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WVSDA Briefing in preparation for the 17 June meeting of the

Wandsworth Local Strategic Partnership

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Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman will take place at this meeting. The Deputy Chairman seat is vacant following the retirement of Chief Superintendent Stewart Low. Members of the LSP nominate and vote for nominees to determine who holds the Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship.

The membership of the LSP will be reviewed. There are currently two vacant seats previously held by the Learning and Skills Council and the Crime Virtual Network (community safety) that will be debated at the meeting. The Learning and Skills Council has been disbanded and its work has been taken over by the Council. It is proposed that this seat be opened up for other organisations. The Policy Unit at WBC suggest that the borough's Neighbourhood Watch Association be invited to take thee Crime Virtual Network's seat.

They also suggest that the Wandsworth LINk be invited to the LSP and that they should replace Wandsworth Care Alliance (the LINk host).

St George's Hospital has expressed an interest in joining the LSP.

Please find below the membership of the WLSP since 2007 (number of seats shown in brackets):

Statutory sector (Total 11)

Wandsworth Borough Council (5) (4 majority party and 1 minority party member) Wandsworth Primary Care Trust (2) Metropolitan Police (1) Job Centre Plus (1) Learning and Skills Council (1) - vacant South Thames College (1)

Business Sector (Total 6)

Balham Town Centre Partnership (1) Clapham Junction Town Centre Partnership (1) Putney Town Centre Partnership (1) Tooting Town Centre Partnership (1) Wandsworth Town Centre Partnership (1) Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce (1)

Voluntary and Community Sector (Total 8)

Borough Residents' Forum (1) Roehampton Partnership (1) Wandsworth Environment Forum (1) Wandsworth Care Alliance (1) Wandsworth Voluntary Sector Development Agency (1) The Older People's Network (1) The Children and Young People's VCS Network (1) The Crime Virtual Network (1) - vacant

Progress toward the goals in the **Local Area Agreement** will be reviewed. The LAA contains targets that have been identified as top local priorities and that the Council and its partners work to achieve. 13 out of the 19 targets in the Local Area Agreement are on track to be achieved by 2010/2011. Three targets are at high risk of underachieving: NI 40 – Drug users in effective treatment; NI 112 – Teenage pregnancy rate; and NI 192 – Recycling rate.

In addition, there are 13 so called 'Reward Targets' that were negotiated locally with the government to be included in the first ('old') LAA for Wandsworth. Each target was negotiated as a

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'stretched' level of performance, above and beyond what would normally be expected, in return for a 'reward' of £580,594 per target achieved.

The majority of these targets were completed at the end of 2009/10. While most targets were achieved in full, a small number were partially achieved and two targets were not met (see details here). The volunteering targets delivered by WVSDA were achieved in full.

The Council estimates that a maximum of 85% of the total amount of Reward Grant will be earned. Under the terms of the Local Area Agreement, reports on and claims the reward grant from central government. The Council's Director of Finance will be responsible for detailed allocations.

The Sustainable Community Strategy was drawn up under the leadership of the Council and agreed by the partners of the LSP in 2008. It presents a long-term vision for the local area and a number of priorities and goals:

- 1. Making Wandsworth safer;
- 2. Improving the local environment and transport;
- 3. Building a prosperous community;
- 4. Ensure all young children and young people achieve their full potential;
- 5. Improving health and social care;
- 6. Meeting Housing need; and
- 7. Supporting active citizens and good neighbours.

The SCS is supported by a range of very detailed plans which provide and report on short to medium term targets for specific services or groups (for example the Local Development Framework, the Children and Young People's Plan and NHS Wandsworth's Commissioning Plan as well as the Local Area Agreement. The progress can be viewed on a separate sheet <u>here</u> that shows how Wandsworth is performing against nationally agreed indicators (Nis) that relate directly to the priorities in the SCS.

The Council has carried out analysis of all available NI data as at March 2010 to provide a snapshot position of performance across the local area. The analysis provides Wandsworth's ranking in Greater and Inner London and uses over 150 separate indicator datasets across all service areas, each weighted equally. Wandsworth is currently 4th in inner London and 5th overall in London.

The Council's work on **Community Cohesion** is being reported on at this meeting. Of particular interest to the voluntary sector may be that from December 2010 the Council will need to review its Equality Impact Assessments (the assessment that public bodies have to do when introducing new or changing policy looking at how it will affect groups protected under Equality Law). The Council is proposing that cohesion should be included in Equality Impact Assessments in the future. Also, for organisations that are interested in the local population profile, it may be worth taking a look at the data on this which is published in documents like the Council's Corporate Equality Plan, the Children and Young People's Plan and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.



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