



## HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Local Area Agreement Reward Grant Allocation

15 June 2010

### **Introduction**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010, the Partnership Board agreed that the Management Groups provide the Harrow Partnership Board with complete business cases for consideration at their next meeting.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March it was agreed that:

- (1) Urgent payments of £41,250 in respect of the costs of workers concerned with Domestic Violence, and £40,000 in respect of Harrow In Business be agreed;
- (2) The delegation to Harrow Chief Executives, agreed at the Partnership Board meeting on 11 March 2010, in relation to the partnership element of the Reward Grant is implemented without prior consideration of detailed Business Cases by the Board.

The received Management Group business cases have been summarised into an attached spreadsheet, which identifies the scope of the project, the requested funding, level of sustainability and any issues/concerns that have been identified from the business cases.

### **Proposed Action**

On agreement of the proposed business cases by the Partnership Board, funding will be allocated to the lead organisations to commence the delivery of the projects.

The deliverables identified in the business cases will be monitored quarterly by the respective management group and Harrow Chief Executives Group. This will be on an exception basis at the quarterly performance mornings.

### **What are you asking the Partnership Board to do**

- Approve the management group business cases
- Note the agreed Harrow Chief Executive business cases (Attached)

## Summary of the Issue

In 2005 the Partnership Board agreed to allocate 50% of the received reward grant to the lead organisations, which helped to deliver the achieved stretch. Since 2005 the economic climate has changed significantly.

In March 2010 the Partnership Board requested the management groups to coordinate the completion of detailed business cases from the lead organisations. The purpose of the business cases was to help lead organisations consider project risks, cost implications and identify project deliverables. The Business Cases would also provide reassurance to the members of the Partnership Board that the benefit from reward funding is being maximised and any synergies between projects are considered.

Since the Partnership Board meeting in March 2010, the Policy and Partnership Team have worked with each management group to develop the completed business cases.

A key emphasis has been placed on considering sustainability and ensuring projects align with the Harrow Strategic Partnership priorities as stated in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

The attached spreadsheet provides Partnership Board members with a summary of the scope of each project and the identified issues that have been explored with the lead agencies. The responses from the lead agencies are highlighted in ***bold italics***.

The submitted business cases range from continuation of existing projects, one off projects and pilot projects. There is also a mixture of tangible and intangible outcomes e.g. installation of alley gates compared to improved community cohesion.