



# Value OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# REPORT

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**Subject Heading:**

Havering Strategic Partnership Annual Conference 2012

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**Policy context:**

Living Ambition goal – Value; High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax.

## SUMMARY

*Committee members requested an annual update on the Havering Strategic Partnership.*

*This report outlines the Havering Strategic Partnership (HSP) 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and the outcomes from the event.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That Value Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the contents of the report.

## REPORT DETAIL

Following the scrapping of the Local Area Agreement regime in 2010, the decision was taken not to formally hold Havering Strategic Partnership board meetings anymore and that instead an annual conference to include all partners of the former sub-groups of the HSP would be invited, to discuss the key issues facing the borough.

The HSP Annual Conference took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April at CEME, Marsh Way, Rainham. The Conference celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Havering Strategic Partnership. Although a lot has changed in that time, the main 'Living Ambition' vision for the partnership still remains – to provide Havering's residents with the highest possible quality of life, in a borough that thrives on its links to the heart of the capital, without ever losing the natural environment, historic identity and local way of life that makes Havering unique.

The 2012 conference celebrated the work of the partnership over the last 10 years and the many successes that have been achieved by working together. An information pack ([HSP 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Information Pack.](#)) was produced, outlining some of the key current and future partnership work that is being delivered to support and empower our communities.

Partners from all the Partnerships Theme Groups were invited, and most partner organisations were represented on the day.

The conference was separated into two sections: partner presentations ([Partner presentations](#)) and interactive workshops.

The first presentation was from the Council's Chief Executive, Cheryl Coppell, (HSP Deputy Chair) on "The changing context of Partnership Working". This focused on the challenging national and local policy agendas and the Council's priorities for partnership working. Next, Kim Guest (Chief Executive HAVCO) explained the views on "Changing the way the Voluntary and Community Sector are working in Partnership", which included an overview of how things once were to how they are now and how the future can look brighter. The Director of Adults and Health at Havering Council (Lorna Payne) presented the third presentation around "Partnerships and the Changing Health Landscape". The new structures around health were discussed, outlining the new Health and Well-Being Board and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The final presentation was from Tony Bennett at the Metropolitan Police. His presentation looked at the new local policing model, and the changes that we can expect for policing during the Olympics. Once the presentations were all complete the floor was open for any questions for the speakers. Most of the questions asked were directed to Tony Bennett around the new local policing model.

After the presentations, there were three partnership project workshops held, based around the major pieces of work taking place this year involving a wide range of HSP partners. They looked at the Troubled Families project, Briar Residents Action Group (BRAG) and the Activate Havering older people's

volunteering project. The conference attendees were asked in advance to choose two of the three workshops they would like to attend. Attendees split into the three workshops for one session, and then moved to the second session after 45 minutes. The workshops explained in more detail what the project involved, how it was progressing and answered any questions that the partners had.

The final part of the day was a networking lunch and the partners were asked to complete a feedback form before they left.

Following the conference, an evaluation was undertaken to determine the value of holding an annual conference. Overall, feedback from partners was extremely positive.

Partners were also asked as part of the feedback if there were any topics that the partners would like to see at future Havering Strategic Partnership events. The feedback showed that they would like to see more local business involvement and business related topics, and more workshops on what partner organisations are doing. Ensuring that partnership working is kept as a priority for the borough even after the demise of the Local Area Agreement was also an emerging theme.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

There are no direct financial implications or risks.

The Havering Strategic Partnership Annual Conference was funded from within existing resources.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

There are no direct legal implications or risks.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

There are no HR implications or risks.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

The Havering Strategic Partnership includes partners from a number of voluntary organisations whose purpose is to directly further the opportunities of disadvantaged groups. Therefore it was very important for the voluntary sector to play a significant role in the annual conference, to showcase work being carried out and to put forward suggestions for further partnership working.

The three workshops around Troubled Families, BRAG and Activate Havering were chosen specifically due to their focus on social inclusion and working with vulnerable groups. Each of these projects, or the various component parts, have been, or are undergoing, assessment for equalities implications.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**