

The Area Assessment

Harrow's Approach

Area Assessment Questions

Area assessment will examine:

- the extent to which councils and their partners are delivering improvements on the issues that matter to people within the local area.
- whether the priorities set in the area reflect those of the people who live there.
- how effectively the improvements are being delivered, and will assess the future prospects for improvement.

Gathering Harrow's Answer

Develop a self evaluation based around the chapters in the new Sustainable Community Strategy (3 pages per theme: leads appointed):-

- Economic Development
- Improving Environment
- Every Harrow Child
- Health, Well-being and Independence
- Community, Culture and Identity
- Public Service Delivery and Democracy

Evaluation Content

- Address the three questions
- Reference material around the CAA themes:-
 - Sustainable Development
 - Equality, Diversity and Human Rights
 - Vulnerable People
 - Value for Money

Partnership Development Programme

Outcomes of self evaluation will be:

- a Partnership Development Programme addressing business improvements to improve Partnership performance and planning including adopting priorities based on community needs, delivering agreed outcomes and enhancing prospects for future improvements;
- An enhanced Partnership Performance Management system looking at the Partnership Development Programme as well as the LAA and Sustainable Community Strategy

Timetable

March	Theme leads write draft Self Evaluation
Mid March	Area Assessment Working Group meeting - checkpoint
March/April	Workshops to take place if needed (could be tied into existing work for individual service assessments)
April	Partner theme challenge/review
April 27th	Harrow Chief Executives Group – agree draft Self Assessment
May	Revise draft Self Evaluation
May	HSP Board – Final draft Self Evaluation/ Partnership Development Programme
1 st June	Harrow Chief Executives
June	CSB, PCT Board, VCS Forum, Police etc
July 13 th	Harrow Chief Executives – Update Self Assessment
September	Cut off date for further evidence to the Audit Commission

Outcomes

- The self evaluation phase will highlight strengths and areas for improvement. Work to secure and build on the strengths and address the areas for improvement will be brought together in the PDP.
- The Partnership Development Programme will be performance managed to ensure improved partnership practices are implemented and embedded.
- The 'evaluate and improve' cycle will be established for future years