

MINUTES OF THE CROUCH END, HORNSEY AND STROUD GREEN AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2012



Haringey Council

Councillors Butcher, Reid, Strang (Chair), Weber, Wilson and Winskill

Apologies Councillor Gorrie, Reece and Whyte

Also Present: Approximately 14 members of the public
(during the forum)

Emma Davies (Single Frontline Services), Michael McNicholas (Single Frontline Services), Chris Roberts-Wray (Traffic Management Services), Sergeant John McGrath, Inspector Mark Hembury, Councillor Gideon Bull and Felicity Parker (Clerk)

MINUTE NO.

SUBJECT/DECISION

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| 33. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gorrie, Reece and Whyte. | |
| 34. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest. | |
| 35. | MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2012 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment: Minute number 30 – Area Forum item 8 – Park Road Swimming Pool, first bullet point to read – “The lack of consultation with residents was disappointing, especially as the specification had been sent out to tender.” NOTED the open actions list and the resolved actions. | |
| 36. | ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE FORUM The following actions were identified following discussion held during the area forum: | |

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Park Road Swimming Pool

Lyn Garner – Director, Place and Sustainability – provided an overview of the proposals being taken to Cabinet. Based on that, and subsequent replies from the forum, the actions were as follows:

Action 1: The Committee were disappointed that Councillor Watson did not attend the meeting and requested an explanation as to why an officer was able to discuss information which was already in the public domain, but Councillor Watson was not. The Chair undertook to contact Councillor Watson and report back to the Committee. **ACTION: Chair**

Action 2: Residents requested information on the future fees for users to access facilities. Lyn Garner explained that the actual prices would not be available, but that there was information with regards to capped prices. Lyn Garner agreed to check whether this information was available and to report back to the Committee. **ACTION: Director, Place and Sustainability**

Action 3: Information was requested on any potential changes to opening times in the future. Lyn Garner agreed to check whether this information was available and to report back to the Committee. **ACTION: Director, Place and Sustainability**

Action 4: That the Cabinet reports from February 2011 and September 2012 be circulated. **ACTION: Clerk**

Action 5: That a meeting be arranged with the new provider once the contract has been awarded in order for discussions to take place on future proposals for the Park Road Leisure Centre. The Committee suggested that the providers be asked to consider setting up a local 'user group' to consult on future proposals. It was likely that the new providers would be in place no earlier than December 2012. **ACTION: Chair / Clerk**

Hornsey Town Hall

Action 6: An update was requested on developments at Hornsey Town Hall, including an understanding on how community access can be influenced and a timetable. The Chair explained that this was scheduled for a future meeting. **ACTION: Chair**

Planning & the Localism Act

Action 7: Following the briefing provided at the meeting on 18 June 2012, a resident asked whether there had been any formal application had been made to the Local Authority with regards to the establishment of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. **ACTION: Clerk**

First Capital Connect

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Action 8: The Committee expressed their disappointment that the representative from First Capital Connect did not attend the meeting, despite confirming that they would, and asked the Chair to contact the representative on behalf of the Committee. **ACTION: Chair**

Agenda circulation

Action 9: Concerns were raised that agendas for the meeting did not seem to have been sent out to all residents on the distribution list, particularly those who received notification of the meeting by email. The Chair undertook to raise this issue at the next Area Chairs meeting.

ACTION: Chair

Licensing enforcement

Action 10: Councillor Reid reported that he had received concerns from residents in Hornsey ward regarding licensed premises and the lack of enforcement by the Local Authority. He requested that information be provided to residents on what options were available to residents with regards to licensing enforcement, and what obligations the Local Authority had. The Committee suggested that this was an item on a future agenda, when the meeting venue was in the Hornsey ward.

ACTION: Clerk / Licensing Team

Planning enforcement

Concerns were raised during the forum that enforcement did not seem to be happening well enough.

Action 11: An item be included on the next agenda to provide information to residents on the current planning legislation, what residents can do to report illegal developments or breaches to planning permissions and what powers the Local Authority had with regards to enforcement. **ACTION: Clerk / Planning Services**

Planning regulations – new Government Proposals for planning rules

A discussion took place during the Area Forum with regards to the Government proposals to relax the planning rules for a three year period, which include changes to the Permitted Development Rights whereby homeowners would be able to build 6m long extensions without planning permission. Residents were concerned that the current breaches were not being dealt with and that relaxing the rules would lead to a lack of control.

The discussion continued during the Area Committee and it was decided that:

Action 12: An item be included on a future agenda to provide information on the new proposals (once known) and the affects of these

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| | proposals on residents and the Local Authority. The inclusion of this item to a future agenda would be subject to the timing of Government legislation. ACTION: Clerk / Planning Services | |
| 37. | DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS NOTED the dates of future meetings as follows: Monday 21 January 2013 Monday 15 April 2013 | |
| 38. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE There was no such business. | |

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| <p><u>Chuggers</u> That a paper (and officer attendance) be provided at the next meeting of the Area Forum to explain the legal standing of the Council with regards to Chuggers and what options are available to deal with them.</p> | <p>Director of Place & Sustainability / Licensing Team</p> | <p>Area Forum item 7 – 24 April 2012</p> | <p>OPEN Information provided by the Licensing Team attached to the minutes of the 18 June 2012 meeting. Councillor Strang has contacted the Cabinet Member for Environment to discuss a way forward, and information will be provided at a future meeting.</p> |
| <p><u>Hornsey Town Hall</u> It was requested that the Heads of Terms be published, and information provided on how these would work in practice (particularly in relation to community access arrangements), as well as information about the Heritage Lottery Fund application.</p> | <p>Capital Project Team, Place & Sustainability</p> | <p>Area Forum item 1 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>OPEN Chair to speak with relevant officers to invite them to a future meeting. UPDATE – 11 September 2012 The Chair informed the Committee that he was in the process of speaking with relevant officers, and would arrange for an item to be included on a future agenda.</p> |
| <p><u>Planning and the Localism Act</u> That an update is presented at a future forum when the process has been developed further</p> | <p>Chair / Clerk</p> | <p>Area Forum item 5 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>OPEN This will be revisited in Summer 2013</p> |
| <p><u>Area Plan</u> That the plan would not be signed off until the Chair was able to work with officers to look at the issues raised.</p> | <p>Chair</p> | <p>Area Forum item 6 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>OPEN An initial review and re-draft of the Area Plan has been carried out by the Chair, with relevant officers. A further update will be provided at the 21 January 2013 meeting.</p> |

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| <p>That a meeting be arranged with the new provider once the contract has been awarded in order for discussions to take place on future proposals for the Park Road Leisure Centre. The Committee suggested that the providers be asked to consider setting up a local 'user group' to consult on future proposals. It was likely that the new providers would be in place no earlier than December 2012.</p> | <p>Chair / Clerk</p> | | <p>It will be possible for users to meet the contractor prior to them taking over and we will make arrangements for this to take place. In our mobilisation plan, this will happen in October however an exact date will be confirmed once we have had discussions with the winning bidder. High level details of the new contractors proposals will be available from 8 October.</p> <p><i>Note – the new providers held a meeting at Park Road leisure centre with local residents on Thursday 25 October 2012.</i></p> |
| <p>That the Cabinet reports from February 2011 and September 2012 be circulated.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> <p>The 8 February 2011 Cabinet report can be found here: http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?Cid=118&Mid=5014&Ver=4</p> <p>The 18 September 2012 Cabinet report and minutes can be found here: http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?Cid=118&Mid=5995&Ver=4</p> |
| <p>Planning & the Localism Act</p> <p>Following the briefing provided at the meeting on 18 June 2012, a resident asked</p> | <p>Clerk</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> |

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| <p>whether there had been any formal application had been made to the Local Authority with regards to the establishment of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum.</p> | | <p>An application for a Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and neighbourhood Area was received and was consulted on from 20th Sept – 2nd Nov. A report recommending that the forum and area are designated was sent to Cabinet on the 18th December. The decision taken at Cabinet was as follows:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the responses to the consultation on the applications for the Highgate Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum, as set out in Appendix A be noted and approved (subject to similar determinations by the London Borough of Camden in respect of that part of the Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum within Camden). 2. That it be agreed, pursuant to Section 61G and 61I of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to designate the Highgate Neighbourhood Area, as set out in Appendices B and C of the report. 3. That it be agreed, pursuant to Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to designate the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum, as set out in Appendices D and E of the report |
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| <p>First Capital Connect</p> <p>The Committee expressed their disappointment that the representative from First Capital Connect did not attend the meeting, despite confirming that they would, and asked the Chair to contact the representative on behalf of the Committee.</p> | <p>Chair</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> |
| <p>Agenda circulation</p> <p>Concerns were raised that agendas for the meeting did not seem to have been sent out to all residents on the distribution list, particularly those who received notification of the meeting by email. The Chair undertook to raise this issue at the next Area Chairs meeting.</p> | <p>Chair</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> <p>The Chair raised the issue at the Area Chairs meeting. Distribution and publicity were being looked at as a priority for each area forum.</p> <p>The manager of the team responsible for distributing agendas was contacted and on this occasion, the agendas were not emailed to residents. This would be monitored for the next round of distribution.</p> |
| <p>Licensing enforcement</p> <p>Councillor Reid reported that he had received concerns from residents in Hornsey ward regarding licensed premises and the lack of enforcement by the Local Authority. He requested that information be</p> | <p>Clerk / Licensing Team</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> |

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| <p>Planning enforcement</p> <p>An item be included on the next agenda to provide information to residents on the current planning legislation, what residents can do to report illegal developments or breaches to planning permissions and what powers the Local Authority had with regards to enforcement.</p> | <p>Clerk / Planning Services</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> |
| <p>Planning regulations – new Government Proposals for planning rules</p> <p>An item be included on a future agenda to provide information on the new proposals (once known) and the affects of these proposals on residents and the Local Authority. The inclusion of this item to a future agenda would be subject to the timing of Government legislation.</p> | <p>Clerk / Planning Services</p> | <p>Area Forum – 11 September 2012</p> | <p>OPEN</p> |

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| <p><u>Jamaica Village</u> Information was requested on which services retained the fees / deposit paid by the organisers following the cancellation of the event and what the amount deposited was</p> | Councillor Reece | Area Forum – 24 April 2012 | <p>CLOSED £37,500 had been retained by the Local Authority – although there was currently no information available as to what the money would be used for.</p> |
| <p><u>Jamaica Village</u> Further information was requested with regards to the deposits paid by Jamaica Village and whether there were any costs to the Council</p> | Councillor Reece | Area Forum item 1 – 18 June 2012 | Deposits for each event are set at 25% of the minimum hire fee. The non-refundable deposit paid by Jamaica Village Ltd was £37500. |
| <p><u>Crouch End festival</u> The Chair would ask the Council what support was available for the festival, and whether this was already being provided</p> | Councillor Winskill (as previous Chair) | Area Forum – 24 April 2012 | <p>CLOSED Councillor Winskill made contact with the organisers and will stay in contact for the festival next year to make sure that support from the Council is available.</p> |
| <p><u>Pay and Display Review</u> Concerns were raised by residents and Councillors with regards to the viability of a 'desktop review' of the Stop & Shop scheme. It was thought that local traders and residents should have been consulted with. Action – that the Chair would write a letter to the Cabinet Member for Environment highlighting the concerns raised</p> | Councillor Winskill (as previous Chair) | Area Forum – 24 April 2012 | <p>CLOSED A survey has now been carried out with regards to the pay and display review. The report was discussed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 July 2012 - http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=128&Mid=5938</p> |
| <p><u>Finsbury Park track consultation</u> Concerns were raised with regards to the length</p> | Councillor Canver / | Area Forum - 18 June | CLOSED |

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| <p>of the consultation in that it did not allow sufficient time for people to respond. Councillor Canver undertook to investigate whether it would be possible to extend the consultation period</p> | <p>Leisure Services</p> | <p>2012</p> | <p>Response from Paul Ely, Head of Commissioning - Having investigated this, I have taken the view that the consultation should not be extended. This is because: As the issue has now been raised it can be taken into account in the further planning and development of the project and extending the consultation period will not have any impact on this</p> <p>Of approximately 300 responses received to date, this is the only that has raised this issue.</p> <p>CLOSED</p> |
| <p>Councillor Winskill to arrange a meeting with the Assistant Chief Executive and/or the Chief Executive to work out a way of improving timescales and quality</p> | <p>CHAIR (Prev. Councillor Winskill – passed to Councillor Strang as new Chair)</p> | <p>Area Forum – 24 April 2012</p> | <p>Update at Area Forum 18 June 2012 – Councillor Winskill emailed Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive on 5 June 2012. A response was provided on 11 June 2012 by the ACE to suggest that the matter was discussed at the Area Committee Chairs meeting.</p> |
| <p><u>CPZ / Signage in Stroud Green</u> Further clarification was requested with regards to the boundaries between the Stroud Green and Finsbury Park CPZs, and discrepancies between the signage on the street and on pay and display meters</p> | <p>Traffic Management Services</p> | <p>Area Forum item 1 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>CLOSED</p> <p>An officer from the Traffic Management Services attended the meeting. The format of the meeting was a 'trade fair' style, which allowed for residents to speak with officers informally and ask any questions / raise any concerns.</p> |

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| <p><u>Finsbury Park event signage</u> Following from the feedback at the meeting on 18 June 2012, further information was requested as to the progress of the email circulation list, the publicising of events in Finsbury Park and effects on parking in the local area; and whether these new measures had been successful</p> | <p>Traffic Management Services</p> | <p>Area Forum item 1 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>CLOSED An officer from the Traffic Management Services attended the meeting. The format of the meeting was a ‘trade fair’ style, which allowed for residents to speak with officers informally and ask any questions / raise any concerns.</p> |
| <p><u>Changes to waste collections</u> Following from the area forum, information was requested on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of what options are available to residents • The assessment process for deciding which bins were delivered to properties • Removal of green boxes • What communication has taken place with residents since the start of the process <p>This information was requested in the form of a ‘factsheet’ and an officer to attend the meeting to address any remaining issues which residents may have</p> | <p>Single Frontline Services / Waste Management</p> | <p>Area Forum item 3 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>CLOSED An officer from the Waste Collections team attended the meeting. The format of the meeting was a ‘trade fair’ style, which allowed for residents to speak with officers informally and ask any questions / raise any concerns.</p> |
| <p><u>Park Road swimming pool</u> That the Cabinet Member be invited to the next meeting to provide information on which safeguards were in place to protect services for residents and what the ground rules were for</p> | <p>Chair / Clerk</p> | <p>Area Forum item 8 – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>CLOSED Lyn Garner – Director, Place and Sustainability – attended the meeting and provided publicly available information. She explained that some of the</p> |

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| <p>the tender exercise</p> | | | <p>information with regards to the management transfer was commercially sensitive and the new provider would not be announced until a decision had been made at the Cabinet meeting on 18 September and the contract awarded.</p> |
| <p>That a representative from First Capital Connect be invited to attend the next meeting of the Forum to provide the update on Finsbury Park, Hornsey & Harringay rail stations</p> | <p>Clerk</p> | <p>Area Forum – 18 June 2012</p> | <p>CLOSED Representative invited to the 11 September 2012 meeting.</p> |