

# **REPORT FOR: Cabinet**

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**Date of Meeting:** 15 December 2011

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

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

**Exempt:** No

**Enclosures:** None

## **Section 1 – Summary**

This report sets out a summary of the business considered by the Partnership Board at their meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 7th December 2011.

### **Community Budgets**

The Board received the Council's Expression of Interest to become a pilot in the Community Budgets exercise. Community Budget pilots would have some control and significant influence over almost all public expenditure in their area. The Council submitted an Expression of Interest based around opportunities to develop Access Harrow as a common front door to public services in Harrow and leading to a common assess and refer process that would direct service requests to the right teams, often formed of staff from different agencies. At the same time, this approach to integrated service e delivery offered the prospect of service co-location to support the rationalisation of the stock of public buildings locally.

Unfortunately, the Council's bid was not successful but the Partnership Board recognised that much of the envisaged programme could be pursued without the freedom offered by pilot status. Partners will be considering the extent to which they can support the development of the ideas set out in ten expression of interest.

### **Community Premises**

In July this year, the Board approved a range of projects to be funded from the last tranche of LAA Reward Grant. That meeting considered two applications seeking to improve access to and the quality of premises used by voluntary and community organisations and agreed to ask the applicants to explore whether they could work together. The Board set aside £60,000 of capital grant that could be used to support a revised bid.

At this meeting, the Board considered the response of CARRAMEA, a group set up by the majority of the organisations using the Council's building at 27 Northolt Road as their office base. CARRAMEA Plan to modify the offer at the building to be more flexible, business-orientated and affordable which would enable more groups to be accommodated at reduced unit costs.

The Board awarded the capital set aside for his purpose to CARRAMEA subject to appropriate monitoring and a phased release of resources to reflect the building programme.

### **Partnership Budget**

Now that the Partnership is reaching the end of the LAA resources, a review of spending has been undertaken which has identified a limited amount of

funding that can still be allocated ( £73,903.20 Revenue and £94,139.00 Capital). The Board has agreed to support, in revenue terms, some of the Partnerships own consultation and information activities and the continuation of the Local Information System. It also allocated the remaining balance to help progress the Top Families project which is seeking to improve outcomes for families while making efficiency savings by identifying and avoiding overlap and duplication and by establishing better and earlier interventions in appropriate circumstances.

The remaining capital funds will be used to support projects to achieve more effective joint working such as sharing and rationalising back office functions and exploring partnership property opportunities.

#### Out of Hospital Care

The Board also received a presentation from the Clinical Commissioning Board on the current thinking for the future of health care in Harrow. This had been developed with the help of a stakeholder event in November that communicated the health context for Harrow, examined the financial challenges, explored the out of hospital vision and tested the vision against patient pathways to understand the key changes to be made in the health system.

The vision involves a redesign of the whole system which will take early investment to make the required saving later. At the moment, this is a concept rather than a detailed proposal but it aims to ensure that it delivers modern high quality cost effective services with the right care in the right setting by the right person. In turn, this will involve more integration of care across secondary, community and primary settings, improved communication between services, more patient education and ownership of care, including through the use of technology and more flexible workforce arrangements and information sharing.

The Board expects to receive further reports at future meetings.

## **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: 8 December 2011

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

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**Background Papers:** Agenda and minutes of the Partnership Board, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2011