

## **Harrow Strategic Partnership Board**

**13 May 2008**

### **Comprehensive Area Assessment and Impact on the Partnership**

#### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and identify current implications of the CAA on upcoming operations of the Harrow Strategic Partnership.

#### **The HSP Board is requested to:**

1. Take note of the report and CAA timeframes
2. Consider the implications of the CAA on the future development and management of the partnership

#### **Introduction**

The CAA will assess local area prospects and the quality of life for people living in the area. It will put the experience of people at the centre of the local assessment framework and focus on the needs of those who are vulnerable. It will recognise the importance of effective local partnership working, the enhanced role of Sustainable Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements and the importance of councils in leading and shaping the communities they service.

The focus of the CAA will be on the outcomes across councils, health bodies, police authorities, fire and rescue authorities and others responsible for local public services, which are increasingly expected to work in partnership. This will mean that other public sector performance frameworks will be developed alongside, and will inform, the CAA.

The information that will be used by the CAA will be based on the new national indicator set and views of residents. The LAA will be the starting point for this but it will also be necessary to demonstrate the delivery of the remaining partnership outcomes in the national indicator set and provide a constructive and forward looking approach to risks associated with delivering these.

The CAA will use an area risk assessment, organisational assessments and performance information. The CAA will be expected to inform the partnership's plan for improvement by focusing the partnership on overcoming progress barriers.

The final CAA methodology is due to be published early in 2009 with the first set of results in October 2009. It is important that with the commencement of the new LAA in June 2008, the performance management processes are set and embedded during 2008 before the start of CAA next year.

Key to successful implementation will be the agreement of partner/agency organisations to their roles and responsibilities in providing performance data to be collated by Harrow Council.

## **1. Area Risk Assessment**

The area risk assessment is likely to address the following key questions:

- How well does the partnership understand and assess the needs of its communities now and in the future?
- Does it use this understanding to inform its priorities?
- Does the partnership organise itself and ensure it has the capacity to deliver these priorities?
- Has it secure and effective arrangements to identify and manage the risks to achieving successful outcomes?
- Are improved outcomes likely to be achieved?

The partnership will need to demonstrate and provide document evidence of how the partnership is managing its activities and the likely progress towards achieving local goals. This can be achieved through the management of the Sustainable Community Plan, completed LAA delivery plans, LAA performance management information and other documentation as they are produced by the bodies to manage their activities. The partnership will need to secure effective arrangements to identify and manage the risks to achieving successful outcomes.

The governance arrangements of the partnership will need to develop in a way to ensure it has the capacity to deliver its priorities.

## **2. Revised Performance Framework Approach for the new Local Area Agreement**

Currently each management group has a scorecard that consists of the LAA indicators they are accountable for and some additional measures that are important to the group e.g. Every Child Matters priorities.

The HSP Executive on the 15<sup>th</sup> April agreed that each management group's current scorecard will be updated to reflect the relevant 35 LAA indicators by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 08 and the scorecards will be developed and updated by nominated council super users of the Council's management information system. The super users have yet to be identified and allocated for all management groups by the Council. The overall owner of each scorecard will be the chair of the management group.

The introduction of the new 198 national indicator set includes a number of partnership indicators which sit outside of the 35 LAA indicators. To enable these indicators to be actively monitored by the delivery partners, and feed into the

comprehensive area assessment, these additional indicators will also be included as part of the respective management groups scorecard.

Each quarter an overarching LAA scorecard will be presented to the partnership to ensure any cross cutting indicators are reported on across the partnership. The LAA scorecard will be managed by the Policy and Partnership Team.

### **CAA Timeframe**

June 2008	New LAA's signed
July 2008	Detailed CAA methodology consultation document published
Summer 08	Second round of action learning
October 2008	Places Survey runs
Late 08/09	CAA framework finalised and published
January/February 09	Final set of CPA results released
March 2009	First set of Place Survey results received
April 2009	CAA launched
October/November 09	First round of CAA results

# Performance Framework 2008/9

## HSP Strategic Scorecards

**LAA (LAA PIs only)**

Harrow Strategic Partnership

**Safer Harrow**

**Children & Young People**

**Adult Health & Social Care**

**Sustainable Dev & enterprise management**

**Community Cohesion**

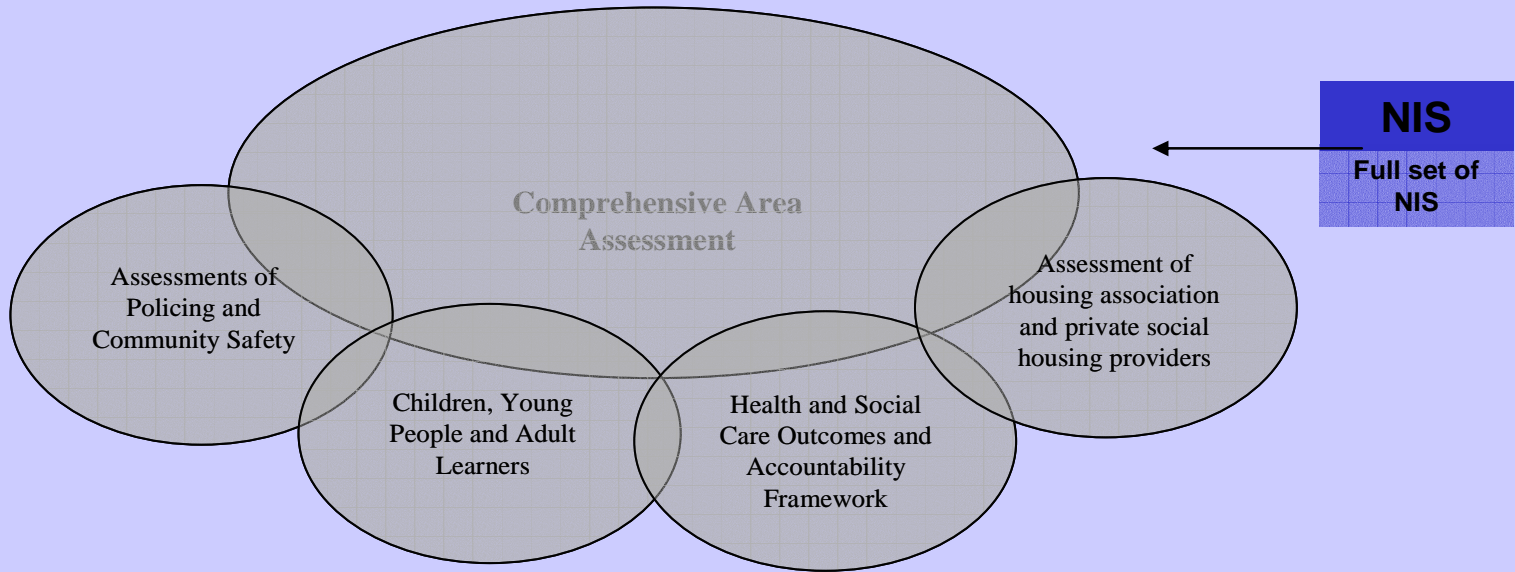
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**Inter-relationships between performance frameworks**