3 December 2014 Agenda Item 3

UPDATE REPORT

Hounslow Together Board

This paper includes updates on areas of work initiated by the partnership, the work of other strategic partnerships and will now include a round-up of any actions raised by the Board in previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY AREAS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Note the updates included

2. Raise any questions, queries or comments about individual updates

How does this affect my organisation/the people and groups I represent?

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How can I/my organisation contribute?

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1. INTRODUCTION

This is a summary of activity across the different partnerships (with the exception of safeguarding bodies) and other relevant items that might be useful. It will also now include a round-up of actions identified by the Board from previous meetings.

2. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

Children’s Delivery Group

The second meeting of the Children’s Delivery Group took place on 15 October, where the final Terms of Reference were agreed. The meeting considered the draft Joint Children & Young People’s Strategy for 2015-9 setting out the vision and outcomes for the borough’s Children & Young People and priorities for service provision and commissioning. At the meeting the group also considered taking on oversight of commissioning and monitoring the Health Visiting Service for the borough.

The Health & Wellbeing Board’s action plan for priorities relating to children set out the approach to improving oral health for children under 5; achieving higher rates of childhood immunisation and reducing levels of childhood obesity. The group also considered the CCGs commissioning intentions.

Although not directly related to the Children’s Delivery Group, the borough received a visit from the Children’s Commissioner that will contribute to a wider report to Government around best practice and strategic challenges in tackling child poverty. Many partners around the table kindly contributed to the visit on 25 and 26 November and we hope to be able to update you on how this was received at the meeting.

Community Safety Partnership Board

The most recent Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Board took place on 23 October 2014. The Board noted its approval of the Community Safety Strategy to be implemented and published once design work was complete (*note – this document is currently with the LBH Communications Design team and is due to be published w/c 8 December). The strategy will be in place now until March 2017 and incorporates the priorities identified from the Community Safety Strategic Assessment which was completed earlier this year.
The Board was given a brief on the new ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 including the new Community Trigger process. There is a final approval needed with regards to the Escalation process. A report on the new legislation is going to Cabinet for noting.

The Board approved as restructure in the governance and makeup of the Partnership which has now abolished the Implementation Group and adds more emphasis and responsibility on to sub-groups such as the Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Group, Hate Crime Prevention Forum; Integrated Offender Management; and the Youth Crime Justice Board. The Partners are now reviewing the membership of the Board.

There were two presentations made to the Board. LBH Adult Safeguarding and the Metropolitan Police jointly presented on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) which came about from the report based on Rotherham. The Board were also given an update on the MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference which deals with high risk cases on Domestic Violence). There is a need to increase the number of referrals to the MARAC from agencies across the borough. Finally, the Board were informed that the first Safer Neighbourhood Board meeting will occur in November 2014. This Board is the MOPAC approved replacement for the old Community Police Consultative Group with added governance and monitoring requirements.

Hounslow Economic Business Forum

The next HEBF meeting will take place on 2nd December 2014. Councillor Sue Sampson will present her vision and objectives of economic development in the London Borough of Hounslow. This will be followed by an overview of the emerging findings from the Sectoral Research that is currently being conducted within the Borough of Hounslow by Regeneris Consulting. The Forum will also receive an update on the Local Plan and regeneration activities as well as discuss increasing membership of the Forum.

Health & Wellbeing Board

The last meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) took place on the 19 November. The Board approved the new draft action plan for the Hounslow Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-17. The Board also considered the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and approved the delegation of work on the Hounslow PNA to the ‘Hounslow PNA Steering Group’ and delegated sign-off of approval of the final completed PNA report to Hounslow’s Director of Public Health.
In addition to this the Board was consulted on the Joint Prevention Strategy for Adult Services in Hounslow 2014-18, the Joint Children and Young People Strategy 2015-19 and the Public Health Commissioning Strategy. Members then approved the Joint Commissioning Intentions for the coming year 2015-16.


The next meeting is scheduled for 4 February 2015 – agenda to be finalised.

**Hounslow Skills Training and Employment Partnership (HSTEP)**

The first meeting of HSTEP with new members took place on 3 September. The membership has been reviewed and refreshed to include more Employer representation. New terms of reference for the group were discussed and adopted in principle. New members were very positive about joining the partnership with useful preliminary discussions on development of the new Job Brokerage Service. The new Skills & Employment team will be introduced at the next HSTEP meeting on 3 December.

**Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Partnership**

VCSE Partnership meeting has been affected by other workloads and been delayed to early 2015. New staff members have talked with Andy roper from Hounslow Community network, and indicated their keenness in attending and being a regular member. This new energy is critical when new ways of working and managing demand are needed.

At the same time, the various partnerships between the Council, HCN and the VCSE sector and other agencies has significantly grown over the past year. This connection and joint working includes:

- Promotion and delivery of Skills and employability training by VCSE sector supporting work of Adult Learning
- HCN workplan with involving CPU and HCCCG
- Preparation of annual survey 2015
- Thriving Communities and VCSE Strategy 2015-2019 consultation internally and with VCSE organisations
- Updated HCN External Funding Action Plan with CPU and the VCSE sector
- Development of Hounslow Voluntary sector Health and Social Care Forum
- Sharing information on joint commissioned VCSE organisations
• Social Enterprise Forum and report recommendations
• VCSE sector roles in Safer Neighbourhood Board and Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Panel

3. OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Cranford - Stronger Together
The agenda includes a specific agenda item on this project

Skills & Employment Strategy
26 apprentices started working for the Council in October, and the Apprenticeship Officer is now focusing on supporting employers in the borough to create new apprenticeship opportunities. The Job Brokerage service is piloting approaches with local employers, including working with West Thames College to deliver a retail sector training academy, and providing tailored pre-employment training for residents to help them to make successful applications for jobs. A group of hard to reach young people are being supported to improve their confidence and motivation through an intensive and flexible programme of support provided through one to one mentoring and guidance.

WLA Community Budgeting
The submission to the LEP to secure New Homes Bonus funding for the Skills Escalator was successful, so the project will be extended beyond its pilot phase. A full time project manager is currently being recruited. The first clients have signed up to the scheme and had initial appointments to identify their career aspirations and training needs.

Welfare Reform
Since the Welfare Reform Group last met on 15 September, the Government has announced its intention to start rolling out Universal Credit from February 2015. We understand that Hounslow will be in this first tranche, but are awaiting confirmation of any ‘go-live’ date’. At first this is likely to apply to new single claimants for what would have been Job Seekers Allowance, before being broadened out to other claimant cohorts over time.

What was previously known as the Local Services Support Framework has now been renamed Universal Support – delivered locally. The Council will be asked to enter into a Partnership Agreement with DWP to provide support services. A template agreement is currently being consulted upon and we await more detailed guidance.
## 4. ACTIONS

The table below lists the actions raised by the Board in previous meetings.

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<td>Welfare Reform – Jas Lall reported that a colleague from the Universal Credit team at JobCentre Plus could provide a presentation on the forthcoming Universal Credit rollout. <strong>Ian Duke</strong></td>
<td>The latest position on Universal Credit is included in the update report. Further guidance still awaited. And offer to be taken up at that point. Visits to pilot UC area in Hammersmith &amp; Fulham undertaken.</td>
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<td>Request a copy of the “collection of young people’s voices” in connection with the borough’s town centres from Stephen Hutchinson for circulation to members of the Board. <strong>Kay Duffy</strong></td>
<td>Copy of the papers expected to have been sent by Tuesday 25 November</td>
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<td>Continue to use the format produced for tracking actions from the minutes at future meetings. <strong>Ian Duke</strong></td>
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<td>Presentation slides to be circulated to members and attached with the electronic agenda pack for reference. <strong>Kay Duffy</strong></td>
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<td>DRAFT Report to be prepared by RSA for presentation to Cranford Together group. <strong>RSA and Ian Duke</strong></td>
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<td>DRAFT report to take into consideration the following points raised during the Board’s discussion:</td>
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- Provide a breakdown of service usage by age of those surveyed
- Identify the services previously provided to those surveyed to identify any gaps in provision
- Look at voting patterns in the 2014 elections amongst those surveyed—none of those surveyed mentioned any political roles;
- Look at the results from this project in comparison to other research carried out by the RSA to ascertain whether the project could be used as a basis for interventions in other areas in the future;
- Look at population analysis using address information—this would serve to help partners such as JobCentre Plus to tailor their support to residents and also allow partners to identify which methods of communication are in place and working so that these can be replicated and improved upon where necessary in future;
- Look at sharing this work with NHS colleagues working within the locality pathfinder team under the Whole Systems Integrated Care programme, with the view to helping that team to support residents more effectively;

Once the project has gone through the design and co-design stages an outcomes report should be brought back to this Board’s December meeting for further consideration; **RSA and Ian Duke**

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people together, over the past months and years where possible, and compare results of this modelling with London and UK examples **Ian Duke**

Request the evaluation questions from the RSA used in the Cranford Stronger Together research **RSA and Ian Duke**

Forecast the continued churn implications and how communities will be supported **Ian Duke**

Focus on resilience – not just cohesion but the individual’s resourcefulness, independence and connections **Ian Duke**

Liaise with David Allum at Hounslow Homes on the housing tenants survey data gathered over the past ten years (which David said evidenced an increasingly positive response from tenants year on year.) **Ian Duke**

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**5. Future Items**

If partners would like to include an item for this update in future, then please do send through some suggested text a couple of weeks prior to the Hounslow Together Board meetings so that this may be included in future.