



Wood Green Area Forum and Committee

THURSDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2011

6.30 pm

VENUE: MAIN HALL, CYPRIOT CENTRE, EARLHAM GROVE, LONDON N22 5HJ

MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE/FORUM:

Councillors Christophides, Cooke, Demirci, Egan, Gibson, Meehan, Stewart, Strickland and Waters

Display boards will be in place providing details of the bids received for Making the Difference funding.

AREA FORUM

• **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME – 6.30 – 6.35PM**

The Chair will provide an overview of the items on the agenda and how the Area Forum and Committee will proceed.

• **RECENT DISTURBANCES IN TOTTENHAM – 6.35 – 7.20PM**

The serious public disorder that recently took place in Tottenham and across London has been a great shock and upset to all. Working together we have begun the recovery of our area. It is important that we talk about:

- What happened
- Why it happened
- How we should move forward

This meeting is an opportunity for you to discuss recent events with the Council and Police.

We want to hear from you and use what you say to inform the next steps.

- **VEOLIA CONTRACT – 7.20 – 7.30PM**

A short verbal update will be given on the environmental contract with Veolia with a particular focus on flytipping.

- **AREA COMMITTEE PLAN UPDATE – 7.30 - 7.50PM**

An update will be provided on the development of the Area Plan and views sought from residents.

- **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS - 7.45 – 7.50PM**

Break 7.50 – 8.00pm

AREA COMMITTEE – 8.00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

To agree the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 5 July 2011 as an accurate record.

4. MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUNDING

The Committee will consider the applications received for funding and determine which bids should progress.

5. AREA COMMITTEE PLAN UPDATE

The Committee will consider the update on the development of the Area Committee Plan and put forward comments/variations.

6. TO NOTE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS

- 2 February 2012
- 17 April 2012

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

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**MINUTES OF THE WOOD GREEN AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2011**

Councillors Christophides (Chair), Egan, Gibson, Stewart and Strickland

Apologies Councillor Cooke, Demirci, Meehan and Waters

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTON BY
WGAC47	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooke, Demirci, Meehan and Waters.</p>	
WGAC48	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
WGAC49	<p>TERMS OF REFERENCE</p> <p>The Area Committee terms of reference approved by Full Council in May were considered. It was noted that the Committees were properly constituted decision making bodies of the Council and as such needed to comply with relevant legal and procedural rules setting out how they should operate and their function. Responsibilities included developing an Area Plan for the locality identifying key priorities, building on partnership working approaches and making proposals for improvements to the physical environment of the area and variation to standard service delivery.</p> <p>The Chair provided clarity on the role of the Committee in relation to licensing and planning applications. Although formal Planning and Licensing Committees were in place as the designated decision making bodies for these type of applications, Area Committees would be consulted informally and able to make representations on proposed schemes in their area.</p> <p>Concerns were raised on the potential for the Committee part of the evening to serve as a repeat of the earlier public Area Forum meeting with local residents. The Chair stated that the distinction between the two different meeting formats would become clearer over time, particularly as work in relation to the Area Plans was progressed thereby requiring formal decisions to be made by the Committee. It was emphasised that the Area Committee was classified as a formal meeting which although held in public wouldn't involve active participation from local residents as the Area Forum earlier in the evening provided the opportunity for local people to get involved and give their views to their ward Councillors. This would then allow informed decisions to be made by the Committee.</p> <p>The terms of reference were noted.</p>	

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WGAC50	<p>THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA</p> <p>Feedback was provided from the Area Forum presentation on the Council's new environmental contract with Veolia covering waste collection and street cleansing in the borough. Representatives from the company had outlined their targets for recycling and carbon emission reductions, plans to reduce fly-tipping, improving trade recycling and a forthcoming introduction of fortnightly collections in the Muswell Hill area for non-recyclable waste, which would be rolled out across the borough if proved successful. Local action plans were being devised and it was advised that an update would be provided to the September meeting to reflect the flexibility in approach to respond to each areas priorities.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that further communication work was required with residents to increase awareness of the new contract as for example there appeared to be a general lack of knowledge about the new village approach and further promotion of the role of the Village Manager as a method for residents to raise issues directly with the contractor. It was however recognised that the contract was still fairly new and would take time to bed in. It was agreed that the contract should be added as a standing item on the agenda for future Area Forums to allow ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the service provided as the importance of local people having a say in monitoring targets and negotiating variation in service offer for the local area was recognised.</p> <p>The satisfaction survey is to be used to provide an overview of the performance of the contract was discussed and it was agreed that the questions to be used and the selection of people surveyed was of fundamental importance to ensure an appropriate two way dialogue. As such, it was agreed that the satisfaction survey should be considered at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Graham Jones</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Graham Jones</p>
WGAC51	<p>AREA COMMITTEE PLAN</p> <p>An outline was given of the process for developing Area Plans for each Area Committee which would identify a number of key priorities for the year which would be reviewed on an annual basis. A timetable had been set for the drafting of the Plans, with raw data being collated at the current stage to allow the generation of area profiles which would provide some context to the Area Plans. This would include gathering local community intelligence and working with Area Committee chairs against the five headings from the Council's Rethinking Haringey Strategy. A draft profile would then be considered at the September meeting. Concerns were raised about the potential for the area profile exercise to replicate information gathered in the past under other work streams. It was advised that the intention was to pull together information from existing sources wherever possible such as from the annual needs assessment, from voluntary sector etc. It was emphasised that the main focus would however be on local people and officers working together to draft and progress Plans through collective agreement in recognition that gaining the confidence of local people was vital to success.</p>	

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	<p>The next stage of the process would be the drafting of the Area Plan from September to December including identifying the accompanying monitoring arrangements with a view to adoption from January. Members requested that the Action Plan be written in Plain English to ensure it was clear and easy to understand.</p>	<p>Claire Kowalska</p>
WGAC52	<p>POTHOLE REPAIR FUNDING</p> <p>A summary was given of the discussions during the Area Forum part of the evening in relation to pothole funding which was a particular area of focus at the current time due to the increased level of deterioration following the bad weather over the winter. In recognition of this, additional one-off funding had been allocated to the Council which it was proposed would be split between the Area Committees to allow local input into selecting which roads in the area the repair money should be targeted. It was requested that the report on this additional funding be circulated to the Ward Councillors.</p> <p>A number of residents had raised issues during the Area Forum with potholes located on pavements, in one of the local parks and also in relation to drains. It had been clarified that the additional funding was only available to repair potholes on highways and that any issues with potholes on other surfaces needed to be reported to the relevant Council department which would be done in this instance for the particular issues raised.</p>	<p>Tunji Oladejo</p> <p>Tunji Oladejo</p>
WGAC53	<p>TO NOTE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS</p> <p>The Committee noted the dates of the future meetings and agreed that the venues should where possible be rotated to cover each ward in the area.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
WGAC54	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE</p> <p>The Chair advised that Making the Difference funding allocation for 2011/12 had been set at £25K per Area Committee area and had to be spent by the end of this financial year. Although bids were being sought for local projects, it was emphasised that applications would only be accepted from properly constituted groups. Guidance and criteria to support the application process would be put up on the Council's website in the near future. It was planned that the funding applications would then be discussed and approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>Items proposed for future Area Forum meetings included a soapbox item, an update on Haringey Heartlands and Coronation Sidings, blocked drains and the width restriction bollards on Courcy and Coleraine Roads.</p>	

Cllr Christophides

Chair

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