack of reference to the impact of drugs and alcohol and that there had been less success at engaging young men and that more attention needed to be given to these areas.

The performance report gave an update on progress with Haringey's LAA and how the proposed performance management arrangements and the new national indicator set would impact on the key indicator set the CYPSP had received over the last year. The latest information on the key indicator set was also included in the report.

The next meeting is being held on 1 July and a verbal update will be given on this meeting.

### **Integrated Housing Board**

The Integrated Housing Board is due to meet on 26 June. The meeting will address routine items of business, electing chair, appointing vice-chair, and agreeing its membership and terms of reference.

The main body of the meeting will focus on discussion of Haringey's Homelessness Strategy 2008-11. A comprehensive presentation will set out the key issues, including the nine strategic priorities identified in the draft strategy. This will provide the basis for discussion by the Board through which members will be invited to indicate the key issues and priorities that they would like to see addressed in the new Strategy. A multi-agency commitment is considered critical to the successful and timely implementation of the Homelessness Strategy, which will have a central role to play in addressing some of the most pressing issues facing the Borough.

### **Enterprise Partnership Board**

The Enterprise Board last met on 11 June 2008 and received a report on Haringey's new Local Agreement and was informed that the final outcome of negotiations with the Government Office for London (GoL). The Board agreed to the replacement of the two LAA local indicators on increasing the take up of tax credits with one based on Haringey Guarantee participants getting a Better Off Calculation.

The draft Regeneration Strategy delivery plan was presented to the Board and it was agreed that members should direct any comments on the plan to the Economic Regeneration team in the Council.

The Board received a report on the business and enterprise priorities for 2008/09. These priorities included:

- Creating a Single Business Account
- Stimulating business growth through increasing the number of VAT registered enterprises.
- Business engagement in town centres

- Focus on young people through business education and mentoring.

The Board was given feedback on the Business Awards, which were held on 28 May. The consensus amongst Board members was that the awards ceremony was a great success.

The Board received a Worklessness update report, which included the final evaluation report of the Haringey Guarantee. The Board was informed that the evaluation report contained errors in the data reported, which affected the conclusions of the evaluators. The evaluation report will be redrafted to take into account these errors and redistributed to Board members.

The Families into Work delivery plan was agreed by the steering group in April 2008 and a manager has since been recruited. The recruitment process has now begun for the remaining team members.

Contracts for the delivery of the North London Pledge, through the Haringey Guarantee, have been issued. An additional contract for skills outputs and in-work support is still to be agreed.

The Board was informed of the Government's consultation on the review of sub-national economic development and regeneration. The main issue brought to the Board's attention was the issue of the duty to perform local economic assessments. The Council's likely view is that this should be done in conjunction with the Greater London Authority.

The quarterly performance indicators report was received and the Board was informed that the Job Seekers Allowance claim rates for the age population and 16-19 year olds were the lowest observed since 1992. The proportion of NEETs in the borough is also falling and is below the 2010 stretch target level of 10.4 per cent.

### **Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board**

The Board received an update on the Primary Health Care Strategy: Developing World Class Primary Care in Haringey and was advised that a Household Survey around Primary Care was to take place over the summer. The PCT has an open mind about where to put the new facilities and would define what is meant by "hub and spoke model". Consultation is ongoing with a patient experience survey, and transport modelling and analysis due to be completed in November 2008. The Strategy is due to be finalised by summer 2009.

External auditors Grant Thornton presented a brief summary of findings on Haringey's Health Inequalities Audit. Initial feedback was positive, with Grant Thornton reporting that "Overall we have found that, compared to other reviews we have carried out in the South East of England, Haringey is advanced in its health inequalities agenda and it is important that this momentum is continued and further enhanced." The audit has links with the work on Haringey's Life Expectancy Plan and the preparation of a Tobacco Strategy.

The a review of the Haringey Life Expectancy Action was taking place to reflect significant changes that have occurred in Haringey since the publication of the previous plan including the finalisation of the *Primary Care Strategy* and work towards an Obesity Strategy and Tobacco Strategy.

A scorecard has been developed against the strategic objectives of the Board. In summary, the balanced scorecard presented in June showed that 95.4% of the measures are on or close to target. Fifty-five of the sixty-six indicators traffic lighted achieved green status with an additional eight achieving amber status. Only three of the sixty-six measures fell short of the target. Action plans are in place to improve performance on these targets.

### **Safer Communities Executive Board**

The Board met on 23 June and formally adopted three Community Link members, one HAVCO representative and the member who will represent the board at the HSP. The Chair and Vice Chair positions were re-confirmed.

It was agreed that future agendas would be divided into core business and decisions/actions required on the one hand and time for more detailed discussion around a specific topic on the other hand. Data supplied by the community representatives will be consulted when deciding on these topics.

The Board was updated about progress to regular business. This included the evaluation framework, partnership activity for the year and progress with the HSP communications strategy.

Areas of work that are underway include raising awareness around cannabis and a helpline for advice about the effects of drugs and alcohol; a revised Alcohol Strategy and the Anti-social behaviour (ASB) strategy. A multi-agency stakeholder day is being held to address the key findings around alcohol on 4 July and there is consultation occurring now on the gaps and recommendations around ASB.

A new and important area of work was agreed that will focus on reducing re-offending, starting with the commissioning of work to identify gaps and opportunities. This will involve and impact on a range of Council services and partner agencies and the DAAT will report back to the board in October. Another new area is the multi-agency response to preventing and dealing with counter terrorism. This was debated and there is some further work to be done as a result.