

REPORT FOR: **CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 17 October 2013

Subject: Harrow Partnership Board
INFORMATION REPORT

Responsible Officer: Corporate Director of Resources

Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report summarises discussion at the meeting of the Partnership Board held on 23 September 2013

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

Introduction

This report sets out the Partnership's decisions reached at a recent meeting.

Options considered

None

Background

The Partnership Board comprises representatives of the Council, the Police, The Fire Brigade, the Health Service, the Further Education Sector, Business and the voluntary and community sector. It meets to consider issues that will

influence the future of the borough and consider how they take forward the ambitions set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

After each Board meeting, a report of the business considered is made to Cabinet for information.

Future of the Partnership Board

The main item of business at the meeting was a proposal that the Board should no longer meet and that, instead, partnership working should be undertaken through the existing Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Harrow and a re-launched Enterprising Harrow with co-ordination provided by the Harrow Chief Executive's group.

It was recognised that the Partnership Board had played a very useful role in building relationships and establishing a basis for partnership working but that, now that Local Area Agreements which had been the main business of the Board had been abolished, the Board had lost direction and purpose.

Reservations from the voluntary and community sector were noted and in all but one case, action to reassure them has been agreed. The outstanding matter relates to the potential for voluntary and community representatives to be granted voting rights at the Health and Well being Board which will need further consideration and consultation. Otherwise, the Board was in agreement that this should be its last meeting.

Compact

After a long process of drafting and consultation, a new Commissioning and Funding Code was presented to the Board for approval to replace the original Funding Code agreed in 2005. This represents the end of the current Compact updating process with all of the Codes now having been reviewed within the last two years. Responsibility for maintaining the Compact will now pass to the Harrow Chief Executives group.

Harrow Chief Executives

The Board received an update from Harrow Chief Executives in relation to their work on Safeguarding, and on the West London Community Budget which is concerned with Growth, Jobs and Skills. The Community Budget work will focus on six strands which are:

1. skills and training programmes that are driven by, and match, employers' needs;
2. a local workforce that is better matched to local job opportunities now and for the future;
3. clear and effective pathways into sustainable employment for all;
4. coordinated and high quality support to businesses starting-up, growing, relocating, or simply thriving in West London;
5. encouraging inward investment through coordinated promotion of West London for housing and commercial development, supported by a wide range of development sites across all boroughs; and

6. the West London infrastructure which is needed to support our aims is delivered.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in relation to the Compact.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle



on behalf of the
Chief Financial Officer

Date: 26 September 2013

Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Agenda of the Partnership Board, 23 September, 2013

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=597&MId=61471&Ver=4>