

**Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and  
Committee**

**The Functions of the Area Committee and Forum**

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## **Your Guide to Area Forums and Committees**

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#### **What are Area Forums?**

- They are a public place for you to raise and discuss important local issues

#### **What are Area Committees?**

Area Committees have replaced Area Assemblies. They will:

- Be a place where councillors make decisions to solve local problems and address the issues raised by you through your Area Forum including making decisions about your roads, environment and street scene.
- Receive deputations, petitions or previously indicated written questions from residents
- Have £25,000 to spend on work to make a difference to your area.

#### **What is the relationship between Area Forums and Area Committees?**

- Area Forums are a platform for public debate. Area Committees take decisions in response to issues raised through Forums.
- Each Area Forum meeting will be followed by a corresponding Area Committee meeting.
- Area Committee meetings will be formally minuted but Area Forums will not.

#### **Why have Area Committees and Forums been created?**

- So that councillors can work more closely with you in your local area.

#### **Where and when will the Area Committees and Forums be held?**

- There will be 4 meetings a year.
- Meetings will normally be from 6.30pm until 9.00pm – the Forum and accompanying Committee will be held during this time.
- Meetings will be public and in places that are easy for you to get to.

#### **How will Area Committee and Forum meetings run?**

- Area Forum and Committee meetings will be chaired by a member of the Area Committee, which will be made up of local Councillors.





**Where will I access information about my Area Committee?**

- You can see the dates and times and more information about the work of your committee at [www.haringey.gov.uk](http://www.haringey.gov.uk).
- Information about when committees meet will also be made available in Haringey People.

**Where are the Area Committees and how do I get involved?**

Haringey will have 7 Area Committees/Forums. To find out more and get involved contact the Chair of your Area Committee.

The Chair of the Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Committee is Councillor Gail Engert. To contact Cllr Engert, email [gail.engert@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:gail.engert@haringey.gov.uk)