

HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

27th October 2009

Partnership Performance

Introduction
<p>This report provides an update on the current status for reward grant for Harrow's original Local Area Agreement and the progress against improving partnership performance management.</p>
Key Elements
<p>Harrow is in the 2nd year of our current Local Area Agreement. As a number of the indicators were newly established last year this is the first year that we will receive data against many of the indicators and begin to establish the direction of travel.</p> <p>To improve the ability of the various levels of the partnership to assess and challenge partnership performance against the agreed outcomes in the Sustainable Community Strategy we have initiated work to align meeting times to coincide with a quarterly performance management cycle. Future HSP Board meeting dates will align with both a 6 monthly and end of year reporting cycle. (<i>The proposed dates for the HSP Board meeting are attached.</i>)</p> <p>Harrow's original Local Area Agreement came to an end in March 2009; however a number of indicators are yet to receive their final performance data. Based on current performance, Harrow will be submitting a claim for a total of £3,911,449.98 to Communities and Local Government in December 2009. CLG are expected to make payment of the first instalment of Performance Reward Grant before 31 March 2010 with the second instalment following by 31 March 2011. The guidance for use of PRG states that 50% must be spent on revenue and 50% on capital.</p> <p>In December 2005, the Board considered how to deal with any reward grant earned from the LAA. The Board agreed that 50% of any reward grant earned should be retained by the Partnership to fund future partnership activities while the remaining 50% should be distributed to the organisations that delivered the stretched performance yielding the reward grant.</p> <p>In March 2008 it was agreed that this 50% of the reward retained by the Board will be largely devoted to funding work to meet the stretch targets of the current LAA. It is therefore important that performance data and assessments are received in a timely manner to allow for an informed discussion to occur.</p> <p>Also during this meeting the Board agreed that as the Management Groups best understand how performance has been achieved, they should each recommend an allocation to the Board for consideration of the remaining 50%.</p>
Actions for the HSP Board Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the timetabled HSP Board meetings • Ensure LAA performance data from your respective organisations are passed on to the Council to allow timely accurate reporting
Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the chairs of the management groups to consider and commence preparation of an allocation proposal to the Board for consideration in March 2010.