

# Better Places Partnership

## Interim Terms of Reference

### Purpose

- To lead the delivery of a cleaner, safer, greener and sustainable Haringey
- To improve the condition, facilities and quality of our parks and open spaces, the public realm and built environment, ensuring that Haringey is a place where people want to live, work, study and spend time.
- To commission and performance manage projects to deliver areas of the LAA relevant to the BPP

### Rationale

The Better Places Partnership (BPP) is the environmental thematic body forming part of the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP). Together with other thematic partnerships, the BPP will help deliver the priorities set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement. The BPP will be primarily responsible for the above overarching purpose and its own priorities outlined below.

### Sustainable Community Strategy outcomes

- **People at the heart of change**

“We will build on a cohesive and included community that gets on well together, sharing and taking a pride in a clean and attractive environment. Our excellent parks and open spaces will continue to improve. There will be outstanding schools, good housing, improved shopping and transport and a thriving arts and cultural sector. The changes and improvements we see will increase residents’ satisfaction with where they live.”

- **An environmentally sustainable future**

“We want to tackle climate change and manage our environmental resources more effectively, increase levels of recycling, improve and promote sustainable transport and

### Better Places Partnership Objectives

1. A cleaner & greener Haringey
2. A quality built environment with good supporting infrastructure and services.
3. A better & safer local transport, reduced traffic congestion, attractive street scene and living streets.
4. Enable environmental sustainability and improvements, helping Haringey to become London’s greenest borough
5. To build cohesive and empowered communities

create sustainable and energy efficient homes and buildings. We want to reduce the borough's environmental footprint. We will engage children and young people in environmental issues encouraging our future citizens to be our first 'green generation'.

- **Economic vitality and prosperity shared by all**
- **Safer for all**
- **Healthier people with a better quality of life**
- **People and customer focused**

## **Local Area Agreement Targets**

### **Overarching targets shared by all theme boards**

1. Percentage of people who feel that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together
2. The percentage of residents expressing satisfaction with the local area as a place to live
3. Increased resident participation and involvement  
Participation in regular volunteering

### **Targets specific to the Better Places Partnership**

4. Environmental quality as measured by BVPI 199 (litter & detritus) and BVPI 89 (satisfaction with street cleanliness) survey  
Stretch target reduction of litter & detritus in SOAs
5. Increase in the number of green flag parks and satisfaction with green & public space
6. Proportion of waste going to landfill  
BVPI 82 percentage of household waste composted or recycled  
Energy efficiency of buildings across partner agencies  
Renewable sources

### **Other targets to be developed**

- Improving the quality of the built environment
- Sustainable building
- Creating sustainable communities – people benefiting from change
  - Ensuring the supporting infrastructure e.g. transport, is in place
  - Reducing carbon emissions and tackling climate change

## **Operating principles**

1. To develop strategic partnership activity for the borough, focusing on the priorities for the BPP shown above together with any other appropriate issues.
2. The activities of the BPP and any associated working groups will be geared to achieving the agreed objectives, priorities and targets. These priorities will largely determine the business of these groups.
3. To oversee the performance management of strategic local targets for this theme, including the Local Area Agreement. To provide a strategic review of progress around these targets and recommend improvements that will help ensure their achievement.
4. To advise the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) on progress around performance issues and any other relevant strategic partnership matters that may arise.
5. Work in partnership to shape the delivery of services with a customer focus.

## **Operational Protocols**

### **Membership**

1. The membership of the BPP will be reviewed periodically and when ever the need may arise. (See Appendix 1 for the current list ). Members can be co-opted for specific purposes and periods of time.
2. The Chair of the BPP will represent the BPP at the main Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) board. The chair will be responsible, with the assistance of Officers, for feeding back to the BPP on the work of the HSP and leading on any BPP items to the HSP.
3. Members of the BPP should have the authority to take decisions on the use of resources and activity within their respective organisations.
4. Members of the BPP will communicate to their respective organisations, the objectives and decisions made by the BPP and ensure that these are reflected in their business planning processes.
5. Members of or observers at the BPP should declare any conflict of interest in relation to the business of the BPP and that of the partners<sup>1</sup>
6. The activity of any working groups sitting under the Better Places Partnership will be regularly shared at agreed meetings with the relevant members of the Community Link Forum and the views of these members and the Community Link Forum will be sought. The meetings will be seen as an opportunity for the Forum to influence activity within the bounds of the agreed priorities. The frequency of these meetings will be agreed directly with the relevant members of the Community Link Forum.
7. Three representatives from the Community Link Forum will sit on the BPP.
8. To help achieve the priorities of the BPP, the Chair and supporting officers will also take relevant business from the BPP, to wider stakeholders and

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<sup>1</sup> This should be in line with the Council's own constitution

organisations to promote and pursue the objectives of the BPP. There will be regular and timely report back to the main BPP from these meetings.

9. Members and supporting officers will work in the spirit of partnership and be the ambassadors of BPP and HSP in Haringey and contribute to the wider role of the LSP.

### **Meetings**

1. The BPP will meet at least four times a year between April and March.
2. Sub-group and special meetings (including meetings with the relevant members of the Community Link Forum) will be organised on an on-going basis with timings and frequencies to be agreed.
3. There will be timely and regular feedback from any extra BPP meetings.
4. The HSP will be a standing agenda item to enable the BPP to receive feedback from the HSP main board and to agree items that need to be fed into the next HSP meeting.
5. The agendas, papers and notes of the BPP meetings will be made available to members of the public via the Haringey website and when requested.

### **Decision Making**

1. Wherever possible, decisions will be made on the basis of consensus. However, to make decisions, the agreement of the Chair or vice chair and the Director of the Urban Environment or his or her representative must be given.
2. Observers are not part of the partnerships decision making process.
3. To make decisions meetings must be quorate. A quorum will be 5 members, which must include the chair or vice chair, the Director of the Urban Environment or his or her representative.
4. Any conflicts between partners or members will be resolved through discussion and negotiation.

## APPENDIX 1

SECTOR GROUP	AGENCY	NO. OF REPS	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE
Local Authority	Haringey Council	3	<b>Cllr Brian Haley</b> , Exec Member, Environment & Conservation (Chair) <b>Cllr Lorna Reith</b> , Exec Member, Community Involvement <b>Niall Bolger</b> , Director of Urban Environment
Voluntary and Community Sector (Community Link Forum)	Community Representatives	3	<b>Cenk Orhan</b> <b>Pete G Ravenor</b> <i>tbc</i>
	HAVCO	1	<i>tbc</i>
Other Agencies	Haringey Fire Service	1	<b>John Brown</b> , Borough Commander
	Metropolitan Police	1	<b>Richard Wood</b> , Action Borough Commander
	Environment Agency	1	<b>David Hobbs</b> , External Relations Officer
	Lee Valley Regional Authority	1	<b>David Anstey</b> , Director of Regeneration
	London Remade	1	<b>Ellen Struthers</b> , Project Manager
	Registered Social Landlords	1	<b>Neil Mawson</b> , Director of Metropolitan Housing Trust
	New Deal for Communities	1	<b>Geoffrey Ocen</b> , Programme Director, The Bridge NDC
	Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust	1	<b>Eugenia Cronin</b> , Joint Director of Public Health
	Transport for London	1	<b>Peter Livermore</b>
	Thames Water	1	<b>Jill Sterry</b>
	English Nature	1	<b>Judith Hanna</b> , Community Liaison Executive
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>18</b>	