

Foreword

The Harrow Strategic Partnership was launched in May 2003, and built on the innovative Harrow Partnership founded in 1998, that had anticipated the new arrangements for Local Strategic Partnerships. Partnerships are the key to working together to achieve a better quality of life.

Our partnership brings together over 800 organisations from the statutory, public, voluntary, community and private sectors in Harrow. This draft document is a first attempt to indicate the key priority areas that are central to a Community Strategy for Harrow to which all partners can subscribe and work to deliver. It is not a Harrow Council strategy. The strategy must be and will be a joint strategy – developed through consultation – and finally agreed and owned by the Harrow Strategic Partnership Board.

Partners are asked to examine the provisional priority areas. Much work has been done but our agenda will be challenging and resources are scarce. Many partnerships have the 'luxury' of Neighbourhood Renewal or other special funding that is not available to Harrow. This means that the partnership has to be smarter at using partners mainstream funding in a joined-up way to realise our ambitions. Of course every opportunity to access external funding will be taken.

I look forward to the response not only of partnership organisations but the response of residents.

Thank you



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