

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Community Strategy Annual Performance 2006/07

1 Introduction

1.1 This paper reports performance in 2006/07 from the objectives contained within the existing Community Strategy, which was produced in 2005. The Strategy is structured around four blocks:

- Children and Young People (CYP)
- Healthier communities and Older People (HCOP)
- Safer Stronger Communities (SSC)
- Economy and Opportunities (EO)

1.2 In 2007 the Borough Partnership agreed a revised structure and priorities for the Community Strategy and this is the subject of Item 10 on this agenda. It is this new set of priorities which will be the subject of next year's report.

2 Performance Summary

2.1 The below table illustrates overall performance for each block of Community Strategy targets in 2006/07. The attached Appendices show a detailed analysis.

| | CYP | | HCOP | | SSC | | EO | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Indicators | 40 | | 16 | | 39 | | 12 | |
| Green | 24 | 60% | 10 | 63% | 20 | 51% | 10 | 83% |
| Red | 9 | 22% | 5 | 31% | 8 | 20% | 2 | 17% |
| Static | 4 | 10% | 1 | 6% | 3 | 8% | 0 | 0% |
| No Info | 3 | 8%¹ | 0 | 0% | 8 | 21%² | 0 | 0% |

2.2 The report shows progress made since the last report in summer 2006. Green indicates an improvement and red shows a decline in performance.

2.3 There are one hundred and seven indicators in the 2005 Community Strategy. Sixty four of these (60%) are "green" in table 1 (this includes five of this total which are "static" but at maximum performance level). Twenty four (22.4%) are

¹ These relate to educational achievement at Level 5 which is not reported through the LAA, and the revised Strategy will not contain these targets

² These relate to targets measuring police presence, which the police do not prioritise in terms of collecting therefore no data was available for this reporting. The revised Strategy will not contain these measures

red, with below-baseline outcomes in 2006/07. Eight (7.5%) have neither improved nor declined in performance.

3 Children and Young People (CYP)

3.1 Achievements

3.1.1 Twenty four of the forty indicators in this block (60%) are showing green including two that are static at maximum performance. Nine indicators (36%) are below 2005/06 performance for 2006/07.

3.1.2 Of note are the continued high performance of the Council's Teenage Pregnancy Unit, which has for the last three years not only maintained but increased the difference in the rate of decline between the borough and the rest of the country. Performance on a number of Stretch (LPSA) targets has significantly improved: 'Increasing the numbers of homeless cases prevented through positive intervention', 'Returning privately owned empty properties to meet housing need', and 'Improving the quality of Care Placements'. Most marked is the improvement in the 'General NEETs' Stretch Target which is to decrease the numbers of 16-18 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training which improved from a baseline of 10.4% in 2004 to 7.7% this year.

3.1.3 The objective 'improving educational attainment at all key stages' where in general the borough is doing well - results in English at KS3 are above the national and the gaps to the national results are closing in maths and science.

3.2 Areas for improvement

3.2.1 Underperforming PIs include:

- Foundation Stage
 - Stretch Target 2 – The percentage of children achieving a L6 score in their Foundation Stage Profile in their Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Key Stage 2
 - The percentage of pupils achieving L4+ in Key Stage 2 Maths
 - Stretch Target 3 – The numbers of schools with < 65% pupils achieving Key Stage 2 Maths (L4)
- Looked after Children
 - Stretch Target 5 – The percentage of children who were looked after that are in EET around their 19th birthday
 - The percentage of young people leaving care with 1+ A*-G at GCSE level

3.2.2 The first three of these – attainment at Foundation Stage, Key Stage 2 and attainment of Looked after Children are areas of concern. These measures are being dealt with through the LAA and stretch target initiatives.

4 Healthier Communities and Older People (HCOP)

4.1 Achievements

- 4.1.1 Performance is good in this block with ten indicators out of the total of sixteen (62.5%) scored as green. This includes two which are “static” but at optimum performance level. Five indicators (31.3%) are red, where performance is less than 2005/06.
- 4.1.2 There remain challenges to improving the quality of life and independence of those with long term illnesses and in reaching the most vulnerable people with illnesses to give them control in managing their condition.
- 4.1.3 Life expectancy for males in the borough has improved where the figure for life expectancy at birth now stands at 76.2 years. The equivalent female figure is higher at 81.2 but this is short of the previous figure of 81.8 years.

4.2 Areas for improvement

- 4.2.1 There remain risks to better performance in the following objectives.
- Variations in the life expectancy and standard mortality ratios from major diseases in the Borough’s wards
 - Reducing smoking during pregnancy – the stretch target to reduce smoking among women of childbearing age is performing well
 - Developing interventions in the populations with the poorest health, including providing better access to primary care, developing health plans and making appropriate interventions to improve health, diet and lifestyle
- 4.2.2 The 2007/08 refresh of the Local Area Agreement has retained targets for improving the health of the local community to enable sustained progress to be made into 2008. As the Public Health Strategic Alliance develops, the progress made in other areas through effective partnership intervention is expected to be mirrored.

5 Safer, Stronger Communities (SSC)

5.1 Achievements

- 5.1.1 Twenty of the thirty-nine indicators in this block (51.3%) are green, indicating improved performance, including one that is static at optimum performance. Eight indicators (20%) are “red” and below baseline performance for 2006/07.
- 5.1.2 Notable improvements include increased sanctioned detections for race and homophobic hate crimes, a drop in the number of reported robberies and a substantial reduction in domestic burglary, resulting from a suite of enforcement operations and preventative work.
- 5.1.3 Satisfaction with living in the borough has also increased in 2006/07 with 81% of respondents to a Citizens’ Panel survey in autumn 2006 declaring that they

were satisfied with H&F as a place to live. In addition, the same survey reported a 3% increase in respondents who trust their neighbours.

5.1.4 Performance is also strong against the housing objectives contained within this block. Delivering decent homes for vulnerable private-sector residents is performing well above baseline and exceeding the stretch target. Performance in both the preventing homelessness and returning empty homes to use objectives are each also above the baseline and the stretch target figure.

5.2 Areas for improvement

5.2.1 Vehicle crime, in particular crimes of theft from motor vehicles and interference and tampering, became a major priority in 2006/07 and one in which partners have trialled a number of intelligence-led approaches. Partners have worked together to tackle 'theft from motor vehicle' offences in the six key wards in the borough (Askew, Addison, Hammersmith Broadway, Shepherds Bush Green, Parsons Green & Walham and Ravenscourt Park).

5.2.2 Although the rate of sanctioned detection for homophobic hate crime has improved in 2006/07, it is recognised that more needs to be done to highlight the support available for victims of these crimes and improve multi-agency responses. Homophobic hate crime reporting forms are being distributed and advertised in a number of locations in the borough to encourage reporting and improve judicial outcomes.

6 Economy and Opportunities

6.1 Achievements

6.1.1 Performance is very good in this block with ten objectives out of the total of twelve (83.3%) scored as green. Only two indicators are red, with performance down on that last reported.

6.1.2 Of note is the reduction in the borough unemployment rate to 2.9% and the unemployment rate in the five priority wards³, which dropped from 4.4% to 4.3%, the number of VAT-registered businesses, which has increased in twelve months to 8350, and the number of employees in local businesses, which rose by over 8,000 to 119,000.

6.2 Areas for improvement

6.2.1 The objective on supporting Lone Parents into work, which is also a stretch target in the LAA, has shown improved above-baseline performance in 2006/07. At the end of March 2007 there were 76 lone parents supported into work, and of these 70 were in sustained work. However the pace of

³ Askew, College Park & Old Oak, Hammersmith Broadway, Shepherd's Bush Green, ad Wormholt & White City

improvement needs to be accelerated if the stretch target is to be reached at the end of 2007/08.

- 6.2.2 Current provision comprises a Lone Parent Network partnership, which has been successful and cited as an example of good practice in supporting lone parents by London Councils and in an independent LDA review. However, progress has been slow in helping the volume of lone parents into work that the council wishes to support. To this objective H&F has worked to develop its partnership base and to ensure that the available provision is coordinated, and all lone parents supported into work registered with the Network, hence captured as an output for this target. Money is being used from several sources including LPSA2 pump-priming grant, LDA Area Programme, NRF, legacy Single Regeneration Budget funds and Council grant aid. New partners have been introduced to the Network, including Work Directions, the Council's Housing Benefits Team and the Help Consortium (which includes registered social landlords) to help address the barriers faced by lone parents.

7 Future reporting arrangements

- 7.1 This is the last annual performance report focusing on the 2005 Community Strategy indicator set. The next annual performance report, in summer 2008, will feature new indicators agreed in the revised Community Strategy that better reflect the current priorities of the Borough Partnership and its members between now and 2011.

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