



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

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Report Title: Haringey's **Local Area Agreement 2008/09 to 2009/11**

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: **Sharon Kemp, Assistant Chief Executive (PPP&C)**

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Key Decision

1. Purpose (That is, the decision required)

- 1.1 To update on the progress made in the development of the 2008/09 – 2010/11 Local Area Agreement and to endorse approval for the final version after negotiations with Government Office.
- 1.2 The HSP's Performance Management Group (PMG) agreed the final submission on behalf of the Partnership at its meeting on 28th May 2008. The concluding negotiated changes detailed in the body of the report, which were incorporated within the submission, were approved by the PMG.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the progress made in the development of the 2008/09-2010/11 Local Area Agreement. I am pleased to say that the council working with the Haringey Strategic Partnership has developed a new Local Area Agreement for 2008/09-2010/11. The partnership has successfully negotiated 35 improvement indicators, a number of local targets and 16 attainment targets for the academic year 2008/09. Haringey's final LAA was submitted to Government Office for London on the 30th May 2008, targets have been approved by them and final Ministerial sign off will be provided after local approval by Cabinet.
- 2.2 Thematic Partnership Workshops were facilitated during March giving the Boards the opportunity to re-affirm the new national requirements, roles and responsibilities, and to action plan for the cross cutting indicators within their remit. Thematic boards are implementing the performance management framework for the partnership, which aligns with the council's performance management system. Progress on the delivery of the Local Area Agreement outcomes will be tracked and performance managed quarterly by the boards.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 To approve the contents of this report, including the changes made to the final selection of national indicators within the 2008/08-2010/11 Local Area Agreement and the negotiated targets for the three year period. See Appendix A

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4. Chief Financial Officer Comments

- 4.1 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 14.4 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.

5. Head of Legal Services Comments

- 5.1 The majority of the legal implications are set out in the body of the report. The duty to prepare a draft LAA and to submit it to the DCLG arises under section 106 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. In accordance with the legislation in force at the time, the draft LAA was approved by the Cabinet, and referred to full Council for noting and endorsement, before submission to the Government Office for London.

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 6.1 Letter from Communities and Local Government to Local Authority Chief Executives in authorities responsible for preparing a Local Area Agreement re Local Area Agreements – Final arrangements for submission, 5th March 2008

7. Strategic Implications

- 7.1 The Local Area Agreement (LAA) facilitates the delivery of the ambitions for Haringey and its residents as set out in the sustainable community strategy. The LAA will be the only vehicle for delivering targets between local government, their delivery partners and central government.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the report. Section 14.4 of the report highlights the new round of stretch reward linked to the overall

performance of the 35 Improvement indicators agreed within the Local Area Agreement.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 The Local Area Agreement improvement targets will be of particular benefit to disadvantaged communities and population groups across the borough especially in those wards and super output areas that have higher levels of deprivation. An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken to ensure that there is no adverse impacts to any particular population group.

10. Consultation

- 10.1 The LAA is based upon the objectives and priorities contained within the Community Strategy which were developed through extensive involvement and consultation with resident, organisations and other stakeholders. The HSP and its thematic boards built on this consultation to inform the selection of national indicators and subsequent negotiations with central Government.

11. Background

- 11.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 require local strategic partnerships to have in place a new Local Area Agreement 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.
- 11.2 Haringey Strategic Partnership has developed its 2008/09 – 2010/11 Local Area Agreement. The Partnership's Performance Management Group and the Government Office for London has met on several occasions to negotiate and agree Haringey's final selection of indicators and the three year targets.
- 11.3 Members previously approved in March the selection of 35 Improvement Indicators for inclusion within Haringey's Local Area Agreement as recommended by the Haringey Strategic Partnership, and this report updates on the late changes made as part of the final negotiations with Government Office.

12. Introduction

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.

13. Current Position for 2008/09

- 13.1 Haringey's Strategic Partnership negotiated the selection of 35 improvement indicators, a number of local targets (which include our existing stretch targets), from the list of 198 national indicators as set by Government. These improvement indicators and local targets sit along side 16 attainment targets for the academic year 2008/09. Thematic Boards considered and agreed their final selections based on local priorities and the recommendations of GoL and the various government departments.
- 13.2 The 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 **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 119; NI 125; NI 127; NI 135; NI 149; NI 187. This means that thematic boards will continue to performance manage these indicators locally. Progress against the indicators will be submitted to GOL in 2009/10.
- 13.6 **Changes to Haringey's indicator selection:**
In addition to the deferred indicators, a few changes were made within Haringey's selection of 35 national indicators and local targets, which were agreed by the Haringey Strategic Partnership's Performance Management Group 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 the national definition of the target being tightly defined to the delivery of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) which have not yet been rolled out to this area.
- 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 technical issues with recorded measurable data.

14 Performance management of the Local Area Agreement

- 14.1 A new performance management framework for the partnership is being implemented across the local strategic partnership and its thematic boards, which will enable consistent monitoring of outcomes; project activity, funding and value for money. The HSP, its Performance Management Group, and the thematic boards will receive quarterly performance reports showing: progress against the improvement indicators and local targets within their remit; high level project highlight reports; financial performance including spend against area based grant; and comments and action planning for areas not meeting targets. The highlights from the HSP Performance will be included within the Council's performance.
- 14.2 The HSP agreed the facilitation of half day workshops for each of the theme Boards during March to re-affirm the new national requirements, roles and responsibilities, high level action planning and management of cross cutting indicators. In June addition workshops were facilitated for two theme boards, as pilots, to embed the performance management framework and processes.
- 14.3 Thematic Board action plans have been developed for the improvement indicators within their remit, and these support the performance management process, providing key actions and milestones to ensure delivery of outcomes are on track.
- 14.4 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.

15 Next steps

- 15.1 Haringey's LAA is expected to achieve government approval on 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 LAA London Reception rather than a signing ceremony later in the year.

16 Conclusion

- 16.1 Haringey's new Local Area Agreement provides a key lever to strengthen local partnership working, providing commitment locally to work together to improve services and deliver positive outcomes for local people.

17 Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

- 17.1 Appendix A – LAA 2008/09 – 2010/11