

Harrow Strategic Partnership Board

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Local Area Agreement Annual Performance Update

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the HSP Board on the performance of the indicators in the local area agreement, in particular the progress against the stretched indicators, which have reward funding allocated to them, and agree which stretched indicators require follow up action by the relevant management group chair.

The HSP Board is requested to:

- A. Review the five management groups balanced scorecards for the first year performance of the local area agreement. (Appendix A)
- B. As the stretched targets number 6 and 10 are at risk of not being achieved, request the accountable chair to develop an action plan to address this.

Background

1. In January 2006 the HSP Board agreed a structure for managing and monitoring the performance of the partnership by utilising the Councils performance management system. It was agreed to build balance scorecards to monitor the outcomes of each management group, the performance and value added of the partnership and undertake a self-assessment questionnaire.
2. Five scorecards (Safer Harrow, Sustainable Development and Enterprise, Community Cohesion, Children and Young People Partnership and Healthier Communities and Older People) have been developed and uploaded in the councils performance system and have been used to report the last two quarters performance.
3. We have recently completed the first year of the local area agreement and it is important that the indicators performance, in particular the stretched indicators are regularly monitored by the HSP Executive to ensure targets are being met.
4. The HSP Executives role is to challenge under performance, identify indicators that are at risk of not achieving their targets and hold the relevant management group chair to account.

LAA Stretch Target Performance Update

Eleven out of the possible 12 stretched LAA targets were negotiated and agreed with government in 05/06 for inclusion in Harrow's 3-year local area agreement. The 12th stretched target "the number of businesses (new and existing) supported through the Harrow mentoring package" was negotiated in 06/07 and will commence in 07/08.

At the end of the first year of the LAA, 8 out of the 11 indicators have met or exceeded their target.

At the time of writing, the results for 2 of the stretched targets were not available or a proxy figure has been given. The Primary Care Trust who are responsible for 1 of these indicators, have predicted that the final 06/07 figures will be on target.

Three of the stretched indicators are just below target or performing poorly. The two indicators, which are currently at greatest risk of not achieving their three-year target, are in bold.

Stretched Indicators		Q4 Actual	Score
1	Number of residential burglary where victim is over 75 years	148	Excellent
2	Reduction in the number of non-residential burglary in the borough	625	Excellent
3	Proportion of adults saying they are in fear of being a victim of crime	37.66%	Excellent
4	% of residents who consider suite of ASB as a 'fairly' or 'very big' problem	34.2%	Excellent
5	Breastfeeding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rates of exclusive breastfeeding at 6 weeks Breastfeeding initiation rates 	58%	Excellent
		70.43%	Excellent
6	Exclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of permanent exclusions Reduction of fixed term exclusions Improved attendance at 25% worst performing schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary schools Secondary Schools 	37	Excellent
		1400	Intervention
		7.11%	Intervention
		7.55%	Intervention
7	Average points score per pupil at level 2 at age 16	389.7	Good
8	% of young people aged 16-18 who are NEET	4.53%	Excellent
9	Smoking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of homes in Harrow that sign up to be smoke free Number of 4-week smoking quitters who attended the NHS smoking service per 100,000 population 	1008	Excellent
		1000 (Proxy)	Poor
10	Proportion of adults who say that people from different backgrounds get on well in their neighbourhood	52%	OK
11	Number of adults volunteering in Harrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of socially excluded adult volunteers in Harrow Number of adult volunteers in Harrow 	Data not available till August 07/08	

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 (NRA).

The NRA will be specifically looking at how the partnership can influence local residents' perceptions 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. He will also be working towards developing the skills and capacity of the HSP to acquire and collate proxy data from delivery agencies where data is reported on annually. It is hoped that this work will help assist us to be more proactive in managing and developing early actions.

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