



HARROW PARTNERSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY 22 MARCH 2010 AT 5.30 PM

COMMITTEE ROOMS 1 & 2, HARROW CIVIC CENTRE

AGENDA

Members:

Councillor David Ashton (Chairman)	Leader; Strategy, Partnership and Finance Portfolio Holder	Harrow Council
Councillor Susan Hall	Deputy Leader, Environment and Community Safety Portfolio Holder	Harrow Council
Councillor Paul Osborn	Performance, Communication and Corporate Services Portfolio Holder	Harrow Council
Councillor Bill Stephenson	Leader of the Labour Group	Harrow Council
Councillor Phillip O'Dell	Deputy Leader of the Labour Group	Harrow Council
Dr Gillian Schiller (Vice- Chairman)	Chairman	Harrow Primary Care Trust
Howard Bluston	Representative	North West London Chamber of Commerce
Malcolm Parr	Representative	Harrow in Business
Brian McGowan	Representative	Large Employers' Network
Dr Mohamed Aden	Representative	Voluntary and Community Sector
Julie Browne	Representative	Voluntary and Community Sector
Mike Coker	Representative	Voluntary and Community Sector
Kris Fryer	Representative	Voluntary and Community Sector
Dr Myszka Guzkowska	Pro Vice Chancellor	University of Westminster
Yvonne Lee	Representative	Voluntary and Community Sector
Jacqui Mace	Representative	Further Education Sector
Ann Groves	Chairman	Older People's Reference Group
John Vaughan	Representative	Central and North West London Mental Health Trust
Paul Clark	Corporate Director, Children's Services	Children and Young People Partnership
John Edwards	Divisional Director, Environmental Services	Sustainable Development and Enterprise Management Group
Andrew Howe	Director of Public Health	Adult and Social Care Management Group
Anne Whitehead	Co-chair, Community Cohesion Management Group	Community Cohesion Management Group
Brendon Hills	Corporate Director, Community and Environment Services	Co-Chair, Community Cohesion Management Group
Chief Superintendent Dal Babu	Borough Commander, Harrow Police	Safer Harrow Management Group
Jaswant Lall	Representative	Job Centre Plus
Nick O'Reilly	Harrow Borough Commander	London Fire Brigade

Guests:

Michael Lockwood
Sarah Crowther
Julia Smith

Chief Executive
Chief Executive
Chief Executive

Harrow Council
Harrow Primary Care Trust
Harrow Association of Voluntary
Service

Allen Pluck
Susan Phillips
Annette Furley

Chief Executive
Locality Manager (West London)
CAA Lead

Harrow in Business
Government Office for London
Audit Commission

Officers:

Alex Dewsnap

Divisional Director, Partnership,
Development and Performance
Service Manager, Policy and
Partnership Service

Harrow Council

Mike Howes

Senior Policy Officer, Policy and
Partnership Service

Harrow Council

Trina Taylor

Senior Policy Officer, Policy and
Partnership Service

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AGENDA - PUBLIC

1. **Attendance by Substitute Members:**
To note the attendance at this meeting of any Substitute Members, in accordance with paragraph 4.12 of the Harrow Partnership Governance Handbook.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
(if any).
3. **Minutes:**
That the minutes of the Board Meeting held on 11 March 2010, be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Board.
4. **LAA Reward Grant:** (Pages 1 - 2)
Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Harrow Council.
5. **Date of Next Meeting:**
The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15 June 2010.

AGENDA - PRIVATE - NIL

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC SESSION.

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HARROW PARTNERSHIP BOARD

22nd March 2010

LAA Reward Grant

Introduction

The Partnership Board considered recommendations for the use of LAA Reward Grant at their meeting on 11th March but did not agree them as proposed. Instead, the Board decided that there needed to be further work undertaken to produce business cases leading to another meeting in late April to agree how these funds should be used. However, the rules relating to decisions in the run up to elections and the process for appointing Councillors to bodies such as the Partnership Board after the election preclude holding a meeting for this purpose between now and the meeting already scheduled for 15th June.

Key Elements

For most of the intended uses of Reward funding, a delay to mid June for approval will not be problematic and the delay in determining the uses to which Reward Grant should be put will give an opportunity for the business case template which has been developed to be completed and for more detailed consideration to be given to the overall shape of the programme. The Business Case Template will be circulated to Management Group Chairs this week and should be completed by 23rd April. The Board will consider the business cases at their next meeting which will be 15th June 2010.

However, there are three areas where more urgent decisions need to be reached. First, Safer Harrow recommended a one year allocation of £165,000 to fund posts in the voluntary and community sector supporting Domestic Violence work which had previously been funded from specific but expired government grants. The hope is to mainstream the costs of these posts in the future between the Council, the PCT and the Police. There is no provision for meeting salary costs from April unless the first quarter's proposed grant is approved now in the sum of £41,250.

Secondly, Harrow in Business had been recommended to receive reward grant of £264,000 which was linked to a work programme to be delivered over two years. The organisation has a cash flow issue which threatens its future and it is therefore proposed that an initial payment of £40,000 is agreed now in advance of the detailed business case in June.

Finally, the Board agreed that the proposal arising from Harrow Chief Executives for work to progress their priorities, and especially the Transformation Programme, should also be subject to the Board's agreement of business cases. The urgency for making progress with transformation, including having the

greatest possible time for proposals to yield savings for 2011/12, suggests that it would not be advantageous to wait until June 2010 for approval for these invest to save proposals. The Board will however receive a report on progress and decisions taken at their meeting in June and future meetings.

Recommendations

The Board is recommended to agree urgent payments of £41,250 in respect of the costs of workers concerned with Domestic Violence, £40,000 in respect of Harrow in Business and to confirm that the delegation agreed at the Partnership Board on 11th March in relation to the funds for Partnership purposes can be implemented without prior consideration of detailed business cases by the Board.