

Harrow Strategic Partnership Board

14th June 2007

Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor

The HSP Board is asked to note:

that the Government Office for London has agreed to fund a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor to assist the Partnership in several specific ways.

Background

1. As part of the six-month review of the Local Area Agreement (LAA), the Government Office for London offered the Partnership the opportunity to receive expert assistance from a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor. Advisors are freelance individuals who are contracted by the Government Office to provide advice and assistance to Local Strategic Partnerships. The costs of Advisors are borne by the Government Office.
2. In discussion with the Government Office, the areas in which the Partnership would gain most from an Advisor's input were agreed to be:
 - Developing the knowledge, skills and capacity of the HSP to acquire and collate proxy data from delivery agencies where data is currently reported only annually;
 - How to influence local residents' perceptions of crime, drugs and the general outlook of the borough through the LAA programme or by other means in order to achieve the targets measured by the MORI Quality of Life survey; and
 - Drafting a robust Improvement Plan.
3. Three potential Advisors have expressed interest in this work were interviewed by Officers. Alec Dick, Managing Director of Tribal Consulting has been appointed and is nearing the end of this assignment. It is hoped that his report will be available for the Board's meeting in June.

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