

**MINUTES OF THE TOTTENHAM AND SEVEN SISTERS AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Diakides (Chair), Councillor Goldberg, Councillor Kober, Councillor Reith, Councillor Rice, Councillor Watson, Councillor Vanier.

**In Attendance:** Xanthe Barker, Emma Cahillane, Judith Comrie, Joan Hancox, Christopher Joannou, Graham Jones, Claire Kowalska, Stephen McDonnell, Julie Parker, Doug Taylor.

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTON BY</b>
<b>OBCB01.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  Apologies were received from Councillor Alan Stanton.	
<b>OBCB02.</b>	<b>URGENT BUSINESS</b>  There were no items of Urgent Business.	
<b>OBCB03.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  There were no declarations of interest made.	
<b>OBCB04.</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>  <b>RESOLVED:</b>  That the Terms of Reference be adopted.	
<b>OBCB05.</b>	<b>THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA</b>  The Committee discussed the issues raised during the Area Forum with regard to the new Waste Management Contract (WMC) with Veolia.  Members agreed with concerns raised during the Forum that there had been teething problems at the start of the new WMC. It was suggested that the willingness of local residents to meet with representatives from Veolia to discuss issues should be utilised and that a dedicated session should be arranged to facilitate this and to consider the feasibility of establishing a standing Advisory Panel of interested local residents and traders (akin to the regular Ward Panels of the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams).  It was proposed that this should meet on a quarterly basis and include the Veolia Village manager, ward Councillors and relevant waste management staff.  There was agreement that measures to improve education and promote behavioural change would form an important part of the overall approach to waste management. It was suggested that work with residents and	Stephen McDonnell / Veolia

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business owners to improve understanding of what could be left on the kerbside for collection, particularly in communities where English may not be many people's first language, would be useful.

It was noted that there were fly tipping hotspots in parts of the Borough including Monument Way and the Committee was advised that an Action Plan was being compiled and that this would be brought back the Committee for discussion.

Officers advised that the Single Frontline Service (SFS) offer would provide a focus on changing behaviour through education; however, where there were persistent instances of this enforcement action would be taken.

In response to concerns raised with regard to the timely collection of purple waste bags the Committee was advised that arrangements around this had been revised in order to minimise the time that they were left on the kerbside.

There was agreement that 'walkabout' sessions with Local Ward Members provided a good way of drawing local issues to the attention of the contractor and the Chair requested that the SFS arranged walkabout sessions with local Ward Members and volunteers who had expressed an interest in participating.

There was agreement that whilst there had been issues at the start of the contract, particularly in some of the Borough's larger estates, Veolia and the Council were aware of these and were working together to resolve them. Although this was an ongoing process the Committee agreed that visible improvements had been made in terms of street cleaning.

In response to concerns that there was a lack of communication between Veolia employees with regard to the reporting of fly tipping the Committee was advised that waste operatives were being briefed on the need to report issues such as this in a coordinated way. It was noted that agency staff had initially been used during weekend periods and that this had led to some communication difficulties.

Clarity was sought with regard to fortnightly waste collections and the Committee was advised that there would continue to be a weekly collection of all recyclable waste. Fortnightly collections of non recyclable waste would be introduced as part of a pilot in Muswell Hill and the lessons learnt from this would be considered before the implementation of later phases. These arrangements would not apply to people living in flats above shops or estates.

It was contended that in areas of the Borough where recycling rates were low this approach would lead to a build up of waste and it was suggested that further work to raise recycling rates was required in these areas in order for fortnightly collections to be successful.

All to note

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	<p>In response to a query with regard to the Low Carbon Zone in Muswell Hill it was noted that the Council had nominated the area to participate in the pilot on the basis that there were already excellent rates of recycling in the area and therefore the targets were likely to be achieved.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that education was important and there was agreement that the Area Committee Plan, which would be considered at the next meeting, should make reference to the measures that would be put in place to promote and educate people about recycling.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the Single Frontline Service should arrange, in consultation with the Chair, walkabout sessions with local Ward Members and volunteers who had expressed an interest in participating.</li> <li>ii. That the Area Committee Plan should make reference to the measures that would be put in place to promote and educate people about recycling.</li> <li>iii. That a dedicated session with residents should be organised as part of the consultation process.</li> <li>iv. The feasibility of establishing a standing advisory panel of interested local residents and traders be explored further</li> </ol>	<p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Stephen McDonnell</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Stephen McDonnell / Veolia</p>
<p><b>OBCB06.</b></p>	<p><b>AREA COMMITTEE PLAN</b></p> <p>The Committee was given an overview of the proposed approach, initial content, timescale and consultation arrangements with regard to developing the Area Committee Plan (ACP)</p> <p>In terms for the timetable for establishing the ACPs the Committee was advised that the following stages would be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Preparation of area profiles – <u>July / August</u></li> <li>➤ Presentation to Area Committees of headline data / area profiles and proposals with respect to prioritisation – <u>September</u></li> <li>➤ Preparation of draft ACP for each area and consultation – <u>October / December</u></li> <li>➤ Sign off by Area Committees – <u>January / February</u></li> </ul> <p>Once adopted the ACPs would be formally refreshed on an annual basis with updated data being added on a rolling basis.</p> <p>The Committee was advised that the Area Profile would initially capture data under the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Economic Wellbeing</li> <li>➤ Culture and Leisure</li> <li>➤ Environment</li> <li>➤ Education and Lifelong Learning</li> <li>➤ Housing</li> <li>➤ Community Safety</li> <li>➤ Transport and Access</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Health and Social Wellbeing</li> <li>➤ People and Places</li> </ul> <p>The Committee was advised that views from residents and Ward Members would be essential in providing a local focus to the ACPs and that Enablement Officers from the Frontline Service would be working with Members to gather local information.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he would circulate a briefing note on the ACPs to members of the public that had left their contact details. Officers were asked to circulate a briefing note to the Committee setting out in more detail how priorities would be identified and process for compiling the ACP.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That a briefing note, set out above, should be circulated to the Committee and to interested members of the public</li> <li>ii. That the area profiles and draft proposals with respect to the Area Committee Plan should be brought to the Committee at its next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Claire Kowalska</p> <p>Claire Kowalska</p>
<p><b>OBCB07.</b></p>	<p><b>POT HOLE REPAIR FUNDING</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the funding made available for pot hole repairs and how this might be prioritised.</p> <p>Specific concerns were raised by Members with regard to Lansdowne Road and the damage caused by buses and the repairs carried out by Thames Water. Concern was also raised around the use by lorries and other HGVs of Mansfield Avenue as a short cut for traffic.</p> <p>In response to a query it was noted that the Council liaised with the utility companies and lobbied them to coordinate works in order to minimise disruption. It also rigorously enforced penalties where works caused damage to roads and pavements. However, it was often difficult to compel them to deviate from their planned programme of works and it was recognised that this caused disruption.</p> <p>There was discussion with regard to the planned maintenance of roads and how the Council might alter its approach to dealing with pot holes in a way that would represent better value for money. The Committee was advised that as part of all contracts the quality of initial work and repairs was monitored and that the Council had a four year rolling programme of works that encompassed all roads in the Borough.</p> <p>There was a general consensus that officers should draft a list of proposals for the use of the money allocated to the Area Committee for pothole repairs and that these should reflect the comments made by residents and Councillors.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p>	

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	<p>That proposals, reflecting the discussion above, should be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting with regard to how the money should be allocated.</p>	<p>Joan Hancox</p>
<b>OBCB08.</b>	<p><b>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p>The following topics were suggested for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Planning Policies for the area</li> <li>➤ Regeneration &amp; Cultural Industries</li> <li>➤ Anti Social Behaviour (to include a representative from Homes for Haringey)</li> </ul> <p>In terms of the structure of the meeting there was agreement that more time should be given over to the Forum part of the meeting and that one issue should be focussed on.</p>	
<b>OBCB09.</b>	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES</b></p> <p>There was agreement that consideration should be given to holding the meeting at venue within one of the other Wards; however, it was noted that Tottenham Green Leisure Centre and other community buildings in the vicinity had excellent links to public transport and that any alternative venue would need to be accessible.</p> <p>The dates of future meetings, set out below, were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6 September 2011</li> <li>➤ 10 January 2012</li> <li>➤ 27 March 2012</li> </ul>	<p>Xanthe Barker</p> <p>All to note</p>
<b>OBCB10.</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There were no items of AOB.</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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