

# REPORT FOR: **Cabinet**

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**Date of Meeting:** 18 October 2011

**Subject:** INFORMATION REPORT – Harrow  
Partnership Board

**Responsible Officer:** Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive

**Exempt:** No

**Enclosures:** Appendix 1 of spend to date on LAA Reward  
Grant funded schemes

## **Section 1 – Summary**

This report sets out a summary of the business considered by the Partnership Board at their meeting held on 11 October 2011.

**FOR INFORMATION**

## **Section 2 – Report**

The Leader of the Council has determined that to ensure that Partnership business is recognised and understood, a report of each meeting of the Partnership Board should be submitted for information to the next available cabinet. This report details the business considered by the Board at their meeting on 11th October 2011.

### Governance

The Board considered and agreed an updated Governance Handbook that reflected the changes to the structure of the Partnership and the ending of the programme of Local Area Agreements. The new handbook will be available on the Council's website.

### Harrow Mutual Support Network

In July 2011, the Board had supported with LAA Reward Grant an application to develop an organisation similar to Circles of Support that operate in other local authorities. The Board received further details of the proposal, now known as Harrow Mutual Support Network, its strategic and core outcomes, how it would be developed and the tendering process envisaged to find an organisation or organisations to take the concept forward. The Board heard that Further Education Colleges and the Business Community would be keen to play a role in the development and support of the concept and asked that provision should be made to enable this. The Board also requested that existing organisations that undertake similar, if more geographically restricted, functions should be involved.

### Health and Well Being

The Board received an update on the evolving health and wellbeing agenda. This included information that the existing Health and Wellbeing Group had formally agreed to become a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and that it had agreed its functions as including:

- A Strategic Role
- A Monitoring Role
- A Challenge Role
- An Integration Role and
- An Accountability and Transparency Role.

The Shadow Board's immediate work priorities are to agree the health and wellbeing priorities for Harrow, develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to influence the developing commissioning arrangements.

The Board also received updates on projects connected with health and wellbeing including Reablement and Intermediate Care and the Top 50 Families.

The Board were informed of the current plans for transferring responsibility for Public Health to Local Authorities and a new body called Public Health England with effect from April 2013. Discussions are underway about budget and transition planning preparation.

Finally, on this item, the Board received details of the NHS Framework for Commissioning Support.

### Monitoring Partnership Work

A report was presented setting out frameworks for monitoring the work supported by both rounds of LAA Reward Grant funding and bring these programmes and other work together to identify progress against the Partnership's four priorities.

The first round of funding was agreed in July 2010 and the Board received details of progress against spend on a number of projects as set out as Appendix 1. Some specific project updates were also given including minor changes to some of the schemes, that 3,874 clients had received a Reablement Service by the end of June 2011 and that the Joint Intelligence Unit is fully operational and the Local Information System will be live this month.

The second round of funding was agreed in July 2011 and the first monitoring information has yet to be received. However, the Board received information about the progress in completing Service Level Agreements and the milestones against which progress would be measured. A similar framework has been developed to measure progress on the Partnership's priorities which are:

- Effective Joint Working
- Building Community Capacity
- Health and
- Worklessness/Welfare.

The framework should contain progress information for the Board's next meeting.

## **Section 4 – Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **Section 5 - Equalities implications**

The projects supported by LAA Reward Grant Funding have been the subject of Equality Impact Assessments which were reported to the Board as part of their consideration of the applications received.

## **Section 6 – Corporate Priorities**

The Partnership's priorities support aspects of all of the Council's Corporate Priorities

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Date: 12 October 2011		

## **Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background Papers:** Agenda and draft minutes of the Partnership Board, 11 October, 2011