

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor Isidoros Diakides (Chair), Councillor Dhiren Basu, Councillor Joe Goldberg, Councillor Claire Kober, Councillor Lorna Reith, Councillor Reg Rice, Councillor Alan Stanton, Councillor Bernice Vanier.

Officers in Attendance: Xanthe Barker, Emma Cahillane, Judith Comrie, Paul Dennehy, Marc Dorfman, Joan Hancox, Claire Kowalska, Philippa Morris, Julie Parker, Stuart Young.

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
OBCB11.	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richard Watson.	
OBCB12.	URGENT BUSINESS There were no items of Urgent Business.	
OBCB13.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST No declarations of interest were made.	
OBCB14.	MINUTES RESOLVED: That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor Dhiren Basu within the list of those present, the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.	Xanthe Barker
OBCB15.	MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUNDING The Committee received a report that presented a summary of the bids received for funding from the Making the Difference fund. It was noted that Members had met informally with officers to discuss the applications (set out in Appendix 2 of the report) and that the proposed sums to be awarded were based on discussion at that meeting. The Chair noted that, if agreed, the proposals put forward would leave £5450 unallocated. This would enable bidders who had not been awarded the full sum they had bid for to put forward a case for additional funding and for additional proposals to be added to the list if anything is left. There was a general consensus that this approach was sensible. RESOLVED: That bids received for funding from the Making the Difference fund should be allocated as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.	Claire Kowalska
OBCB16.	AREA PROFILE	

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	<p>The Committee received a verbal update with respect to the compilation of the Area Profile.</p> <p>Officers acknowledged concerns expressed by residents during the Forum with regard to the use of a survey as the only means to facilitate engagement with the local community and the suggestion that a meeting between local residents and Council officers working on the Area Profile would form a useful opportunity to engage residents in a meaningful way.</p> <p>It was clarified that the Committee was not being asked to make a decision with regard the Area Profile at present; once the information gathered via the survey that evening had been analysed and further work had been undertaken with partners to assess the information available the Area Profile would be presented to the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That officers from Frontline Services should liaise with local Residents Associations to arrange a meeting to discuss the Area Profile and their involvement in the production of the area plan. ii. That once complete the Area Profile should be brought back to Committee for agreement. 	<p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p>
<p>OBCB17.</p>	<p>PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR OF POTHOLES</p> <p>The Committee received a report setting out proposals for the allocation of additional funding for the repair of potholes.</p> <p>In response to a query the Committee was advised that the Council's budget for the resurfacing of roads had already been allocated for the current financial year; in order to alleviate problems in Mansfield Road, without further delays it was proposed that an element of the funding should be used for this resurfacing work in this area.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the £34,250 of funding should be allocated as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.</p>	<p>Joan Hancox</p>
<p>OBCB18.</p>	<p>TOTTENHAM TOWN HALL - USE OF SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the Section 106 Agreement was comprised of several elements and within this a sum had been allocated for 'Public Art'. The Chair advised that the item had been added to the agenda in order to agree a process for the Committee to determine how this element of the Section 106 Agreement contribution would be spent.</p> <p>There was agreement that public perception with regard to the use of this sum required careful consideration and that local Ward members had an important role to play in shaping proposals for its use.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That a meeting should be arranged between officers and local Ward Members to discuss the use of this money. ii. That a report should be brought to the next meeting of the Area 	<p>Marc Dorfman</p>

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	Committee setting out options for the use of the money based on discussion with Local Ward Members.	Marc Dorfman
OBCB19.	NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS	
	There were no new items of Urgent Business.	
OBCB20.	FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	<p>The Committee noted comments made by residents during the Area Forum with regard to improving the way meetings were publicised. The Chair requested that officers responsible for maintaining the database, which held the contact details of interested parties, checked to ensure that all Residents Associations in the area were included.</p> <p>It was also suggested that publicity material such as posters and banners should be placed in the meeting venues ahead of the meetings to raise awareness and there was agreement that officers should be asked to give consideration to this before the next cycle of meetings.</p> <p>Concern was expressed with regard to the relatively low attendance from some of the wards and it was suggested that Ward Councillors should play a role in publicising forum meetings and should be contacted by officers to elicit suggestions for improving attendance from their wards.</p> <p>Concern was expressed that future meetings should be held in other Wards in order to encourage as many residents from across the area as possible to attend. There was agreement that in principle this was a good idea; however, it was important that the venues used were easily accessible by public transport, well known locally and in venues where all people feel comfortable and safe to attend evening meetings.</p> <p>The dates and proposed venues of future meetings, set out below, were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10 January 2012, 6.30pm, Bernie Grant Arts Centre (key subject: the local arts scene and the contribution of cultural industries to the regeneration of Tottenham) ➤ 27 March 2012, 6.30pm, Tottenham Chances 	<p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>All to note</p>

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

COUNCILLOR ISIDOROS DIAKIDES

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