



HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 March 2007

(1) Present:

Harrow Strategic Partnership Board Members:

Councillor Chris Mote (Chairman)	Leader, Strategic Overview, External Affairs and Property Portfolio Holder	Harrow Council
Councillor Navin Shah	Leader of the Labour Group	Harrow Council
Councillor Bill Stephenson	Deputy Leader of the Labour Group	Harrow Council
Dr Karim Murji	Metropolitan Police Authority	Metropolitan Police Authority
Allan Conway	President, North West London Chamber of Commerce	Business Sector Representative
Denis Lock	Kodak Limited	Business Sector Representative
Malcolm Parr	Harrow in Business	Business Sector Representative
Richard Walton	Borough Commander, Harrow Police	Metropolitan Police Service
Andrew Morgan	Chief Executive	Harrow Primary Care Trust

(2) The following Harrow Council Officers attended:-

Paul Najsarek	Director of People, Performance and Policy	Harrow Council
Mike Howes	Service Manager, Policy and Partnership Service	Harrow Council

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor David Ashton (Deputy Leader, Finance and Business Matters Portfolio Holder) (Harrow Council), Dr Gillian Schiller (Non-Executive Director) (Harrow Primary Care Trust), Julie Browne (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative), Mike Coker (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative), Kris Fryer (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative), Janet Smith (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative), Professor Simon Jarvis (University of Westminster) (Higher Education Representative), Andrew Trehern (Executive Director (Urban Living)) (Harrow Council), Patrick Harty (Further Education Sector) and Julia Smith (Chief Executive, Harrow Association of Voluntary Service) (Voluntary and Community Sector)

ACTION

67. **Apologies:**

Received and noted.

The Chairman welcomed the new Borough Commander to the meeting.

All to note

[Note: The Chairman stated that he would, at the appropriate time, allude on the apologies received from the Voluntary and Community Sector Representatives].

(See also Minute 69)

68. **Election of Vice-Chairman:**

The Chairman nominated Dr Gillian Schiller (Chair, Harrow Primary Care Trust) for the office of the Vice-Chairman of the HSP Board. In her absence, Andrew Morgan (Chief Executive, Harrow Primary Care Trust) agreed to discuss this nomination with her and it was

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AGREED: To defer the appointment to the next meeting of the Board.

69. **Voluntary and Community Sector Representatives:**

Councillor Chris Mote (Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Board) reported that he had received a letter from the Chief Executive of Harrow Association of Voluntary Services (HAVS) stating that their representatives would not be attending the meeting of the Board and that they were all considering their position on the HSP. He stated he intended to meet with them to discuss this matter.

Councillors Navin Shah and Bill Stephenson (Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group), having circulated the letter from the HAVS to those present at the meeting, suggested that, in the spirit of the partnership, a Working Group be set up to discuss the concerns of the HAVS. They referred to the cross-party meeting with HAVS, which remained outstanding, and that they felt “uncomfortable” continuing with the business on the agenda.

In response, Councillor Chris Mote (Chairman of the Board) stated that dates for meetings with the HAVS had been put forward but that the meetings had not taken place because one of the parties could not attend. It was noted that Mike Howes (Service Manager, Policy and Partnership Service) would be meeting with Julia Smith (Chief Executive, HAVS) to discuss the concerns and that the Chairman of the Grants Advisory Panel would also be involved.

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Councillor Mote supported the setting up of a Working Group, which ought to include one Councillor from each of the political groups represented on the Board and two other members. The Working Group would resolve problems and agree a way forward on issues such as the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and the Compact. He undertook to write to Julia Smith (Chief Executive, HAVS) on this matter.

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Andrew Morgan (Chief Executive, Harrow Primary Care Trust) volunteered

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to serve on the Working Group as the PCT also funded the voluntary sector. It was noted that Councillors Chris Mote and Navin Shah would also serve on the Working Group.

Following a short discussion, the Board

AGREED: That (1) a Working Group, comprising of Councillor Chris Mote (Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Board), Councillor Navin Shah (Leader of the Labour Group) and Andrew Morgan (Chief Executive, Harrow PCT) be set up to discuss the issues raised by HAVS along the lines set out in the preamble above;

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note

(2) except for agenda item 9 (Compact), which required consideration that evening, the remaining business on the agenda (items 3 -18) be deferred to the next meeting.

All to note

70. **Minutes:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

71. **Outcome-Based Commissioning and Contracting – A discussion paper:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

72. **The Local Government White Paper and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

73. **HSP and Performance Management Arrangements:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

74. **Sustainable Community Plan Implementation:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

75. **Progress against Partnership Work and Improvement Plans:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

76. **Budget for 2007/08:**
Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

77. Risk Register:

Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

78. Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor:

Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

79. Compact:

The Board received a paper from the Director of People, Performance and Policy seeking authority for the Chairman to approve the draft Compact Codes of Practice for consultation. Members were informed that the draft had not yet been completed.

It was noted that the outcome of the consultation would be reported to the next meeting of the Board.

AGREED: That the Chairman of the Board be authorised to approve the draft of the Compact Codes of Practice for consultation.

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80. Corporate Assessment:

Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

81. Council Re-organisation:

Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

82. Enterprising Harrow – New Economic Development Strategy:

Deferred.

(See also Minute 69).

[Note: The Meeting, having commenced at 6.03 pm, closed at 6.29 pm]