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MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT Five Host Boroughs

Name of Partnership:
Five Host Boroughs: Olympic Legacy
Participating local authorities:
London Borough Greenwich, London Borough of Hackney, London Borough Newham, London Borough Tower Hamlets, London Borough of Waltham Forest.
Other non-Central Government partners:
Jobcentre Plus, London Learning and Skills Council, London Skills and Employment Board, Greater London Authority and its agencies, including Transport for London and the London Development Agency. [DN: depending on ongoing negotiations - Homes and Communities Agency, Olympic Delivery Authority]

Introduction

This MAA is about the regeneration of local communities in the five Olympic host boroughs of Greenwich, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, and Waltham Forest. It will contribute to overturning the long history of deprivation by seizing the many opportunities, including the Olympics, in the boroughs and focusing on the major economic drivers to stimulate change – in simple terms, this is about giving people access to a decent job, a decent and appropriate home, and a decent place to live and settle.

The full agreement dated [XX] ([DN: to be] appended) sets out the supporting evidence and detail for the outcomes to be delivered by the Five Host Boroughs and the freedoms and flexibilities from Government which will be delivered in return, as set out below. It also sets out a further programme of actions and development work that will be undertaken by the Five Host Boroughs, in discussion with Government as appropriate.

Deliverables

The Five Host Boroughs, in partnership with Government and other agencies, will seek to close the deprivation gap over the next twenty years or so, achieving a successful and lasting legacy. This MAA sets out an initial set of indicators for our MAA themes, within the context of our longer-term strategic vision.

The numbers below have been proposed based on what can be achieved by working together as a sub-region and on the basis of the flexibilities agreed by central government. This would give us the flexibility and shared endeavour across a range of agencies, which we need to do things differently.

Over the short-term, the current climate makes setting targets very uncertain and many of the key indicators for the MAA are based on various survey measures and therefore the long-term trends will be more informative than a single snapshot in time, especially as survey based responses are very sensitive to events or specific circumstances immediately before the survey is undertaken.

These are therefore provisional targets, subject to review. [DN: these are without prejudice, initial proposals, subject to political agreement]

No.	Key Performance Indicator	2014/15 Outcome	NI	PSA/DSO
1	Overall/general satisfaction with the local area	Narrow gap with rest of London by 1.5 - 3.5% points	5	CLG DSO1
2	Economically active people in employment	Narrow gap with rest of London by 1 – 5 % points		PSA8, PSA 9 DWP DSO1, DSO2, DSO7
3	Economically active people unemployed (model based)	Narrow gap with rest of London by 0.5 – 1.5 % points		PSA 8, PSA 9 DWP DSO1, DSO2, DSO7
4	Percentage of working age population with no qualifications	Narrow gap with rest of London by 0.5 - 1.5% points		PSA 2 DIUS* DSO2

This MAA will support the Government's and the boroughs focus on the delivery of new homes (NI 154, PSA20, DSO2), including new affordable homes (NI155, PSA20, DSO2), and the reduction of overcrowding (which has a strong relation to DSO2). However detailed assessment of targets will be dependent on the volume and timing of investment and will therefore be agreed once the investment is settled.

Freedoms and flexibilities

To facilitate the delivery of these outcomes the Government agrees that it will:

Action	Timescale	Direct implementation responsibility	Other interested partners
Worklessness and Skills			
Develop joint machinery to maximise the responsiveness of employment and skills services in the five borough area to local needs by establishing a Joint Employment and Skills Group and developing an integrated employment and skills strategy taking into account all worklessness and skills funding, with a longer term aim that all worklessness and skills services are commissioned on the five host borough boundaries	By April 2010	DWP BIS	DCSF LSEB JCP LSC/ SFA LDA
Following the forthcoming publication of the consultation document on options for reforming Housing Benefit, including those relating to boosting work incentives, DWP will consider in detail the 5 Host Borough's suggestions and how they can support their aims of linking worklessness services and housing to move people into work	By July 09	DWP	
Incentives for parents which replicate the offer to lone parents with appropriate tax disregards.	Effective immediately	DWP HMT	

Flexibility to move people in worklessness services, and close to entering the labour market, to a benefit equivalent training allowance so that they can engage in activity over the 16 hour limit without it affecting their income	Effective Immediately	DWP HMT	JCP
Flexibility to extend work trials from 3 weeks to 6 weeks without disruption to benefits	Effective Immediately	DWP HMT	JCP
Public Realm			
Establish a senior multi-agency group to develop and agree a shared protocol on cleansing and maintenance of structures and transition areas; a joint and coordinated plan for improvement and maintenance works across all the main public realm players in the five borough area covering at least the next five years; and a public-facing commitment on how these will make a difference to the quality, cleanliness and management of the public realm.	by April 2010	Defra DfT CLG GLA	TfL
Government departments will work with the Olympic Host Boroughs to explore barriers to the effective implementation and/ or enforcement of legislation on management of the public realm and identify action to overcome these. Such actions may potentially range from identifying best practice and clarifying or extending guidance through to proposals to amend specific pieces of legislation or regulations. A programme of actions will be developed and agreed.	by June 2009	CLG Defra DfT	Keep Britain Tidy
Transport for London will work with the boroughs on a strategic and holistic approach to planning investment - balancing traffic and ridership with other considerations such as connectivity, particularly around employment, and environmental impacts; and a single approval application for works to all roads in the five boroughs rather than on a project-by-project basis.	?	GLA	TfL
[DN: 5HB request not agreed by Government] Should it be decided that the Section 7 provisions on cleanliness in the Olympic Delivery Act will be utilised, the ODA will work closely with the 5 host boroughs on defining how these provisions will be implemented during the 11 weeks Olympic Games period, with discussions taking place at the early development stage.	?	GOE	ODA

Housing and Developing Communities

[DN 5HB proposal not yet shared with Government pending political agreement]: The Government, the HCA and the GLA to work with the 5 host boroughs on planning the major investment and on developing new approaches to the effective use of that investment to support the objectives of the Strategic Regeneration Framework, in particular to deliver new homes and improve existing housing. This will ensure a significant reduction in the major problem of overcrowding and an increase in affordable housing which better meets the needs of local people as their economic fortunes improve. The single conversations with the boroughs will deal with all the potential investment in the area, the need for new housing to be made available to local people, the potential for innovative approaches and the potential short term impacts of the Games. A protocol for the single conversations will be agreed following detailed workshops with the HCA and partners

By 31
October
2009?

General elements

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