

 the low tax borough	<b>London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham</b>  <b>CABINET</b>  <b>3 MARCH 2014</b>
<b>FURTHERING THE BOROUGH OF OPPORTUNITY: A SHARED VISION FOR HAMMERSMITH &amp; FULHAM 2014-22</b>	
<b>Report of the Leader of the Council – Councillor Nicholas Botterill</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	
<b>Classification:</b> For Decision	
<b>Key Decision:</b> Yes	
<b>Wards Affected:</b> All	
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The attached strategy document is intended to replace the existing Community Strategy, which runs to 2014.
- 1.2. The strategy identifies seven key priorities for the Council and its partners to focus on over the next 8 years (listed in the Leader's Foreword). The attached final draft strategy has been revised on the basis of comments received through the consultation process and has been agreed by all partners for publication.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That approval be given to the draft strategy document for publication

## 3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1. Under the Local Government Act 2000, the Council is under a statutory obligation to consult upon and publish a sustainable community strategy.

## **4. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 4.1. The current Community Strategy was published in 2007 and runs until 2014. The new Community Strategy sets out a vision for the next 8 years, in compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000.
- 4.2. The consultation draft was approved by H&F Business Board on 4 September 2013 and by key partners (Metropolitan Police, Jobcentre Plus, H&F Clinical Commissioning Group, London Fire Brigade, Community and Voluntary Sector Association and HammersmithLondon) on 23 September. The public consultation began on 24 October and ended on 16 December.
- 4.3. During the consultation period the draft strategy document was published on the Council website, hard copies distributed to borough libraries and presentations made to various forums. A summary of consultation responses has been previously circulated to Cabinet Members and senior officers and is available on request.

## **5. PROPOSAL AND ISSUES**

- 5.1. The strategy document sets out a vision for the borough for the next 8 years that has been agreed with key partners. It draws on other existing strategies and will serve as a framework for partnership activity in the borough over the coming years. Members are asked to agree the strategy and approve for publication.

## **6. OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 6.1. The Council is under a statutory obligation to produce a sustainable community strategy and officers have undergone a lengthy process of engaging with partners and consulting residents to formulate a vision for the area that has widespread support.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1. The draft strategy was developed in close consultation with key partners and was then subject to an 8 week public consultation process.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. There are no expected equality implications in respect of the adoption of the seven key priorities that set the framework for the strategy document.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. The Council is required to publish a sustainable community strategy under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.
- 9.2 Implications confirmed by: Tasnim Shawkat, Director of Law. Tel. 020 8753 2700.

## **10. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. The cost of production, consultation and publication of this strategy document are met via mainstream corporate budgets. Any costs associated with delivery of plans outlined within the strategy will be the subject of future reports to Cabinet as proposals are developed over the coming years.
- 10.2. Implications confirmed by: Andrew Lord, Corporate Strategy and resources manager. Tel. 020 8753 2531.

## **11. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 11.1. The strategy document sets out a desired vision for the borough over the next 8 years. There are risks that parts of this vision may not be deliverable due to external factors beyond the control of partners. The strategy will, therefore, be kept under review and be updated as necessary to accommodate such risks.

## **12. PROCUREMENT AND IT STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

- 12.1. There are no procurement or IT strategy implications.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000** **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description of Background Papers</b>	<b>Name/Ext of holder of file/copy</b>	<b>Department/ Location</b>
1.	Summary of consultation feedback	Peter Smith x2206	FCS/ Rm 39 HTH

### **LIST OF APPENDICES:**

*Furthering the Borough of Opportunity: A Shared Vision for Hammersmith and Fulham 2014-22*