

Report to: Regeneration Panel

Date: 18 March 2009

Subject: Local Government Association (LGA) Sustainable Communities Regeneration Award

Report of: Executive Director of Environmental Services

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Purpose / summary: To inform Members about the recent award given to Wigan Council through the Local Government Association Sustainable Communities Award.

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: None.

Recommendation / decision: To note the contents of the report.

The decision will be made as a result of this report and will be published within 48 hours.

Risks / Implications:

Financial:	None
Staffing:	None
Policy:	None
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	None
Wards affected:	All

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

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Has the Service Director - Borough Solicitor confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **No**

Has the Service Director - Corporate Services confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **No**

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **No**

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Categorisation of the report:	x
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

	x
Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
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There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 6 March 2009

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The annual Local Government Association (LGA) and the Health Service Journal (HLS) sustainable communities' award 2009 took place in London on 5 February 2009.
- 1.2 Attached at appendix 1 of this report is a list of the 15 categories and the organisations that were shortlisted.
- 1.3 Wigan Council was entered and shortlisted for 2 of the awards. The community project sponsored by Groundwork and the Regeneration sponsored by EC Harris Build Asset Consultancy.
- 1.4 The categories and criteria for the 2 awards that we entered are as follows;

1.5 Community Project

- 1.6 Community group's, residents and tenants associations and faith groups can make a big difference if they are given the right support and allowed to realise their potential.
- 1.7 This category aims to recognise projects that have engaged local residents in community action to deliver social, economic and environmental goals. This is not for projects that were solely delivered by public sector staff, but for those in which local residents helped to decide the projects goals and the crucial influence on its design and delivery. This may have been achieved by working strategically with local voluntary or community sector organisations.

1.8 Regeneration

- 1.9 Communities become in need of regeneration for many socio-economic and environmental reasons from the loss of industry to dilapidated housing. But once a community starts to see a decline in its physical fabric, economic potential or social cohesion the process can become self-reinforcing with those who have the means to do so choosing to live and invest elsewhere.
- 1.10 Regeneration can revive a community, local economy, physical environment and give an area the chance to thrive.

2.0 Detail

- 2.1 Wigan Council were chosen as the overall winners of the regeneration award, Edinburgh City Council, was highly commended and Isle of Wight Council and Reigate and Banstead were also shortlisted for the award.
- 2.2 The executive summary of the application was as follows;
- 2.3 Wigan is currently in the middle of its largest ever programme of capital investment. Built on a series of innovative community partnership led regeneration initiatives over the past 20 years – this is no short term scheme – its all about long term, mainstream investment – that focuses on need and making the most of the opportunities we have on our doorsteps.

- 2.4 We estimate that approximately £1bn of mainstream service improvements and major capital schemes are now in progress – driven by a long term vision developed over the past 8 years. As these schemes come to fruition they'll transform the opportunities and life chances of local people with access to sports, leisure, learning and the environment. We are already seeing the real improvements in lifestyle, health and aspirations.
- 2.5 This submission is made by the Council – but it is on behalf of our local partnerships. From the early vision work in 2000 to the practical delivery of these schemes it is the strength and creativity of these partnerships and relationships that we believe has created the change that Wigan needs and which will bring lasting regeneration.
- 2.6 Through out the detailed submission, reference was made of our partnership working with the community and our partners. It outlined how Wigan did not just concentrate on large capital projects but that it linked to initiatives supporting young people and encouraged the community to engaging in more healthy activities for example.
- 2.7 The larger projects that were included in the submission and had relevant commentary was Leigh Sports Village, our proposed regional park 'Greenheart', the health centres project that the local improvement finance company (LIFT) have developed, the completion of the Grand Arcade and the proposed Joint Service Centre, the work ongoing at Bickershaw colliery and the proposed development that will be included in the Building Schools for the future.
- 2.8 It further outlined that Wigan will continue to make good progress in the regeneration field, building on the success of the wide ranging projects and programmes that have contributed to making a difference locally.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 It has long been recognised locally that Wigan is an excellent authority and that it is often seen as an authority that delivers things in best practice.
- 3.2 The work we do locally and the success that we achieve is as a result of good working relationships with our partners, excellent leadership from our elected members across the Borough and our engagement with the community, the residents, the business community and the voluntary and community sectors.
- 3.3 This national award from the Local Government Association is an opportunity to promote these successes nationally. This is being discussed with them in order to maximise the coverage we would have.
- 3.4 It is also an opportunity to formally recognise and thank the many people that have contributed to a wide range of initiatives.

Martin Kimber
Executive Director of Environmental Services
RC/SG/LC
6 March 2009



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Partnership Award for Sustainable Communities

- Bexley LBC
- Sunderland City Council
- Waltham Forest LBC

Building Sustainable Communities

- Isle of Wight Council
- Luminus Group
- South Essex Partnership foundation trust

Community Cohesion

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- Luton IPCT
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
- Park Royal Centre for Mental Health
- Saucepans North Central
- Sefton MBC, Sefton Equalities Partnership
- Somerset CC



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Community Project

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- Isle of Wight Council
- Islington LBC
- Reigate & Banstead BC
- Wigan MBC



Community Youth Initiative

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- Corby Learning Partnership & Corby BC
- North East Derbyshire DC
- Sandwell MBC
- Saucepans North Central
- Tipton Litter Watch



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- Harlow Gateway Partnership
- Medway Council - 2012 Team

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- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Pendle Leisure Trust
- Tipton Litter Watch

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- Edinburgh City Council and PARC
- Isle of Wight Council
- Reigate & Banstead BC
- Wigan MBC

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- Bournemouth BC
- Greater Manchester Public Protection Partnership
- Haringey LBC
- Havering LBC
- Sauxepans North Central

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- Cambridge University Hospitals foundation trust
- Merseyside Transport Partnership
- Newcastle City Council
- Sutton LBC

Tackling Climate Change

- Cornwall CC
- Croydon LBC
- Essex CC
- Manchester City Council
- Sunderland City Council
- West Sussex CC

Tackling Health Inequalities

- Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust
- Bradford and Airedale tPCT
- Gateshead Council
- Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Berkshire West
- Somerset Partnership

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