

Annual Report 2010 / 2011



**Dagenham Town Show
Summer 2010**

**Barking & Dagenham
Partnership**

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This is the annual report for the Barking and Dagenham Partnership for 2010/11. To help you understand what we are all about we have put together a few pieces of information on what we do. We have followed this up with the key achievements of the Partnership in the past year.

What is the Barking and Dagenham Partnership?

The Barking and Dagenham Partnership brings together all those who want to make Barking and Dagenham a better place to live, study, work, play and visit. Partners include the Council, health services, police and fire service, local businesses, representatives of the voluntary and community sector and members of the local community.

What is the Community Plan?

The Community Plan summarises the borough's priorities, based on the views of local people. These priorities inform the work of the Partnership and the actions taken to improve the borough.

The Plan's overarching vision is:

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The Partnership works hard to turn these priorities into reality by working together and finding joined up solutions to problems and opportunities that the borough is facing.

How does the Partnership deliver the Community Plan?

There are five theme boards within the Partnership, they are:

- Children's Trust
- Clean, Green & Sustainable Board
- Community Safety Partnership
- Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board
- Skills, Jobs & Enterprise Board

The Theme Boards meet at least quarterly. The leadership and members of each Board depend on the issues that they address: Boards consist of representatives

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from public, private, Community and Voluntary services. Up to date membership lists can be found on the Partnership website

www.barkingdagenhampartnership.org.uk

At these meetings action plans are reviewed and partners work together to raise concerns, discuss borough-wide issues and find opportunities to deliver appropriate solutions for people across the borough.

The Public Service Board is an overarching Board made up of the theme board chairs, the Chief Executives of the Local Authority, College, Health Services and Council for Voluntary Service, the Police Borough Commander and a representative from Job Centre Plus. At this Board, cross cutting issues are discussed and the community priorities are monitored.

What has the Partnership been working on?

In the past year there have been a number of changes that have impacted on the way Local Strategic Partnerships operate nationally. We have been working hard in Barking and Dagenham to ensure that we can be flexible to meet the priorities of the people in the borough, to build a strong community and to ensure strong leadership in these tough times.

The challenges and changes that we have faced include cuts in public sector spending, the Coalition Government's Big Society philosophy including a focus on localism, health service reforms, policing reforms, the introduction of Local Enterprise Partnerships, Community (Place Based) Budgets and being nominated as an Olympic Host Borough, to name just a few.

The Public Service Board has worked hard to understand the impact of national policy changes for the communities of Barking and Dagenham. We are striving to lead the borough to take advantage of the opportunities these changes present and minimise the risks. The key projects and work are distributed to and managed by individual theme boards.

A summary of the Partnership's achievements of the past year and its future aims are contained in the following pages.

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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST HAS . . .

Won the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Children's Services Award 2011, which recognises how all agencies working with children in Barking and Dagenham have worked closely with young people to shape and improve their services

Had a Safeguarding Peer Review and an unannounced social care inspection; both highlighted the quality of inter-agency working and strategic planning across the Children's Trust to support children's welfare.

Been short-listed for awards for the Youth Access Card - a reward based system which encourages healthy eating and lifestyles, and has significantly increased the take up of school meals (achieved by working with the Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board)

Developed a new Children and Young People's Plan 2011 - 2016

Prepared new strategies to support Children's Health and Wellbeing

Focused on cross agency working to significantly improve attendance in schools

Implemented Joint Commissioning of the Family Nurse Partnership to support young mothers

The Future: Children's & Young People's Plan 2011 - 2016 five top priorities

Ensure children & young people in our borough are safe

Narrowing the gap - raise attainment and realise aspiration for every child

Improve health and wellbeing, with a particular focus on tackling obesity and poor sexual health

Improve support and fully integrate services for vulnerable children, young people and families (particularly children in care and children with disabilities)

Challenging child poverty - preventing poor children becoming poor adults

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CLEAN, GREEN & SUSTAINABLE BOARD HAS . . .

Constructed 451 new homes during 2010/11, of which 194 were new 'affordable' homes

Endorsed Bio Diversity, Trees & Development Supplementary Planning Documents

Contributed to the overall reduction of 4.45% in CO₂ from the Corporate Estate in 2010/11.

Supported the Barking Low Carbon Zone which has provided funding for over 300 properties to have packages of energy savings measures. So far 35 'hard to heat homes' have been improved - including new heating systems and external wall insulation.

Identified and endorsed the submission of funding for the Dagenham Low Carbon Zone to Greater London Authority /Mayor. Work within new Zone is to start in 2011/12 subject to funding approval.

Campaigned for allotments: the Groveway and Linkway allotment sites were re-opened. Committed to working with stakeholders to re- open Thatches Grove allotments in 2012 bringing the number of sites in the borough to 17 - thereby exceeding the 13.15 ha of provision in the borough recommended by the Planning Inspectorate.

Fully supported the designation of all allotments in the Borough as Statutory Allotments.

Had over 800 new Street Trees and 500 saplings in Parks planted during the year.

Monitored the completion of 7 new Play Areas providing over 2,000 children and young people improved access to play in a natural environment.

Had a £5m contract for improvements to Barking Park awarded and the masterplan and funding package approved for Mayesbrook Park improvements.

Encouraged a Joint Waste Action Plan for the four Boroughs (including LBBD) in the East London Waste Authority (ELWA).

Achieved the Government target for the amount of household waste in the borough sent for re-cycling (31%)

In future the Clean, Green & Sustainable Board will . . .

Support, steer and facilitate the good work of partners

Maximise the benefits of the Green Deal in line with the Government agenda and the local Fuel Poverty Strategy

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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP HAS . . .

Launched an Independent Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Service (with support from the Health & Wellbeing Board) to reduce repeat victimisation, including a maternity based project. The Domestic Violence (DV) arrest rate was 83% (against a target of 77%) and repeat incidents of DV were 32% (against a target of 28%)

Formed a Serious Youth Violence partnership to tackle the gang related issues. High level gang members have been identified and targeted and 2 services have been commissioned to engage with young people on the fringes of gang membership. There has been a 10% reduction in serious youth violence compared with 2009/2010.

Developed coordination of the Safer Neighbourhood Team ward panel meetings, improving communication with the public about the work of the SNTs, placing 2 police officers within the Council's Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) team to increase coordination of key ASB cases

Implemented a Borough wide Designated Public Places Order that allows the police to stop people drinking on the street

Created a dedicated police Parks Safer Neighbourhood Team to cover the 32 parks and open spaces in the borough.

Reduced residential burglary by 12% (against a target of 9%) through targeted campaigns and the provision of a Safer Homes service that provides security measures to victims of burglary and vulnerable residents to reduce repeat victimisation.

In future the Community Safety Partnership will

Improve the partnership response to the most challenging locations, the most difficult offenders and the most vulnerable victims of crime and ASB through a joined up operational tasking process involving all partners.

Develop a new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

Focus on alcohol as a driver of offending

Where possible, broaden our efforts from burglary onto other forms of acquisitive crime (e.g. motor vehicle)

Maintain and continue the partnership work that has proved successful with the SNTs

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HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD HAS . . .

Endorsed the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Implemented the Youth Access Card - an integrated incentive scheme for children and young people to eat healthy food, participate in physical activity and healthy lifestyles. To date we have seen an 11% increase in uptake of school meals and 15% increase in Free School Meal uptake (working with the Children's Trust)

Supported the B&D Tobacco Alliance who won the No Smoking Day charity's Best Community Partnership award

Commissioned a new Alcohol Treatment Service incorporating improved links to the Mental Health Service

Exceeded the Stop Smoking Service Quit targets with 563 at Quarter 3, approximately 90 above the target outlined in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Secured £12 million from the Olympic Delivery Authority to invest in local sports facilities and to build a new sports centre in Mayesbrook Park.

Changed its governance and membership as it began to adapt to its new responsibilities under the Government's proposed NHS changes. The borough became an officially-recognised 'early implementer' of Health & Wellbeing Boards.

In future the Health & Wellbeing Board will . . .

Develop the local health and social care system in line with the Government's agenda for NHS reform, ensuring that it delivers for Barking & Dagenham

Oversee the move of the Public Health team to the local authority, further strengthening the Council's contribution to improving the health of residents, working closely with the NHS.

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SKILLS JOBS AND ENTERPRISE HAS . . .

Created a single programme - encapsulating the whole agenda and giving a basis for the Board to consider the complexities and determine their priorities - visit www.barkingdagenhampartnership.org.uk/sje/projects for more information

Provided a wide range of support to business, including:

- Supported 57 new people into self employment and business start ups
- Engaged & supported the existing 350 self employed / business start ups
- Advised 441 businesses and engaged 217 businesses through retail forums
- Created at least 31 jobs
- Enabled 161 people to complete a 4 day business start up training course
- Held 945 one to one business counselling sessions
- Assisted over 920 borough residents into work.

Achieved a total of 324 apprenticeship starts between the start of the local programme in February 2009 and March 2011 across 12 vocational areas, including 9 apprenticeships in Domiciliary & Residential Care.

Placed 18 local residents into employment through its Skills for Jobs and Response to Redundancy

Secured 50 paid six month job opportunities for young people from the Future Jobs Fund by the Adult College of Barking and Dagenham.

Created job opportunities through its innovative Enterprise Academy enabling 40 young people to gain real work through a range of local commissioned design projects.

The Future

The Dagenham Business Centre and Barking Enterprise Centre opens in October 2011.

There are targets for the Olympic Host Boroughs to achieve convergence with the rest of London against key performance indicators. In addition SJE will be focussing on its inward investment strategy in preparation for the Olympics.

Additional European Social Fund monies are being sought to support local employment and skills initiatives and there will be a continued push to open up more apprenticeship opportunities

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THE FUTURE OF THE BARKING & DAGENHAM PARTNERSHIP

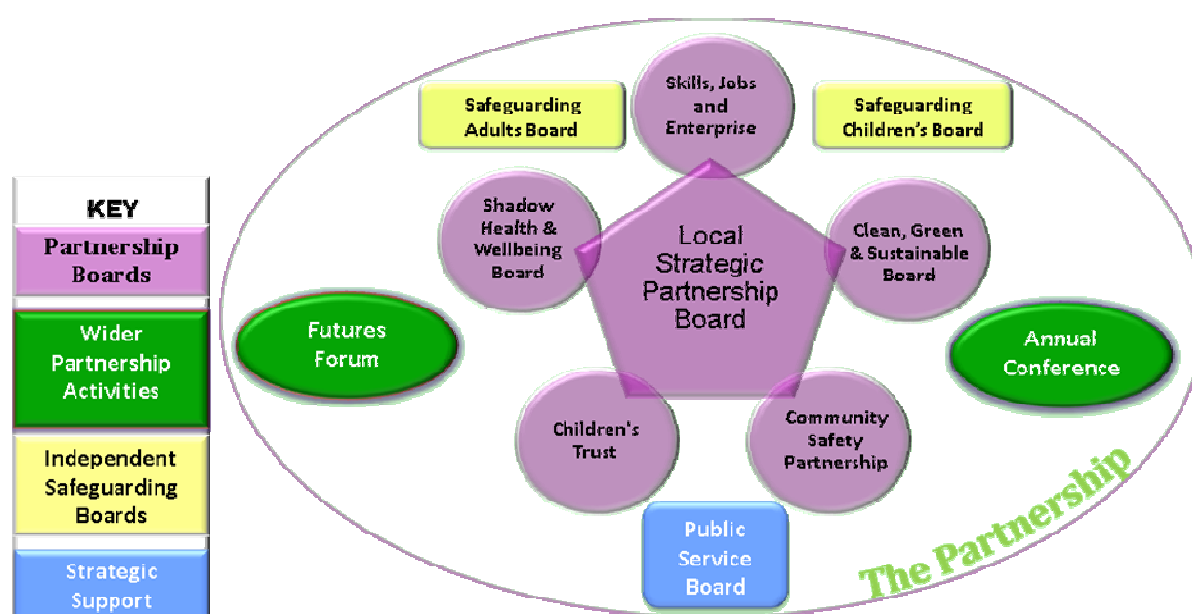
An overarching Local Strategic Partnership Board is being established to help provide a greater focus on the big issues for the borough. The Board will identify the areas where, by working together, partners can achieve the greatest impact for the people of Barking and Dagenham, including lobbying for a better deal for the borough.

The membership of the Board will consist of over 40 people representing a wide variety of partners. In addition to theme board chairs, the Board will involve representatives from many different sectors including schools, young people, elected Members, businesses and third sector organisations.

These representatives will consider the larger cross cutting issues facing the borough such as, how we can increase household income, the attainment of young people, supporting vulnerable young people, the impact of being a Host Borough for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Community Cohesion and how best to use our resources in the borough.

The Theme Boards will be continuing with their good work in the coming year, and the Local Strategic Partnership Board will provide the Chairs opportunities to raise concerns, feed back good news and develop their work further by networking with other partners.

The new structure of the Partnership is outlined below. Further information and briefing papers regarding this Board can be found on our website.



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GETTING INVOLVED IN THE PARTNERSHIP

If you are interested in getting involved in the Partnership or you would like to find out more about the work that we are doing please do not hesitate to contact us.

You can find our website at:

www.barkingdagenhampartnership.org.uk

This contains all of the latest information on the work of the Boards, the minutes from meetings and news stories on upcoming events. You can also become a member and receive regular newsletters to your inbox letting you know what we have been up to.

If you have any specific queries then you can:

Drop us an e-mail at the Partnership offices on:

partnership@lbbd.gov.uk

Send us a letter to:

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Or call us for a quick chat on:

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We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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