

**networkfareham Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday 10 December 2008**

**Item 6 – Pockets of Deprivation in Fareham**

INTRODUCTION

1. At the last Board meeting in September, the Board received a report entitled Pockets of Deprivation in Fareham which highlighted the Hill Park area as the most deprived area in the Borough, particularly in relation to education and skills. It was agreed that further investigation should take place after which a working party be set up to take forward the research's recommendations.

PROPOSAL

2. Some further research has taken place and the proposal is that the LSP commissions a provider to carry out a 'rapid appraisal' of the Hill Park area to inform the development of an area action plan. The rapid appraisal process would include the following steps:
  - Set up a small task group (from networkfareham's Board and key stakeholders).
  - Workshop with local workers who work directly with the local community e.g. health visitors, teachers, police, youth workers.
  - Workshop with local residents.
  - Workshop with key agencies to identify local issues and investment and funding opportunities.
3. The objectives of the rapid appraisal would be to:
  - Involve local residents, locally-based workers and stakeholders in identifying local issues and potential actions, and seek to build their capacity and network to influence and lead local initiatives.
  - Outline the key potential elements of an action plan that builds on local strengths and opportunities to inform investment for the development of Hill Park.
4. Based on one quote already received it is estimated the cost of commissioning a rapid appraisal would be in the region of £10,000.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Board approves the above proposal and cost and that a provider is commissioned to carry out the work.