

**MINUTES OF THE WOOD GREEN AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2012**

**Present:** Christophides (Chair), Cooke, Demirci, Egan, Gibson, Meehan, Stewart, Strickland and Waters

<b>MINUTE NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT/DECISION</b>	<b>ACTON BY</b>
<b>WGAC62</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  There were no apologies for absence.	
<b>WGAC63</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>WGAC64</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b>  That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2011 be agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>WGAC65</b>	<b>DOG CONTROL ORDERS</b>  The Committee noted that a formal consultation on the introduction of Dog Control Orders in the borough would start in May in response to concerns about the growing number of dogs causing problems in public places and the need to promote responsible dog ownership. Local residents were encouraged to forward their views to help formulate the final Dog Control proposals that would go out to formal consultation.  <b>RESOLVED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the plans for a formal consultation be noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>WGAC66</b>	<b>AREA PLAN</b>  The Committee noted the update provided during the Forum on progress developing the Area Plan for the area and that it was intended that the draft document would be submitted to the next meeting for sign off.  <b>RESOLVED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the update and next steps be noted.</li> </ul>	
<b>WGAC67</b>	<b>MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the successful projects and their associated funding allocations to be awarded under the Making the Difference fund be noted.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>WGAC68</b></p>	<p><b>TO NOTE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that the next Forum and Committee meeting was scheduled for 17 April and would if possible be held at a venue in Bounds Green ward.</p> <p>Additional items proposed for future Forum/Committee agendas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on Pinkham Way</li> <li>• Information on the new Community Organisers initiative.</li> <li>• Future plans for Wood Green High Road highways and pavements to allow residents to provide input</li> </ul> <p>The proliferation of betting shops in the area remained a concern particularly along Wood Green High Road and as such, it was agreed that Cllr Strickland would circulate a short briefing note to the Committee setting out the Council’s planning and licensing powers in relation to these premises. On a related issue, concerns were also raised about the emergence of short term money lending shops in the area and the transparency of the planning applications for these premises. Cllr Strickland provided assurances that improvements had been made to the Council’s website to improve public engagement and consultation for planning applications but he further agreed to meet with Cllr Demirci as the Chair of Planning Committee to discuss if further improvement could be made in this area.</p> <p>In response to a query on providing feedback from the consultation sessions held with residents following the rioting, it was advised that the Community Panel would be publishing their recommendations on 23 February. This report and the feedback from the sessions held at the Area Forums would be used to inform regeneration plans for the area.</p> <p>It was agreed that feedback from previous meetings be added as a standing item going forward on agendas for both the Forum and Committee part of the meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Strickland</p> <p>Cllrs Strickland &amp; Demirci</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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