

Herts 2021 Bulletin

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These monthly bulletins update partners on the development and work of the Hertfordshire Forward partnership family – the governance diagram for which is available [here](#).

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Hertfordshire Forward Annual Conference

The 2009 Annual Conference (9.30am-4.15pm, 6 November 2009 at the Fielder Centre) will focus on the economy. Speakers will include:

- David Frost, Director General, British Chambers of Commerce
- Jon Nay, Regional Apprenticeship Director, National Apprenticeship Service - East of England
- David Meaden, Chief Executive, Northgate Public Services
- Nat Wakely, Director of Selling Operations, John Lewis plc.
- Dr Jackie Hunter, SVP Science Environment Development, Glaxo-Smith Kline

The day will include a choice of workshops and the unveiling of a new vision for Hertfordshire’s economy by Hertfordshire County Council’s leader, Robert Gordon. Contact david.hughes@hertscc.gov.uk for more information.

Invitations have already been sent out to partners, and details can be found on the website

[Comprehensive Area Assessment \(CAA\)](#)

The CAA process for Hertfordshire is now approaching its conclusion for 2009 with the following key dates still ahead:

- 7th October: PDPG met to discuss the response to the draft theme based texts.
- 13th October: Gary Hammersley submits formal draft report to Audit Commission
- 16th October: Hertfordshire receives the formal draft Area Assessment text
- 19th October: 10 days for Herts to respond formally start on the 19th
- 10th December: CAA report published online

Contact stewart.martin@hertsc.gov.uk for more

[Local Area Agreement 1](#)

The targets are currently being audited by internal auditors at Hertfordshire County Council. The aim is to have the auditing completed by November/December with Hertfordshire's submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government by December.

Partners are reminded that the ten Local LSP allocations (5% of total PRG each) will be paid in two instalments once HCC receives payment from HM Treasury.

One payment is expected in the final quarter of 2009/10 the other in the final quarter of 2010/11. In line with national rules this funding will be half revenue and half capital.

Further info from victor.wan@hertsc.gov.uk

[Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA2 Progress](#)

The latest performance data on progress against both is available as part of the Herts Forward performance monitor, linked [here](#). This was seen by PPDG on 2 September and HF Core Group on 30 September. Where possible, the LAA2 data has been disaggregated at a district level. FROM NOW ON ALL PERFORMANCE DATA WILL BE PUBLISHED HERE ON A QUARTLERLY BASIS

Partnership Development and Performance Group (PDPG)

PDPG met on 7th October and the papers will be available [here](#) shortly. Main agenda items were

- The Group made a number of detailed observations on the them basd texts supplied by the Audit Commission. Gary Hammersley attended
- The role of the Group as stewards of the performance monitor and relationship with countywide partnerships and Core Group

[HF Core Group](#)

The Core Group met 30th September and the papers will be online [here](#) shortly. The agenda included:

- Governance review – principles, roles, responsibilities for the wider partnership agreed for implementation
- Think Family – reward grant investment (see Children and Young people section below)
- Area Assessment emerging headlines – Audit Commission presentation (which can be found on the website shortly with the agenda

- Ready for Winners – Herts 2012 Partnership – delivering outcomes – paper from John Fuller

LSP Network

Information about the group and meeting papers can be found [here](#). The next meeting date is 2pm on 14th December at Hertsmere Borough Council.

Better Places to Live

Better Places to Live Annual Conference: Hertfordshire's Neighbourhoods

Monday 23rd November 2009 at The Fielder Centre, Hatfield

This 2nd Annual Conference will be looking at Hertfordshire Neighbourhoods and how partnerships work to sustain our unique character and quality of life.

'Following the success of our last conference focusing on the housing issues in Hertfordshire, our spotlight this year turns to our neighbourhoods in the county. There is a strong imperative for local authorities to work with partners to improve our neighbourhoods and protect our quality of life. This year we are fortunate to have partners from the voluntary sector and the Constabulary facilitating workshops. The aim of our conference this year is to showcase some of the excellent work partners are doing in the county to support our neighbourhoods and offer you an opportunity to participate, through the workshops, in shaping our future.' Cllr Tony Jackson Chair of the BPL

For further information and to register:

www.hertslink.org/hertfordshireforward/partnership/events/betterplaces09

Please contact victor.wan@hertsc.gov.uk for more information.

Healthier Communities and Older People

Healthier Communities and Older People (HCOP) has produced a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan for Hertfordshire, by integrating the actions from more than numerous local and national strategies, papers and plans, including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and by holding workshops with participants from over 40 organisations and groups to identify priorities.

Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2009-2011

The Health and Wellbeing Plan, 2009-2011, **Eight Key priorities:**

1. Having a say
2. Access to high quality information and advice
3. Keeping physically healthy
4. Keeping mentally healthy
5. Enjoying economic wellbeing
6. Being active members of the community
7. Feeling safe and secure at home and in the community
8. Living independently

The plan also identifies:

- The main groups of people on which each outcome is focused;

- The positive conditions of wellbeing to be achieved for each outcome;
- Information on performance against each outcome;
- And the key performance indicators used to measure performance.

Full details of the plan and HCOP meeting papers can be found [here](#)

Community Engagement

To ensure local people, including vulnerable adults, older people and their carers, have their say in the design and delivery of services that aim to improve their health and wellbeing, ACS and the PCTs have recruited a joint community engagement officer, who will be responsible for delivering outcome two of the Action Plan. Andy Nazer took up this post on September 1st and can be contacted on 01438 844111.

Action Plan Implementation

To enable effective implementation of the Plan, the HCOP Programme Manager is:

- Mapping existing resources and services and identifying opportunities to set up joint commissioning arrangements;
- Reviewing existing spend on 'preventative' services within the PCTs and ACS.
- Working with the HCOP Executive to establish partnership commissioning arrangements for health and wellbeing.
- Working to secure financial resources to implement the actions in the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan.

Since April this year £1,015,000 has been secured to fund:

- £30k from the PCTs for a gardening service, in Dacorum and Watford for older people and peer volunteer mentors
- £80k Social Care Reform Grant for a countywide telephone support service for older people who have low to moderate needs
- £50k from the PCTs for a GP Information Service, in Stevenage, Watford and Welwyn Hatfield
- £5k Social Care Reform Grant for a countywide information service for people considering moving into a care home and for their carers
- £50k Social Care Reform Grant for a time-banking scheme in Watford and North Herts
- £400k Social Care Reform Grant and £40k from the PCTs for a countywide information, advice, support and health trainer service
- £75k from the PCTs for a phase 4 cardiac rehabilitation service
- £15k Social Care Reform Grant for a Health and Wellbeing information and advice through Age Concern's Fiftymatters magazine
- £70k Adult Care Services and the PCTs to recruit a countywide community engagement manager
- £200,000 Social Care Reform Grant for an Intergenerational project to promote community cohesion, social networking and physical activity for older people and younger people aged 16 to 25

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[Transport, Access & Promoting Sustainable Development \(TASD\)](#)

Transport and Access Partnership

The Transport Policy Team has started to develop the next Local Transport Plan (LTP3) to be published by April 2011 when the current Local Transport Plan expires. LTP3 will seek to deliver the 5 goals set out by the Government report 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' (DaSTS) which are:

- Support economic growth
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Contribute to better safety and health
- Promote equality of opportunity
- Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment

The team need your input to help determine solutions which are relevant to Hertfordshire. Please note the consultation events below:

Contribute to better safety, security and health

28 October 2009 2-5pm
Campus West
Welwyn Garden City

Supporting economic growth and reduce carbon emissions.

11 November 2009 2-5pm
Campus West
Welwyn Garden City

Promote equality of opportunity & improving quality of life

25 November 2009 2-5pm
Campus West
Welwyn Garden City

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There will be further opportunities to get involved in consultation for LTP3 local issues at a later date.

Climate Change Partnership

The consultation period for the draft climate change framework closed on the 2nd October. The partnership will be working to finalise the document by the end of the year.

[Children & Young People](#)

Information on the Hertfordshire Children's Trust Partnership can be found [here](#). The Partnership produces its own newsletter: [Children's Partnership News](#)

The LAA1 Performance Reward Grant investment in 'Think Family' is under the auspices of this partnership, and led by Anne Domeney (Children, Schools and Families) and temporary Assistant Chief Constable Chris Miller.

Click [here](#) for more details on the Hertfordshire 'Think Family' project proposal

Safer & Stronger Communities

Safer

National Indicator 40, 'Drug users in effective treatment' measures Class A (heroin and crack cocaine) drug users recorded as being in tier 3 structured treatment for 12 weeks or more.

One of the ways in which we intend to achieve this target in this financial year is through the Drug System Change Pilot. The Pilot in Hertfordshire will retain more drug misusing offenders in effective treatment by setting up much more robust continuity of care arrangements for offenders leaving custody as well as aligning the delivery of quality criminal justice interventions with structured treatment programmes across the county – drug misusing offenders will have access to structured treatment at access points in St Albans, Dacorum, Watford, Letchworth, Hertford and a new site in Welwyn Garden City.

In addition to this, the Pilot also focuses specifically on supporting families of drug misusing offenders as families are seen as a key component in offenders' long term success in treatment.

Stronger Communities

Hertfordshire Funding Fair:

Are you part of a group or organisation with a project or activity that needs funding? Do you need help to find a source of funding, or advice on how to apply for funding? If so the Hertfordshire Funding Fair is the right place to start looking. This free information and training day will be held on October 14th in the Fielder Centre, Hatfield, and is open to all Hertfordshire based organisations. The day will include:

- Information stands, advice sessions, 1:1 funding surgeries and workshops – giving you the chance to brush up on your fundraising skills.
- Practical and easy to apply knowledge about how to ensure your organisation is competitive and successful in gaining funding
- Opportunities to meet with funders to find out about their priorities and how your project/organisation might fit them
- Information on new and emerging funding opportunities
- Advice about alternative resource opportunities
- Opportunities to meet, network and share good practice with other groups

For more information, to download a programme or to register online please look at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/hern>

Interfaith week: Interfaith week will take place across England from 15th-21st of November. The Week is being facilitated by the Inter Faith Network for the UK and the Department for Communities and Local Government but will be community-led, with local people and groups of different backgrounds holding their own events and to highlight work going on to promote understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs. As part of the celebrations many interfaith groups across Hertfordshire are organising a series of events. Welwyn Hatfield inter-faith group are organising a 'Shared Supper' to bring individuals and groups of different faiths together. Many Places of worship across the county will be opened to wider members of the public to foster greater understanding of diverse beliefs. Further details of events will be available at a later date.

[Jobs, Prosperity & Skills](#)

Hertfordshire Works' website can be found [here](#), including meeting papers.

Recent highlights:

- **Hertfordshire Works Board** had their second meeting on 1 September 2009. Papers can be found [here](#)
- **Performance Reward Grant:** The Board discussed the £4m of Performance Reward Grant from LAA1 that has been agreed by Hertfordshire Forward for a "Recession to Recovery Programme", this will include:
 - £480k already allocated to additional funding to CABX for 5 specialist debt advisers
 - £800k for Apprenticeships
 - £300k for skills training and social enterprise
 - £500k capital for local shopping centres improvement fund
 - £200k for Business Retention and inward Investment
 - £1.5m capital for Incubation Centre

Herts Forward task groups are developing proposals to allocate this funding.

- **Economic Development Strategy:** The Board have commented on the draft strategy and suggested changes, including adding a new objective around vibrant towns and vibrant communities and wider soundings are being taken with partners, business and stakeholders during the next month. The draft Strategy will be launched at the Hertfordshire Forward Conference on the 6 November, followed by a formal consultation period with a view to formal adoption by the Hertfordshire Works Board in March 2010.
- **Vibrant Towns:** the group has been sharing information on how the recession is affecting town centres and local shopping parades across the county, the practical difficulties encountered in bringing empty shops back into use and positive measures to increase footfall and trade. It is also developing criteria for allocating those elements of the PRG money allocated to a local shopping centres improvement fund and to a shop local campaign.
- **Inward Investment and Business Retention:** Following meetings with district councils, work is now underway to compile a list of potential new employment sites in the county arising from the districts' local development framework process, and to capture in detail the main selling points of each district. The Hertfordshire Forward conference on 6 November will include an inward investment workshop where delegates will participate in a practical exercise designed to show them the sorts of things foreign investors look for when considering relocating.
- **Economic Participation** The Economic Participation planning cycle has commenced for 2010/11, - the sum allocated to Hertfordshire amounts to £773,256 revenue with no capital element. A Skills and EP mapping exercise is taking place on existing service delivery and 'needs', consultation with key stakeholders will take place to inform the submission which will go to Hertfordshire Forward in December. The final submission is expected to get EEDA Board approval in February 2010.

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Are you interested in the development of social enterprises in the East of England? What will have the biggest impact on social enterprises in 2010?

A change of government? Continuing recession? Stagnation in the property market? Higher unemployment creating new opportunities? Social Services introducing personalised accounts?

The social enterprise strategy for the East of England is being reviewed and with so many changes likely to take place during the next year and beyond, it is a really important time to think about what social enterprises, their customers, support organisations and policy makers will want to happen and what they think the future opportunities will be.

During October and November there will be opportunities for all these groups and other partners and stakeholders to share their ideas as part of the regional consultation.

There are two ways to get involved: complete an on-line questionnaire, available [here](#), which will take about 20 minutes and will give you the chance to win one of our Fair Trade hampers worth £30.

Alternately, attend one of a series of six half-day focus groups to be held cross the region in November. To find out about the dates and locations for these events email services@the-guild.co.uk or telephone 01603 615200

The consultation process is being carried out by The Guild and Exemplas, two businesses based in the region with a long history of working with social enterprises. It has been commissioned by Social Enterprise East of England and East of England Development Agency.

A copy of the flyer for this consultation can be found [here](#)

Last month

7 Sept	TASD Core Group
30 Sept	HF Core Group meeting (Fielder Centre, Hatfield)
1st Oct	BPL Steering Group meeting
5 Oct	LSP Network meeting (Three Rivers DC, Rickmansworth)

Future dates

14 Oct	Hertfordshire Funding Fair (Fielder Centre, Hatfield) Free and open to all Voluntary and Community Groups
6 Nov	Hertfordshire Forward Annual Conference (Fielder Centre, Hatfield)
23 Nov	Better Places to Live 2nd Annual Conference (Fielder Ctr, Hatfield)
26 th Nov	PDPG meeting
9 Dec	HF Core Group meeting (Fielder Centre, Hatfield)
16 Dec	LSP Network meeting (tbc)

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