

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Agenda item:

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Meeting:	Strengthening Communities Sub Committee
Date:	14 October 2004
Subject:	Establishing Local Priorities for Community Strategy 2005
Key decision:	No
Responsible Chief Officer:	Executive Director (Organisational Development)
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Partnership and Property
Status:	Part 1
Ward:	All
Enclosures:	None

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the sub committee of the work being done by the Harrow Strategic Partnership (HSP) Board and Executive to identify local priorities for partnership action.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the sub committee notes the work being done to develop the priority areas for action for the HSP.
- 2.2 That the sub committee notes that action will be required from council directorates to deliver the HSP priorities.

REASON: To ensure that the Community Strategy reflects priorities based on established local need.

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors

- 3.1 All elected members were consulted on the Community Strategy for Harrow 2004. This work builds on the Strategy.

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 The sub committee was presented at a previous meeting with an outline of the methodology which would build on the HVP to develop the HSP's Community Strategy for 2005.
- 4.2 At that meeting, members of the sub committee requested that they be presented with the priorities, once these had been agreed by the HSP.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

- 5.1 The priority areas reflect all of the council's corporate priorities.

6. **Background Information and options considered**

- 6.1 The Harrow Strategic Partnership (HSP) Executive and Board, at their meeting on 19 May, agreed the following priorities for action to achieve the vision set out in the Community Strategy for Harrow:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Burglary
- Business & Economy
- Circulatory Disease
- Exclusions
- Fear of Crime
- Housing Condition
- Housing Need (including the appropriate type of housing)
- Low Birth Weight
- Low Incomes:
- Poverty and Older People
- Low Incomes and Children
- Public Transport
- Street Scene

It was highlighted that underpinning these 12 priorities, were principles of:

- Targeting Neighbourhoods
- Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Communities
- Community Cohesion
- Social Inclusion
- Access to Sport and Leisure

6.2 Mapping was done across the priority areas to establish what partnership action might be needed to develop work across the priorities. This mapping work has led to an initial classification, which the HSP Executive requested be refined for presentation at their meeting in September 2004.

7. **Consultation**

7.1 Consultation on the priorities was done with the HSP Board and Executive as well as the a wider group of partners at the HSP Summit in May 2004.

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 None

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 The work to identifying joint priorities for partnership action will improve the quality of life of local people and help to bring together resources for more effective use. It will also assist in the council's 2005 Comprehensive Performance Assessment by identifying attempts to join up service delivery and create effective local partnerships.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Mapping work of priority areas available from author.

12. **Author**

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