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To: All Members of the West Green and Bruce Grove Area Forum and Committee

Dear Member,

West Green and Bruce Grove Area Forum and Committee - Thursday, 28th February, 2013

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

1. AREA FORUM (PAGES 1 - 2)

1d) Bruce Grove Public Realm Project update [7.55pm]

Local resident's will hear about the actions being taken forward for improvement of the public realm at Bruce Grove.

8. UPDATE ON THE AREA PLAN (PAGES 3 - 24)

The committee will consider an update on the actions connected with the priorities listed in the Area Plan.

9. UPDATE ON ISSUES TAKEN FORWARD SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS THAT DID NOT MAKE THE MEETING. (PAGES 25 - 30)

The committee will consider an update on the items discussed at the forum and committee in October and consider the responses provided to suggested items that did not make the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Committee Co-ordinator

**Briefing for West Green & Bruce Grove Area Committee****Tottenham Regeneration Programme**28th February 2013**1. Purpose of briefing**

1.1 To update the West Green and Bruce Grove Area Committee about the regeneration programme for Tottenham. This includes progress to date, feedback received from the public consultation and an update regarding funding for the programme.

2. Funding for the Tottenham Regeneration Programme

2.1 The GLA announced the funding package for Tottenham on the 17th January, a total package of £41m of which £24m is grant funding from the GLA and CLG. The overall aim of the bid is to support growth and enterprise on the length of Tottenham High Road. One of the key projects is proposals to develop Tottenham Green into a hub for cultural events and activities. This will be achieved (if the bid is successful) through re-landscaping of Tottenham Green, installation of market infrastructure, landscaping and opening up of the Old School Yard, completion of landscaping next to Bernie Grant Arts Centre and improvements to footpaths and the Town Hall Approach Road. There are also proposals to improve the public realm of the High Road, with improvements to some of the historic frontages, enhancement to the Holcombe Road market and the Bruce Grove market.

3. Bruce Grove public realm and market projects

3.1 The £750,000 of funding in Bruce Grove is split between wider public realm improvements in the town centre (£450,000) and improvements to the two market sites at Holcombe Road and Bruce Grove Station (£300,000). The project is steered by a local stakeholder group of ward members, residents and businesses chaired by Cllr McNamara. The project area covers both the Bruce Grove and Tottenham Hale wards.

3.1 The project to refresh the units at Holcombe Road market is progressing well and both stallholders are fully engaged in design development. The architect has made a number of site visits, talking directly with David Hall and Bob Thompson, Greengrocer and Fishmonger respectively, about the type of space and facilities that are required. In developing the project it is clear that there is potential for more stalls than are currently on the site and there has been interest from local food businesses in renting on the site, creating a bigger food market. The initial designs have been presented to the stakeholder group and key elements of the scheme are:

- reprovision of existing stalls with new structures
- addressing drainage problems on the site
- repaving of the site
- addressing the condition of the land behind the market, by the Enterprise Centre
- providing additional commercial space

3.2 Planning Enforcement activity has been successful at Bruce Grove station market with much of the outdoor area cleared of canopies and trading activity. The Planning Enforcement action was taken because of the breach of condition 1 of a planning application made in 2004 for a temporary market to be held on the site. The expiry date for the temporary planning permission was December 2005, but the use continued beyond that point. Existing retailers are now trading from the permitted retail units under the arches and are now directly the tenants of Network Rail. The Town Centre Manager, Gemma Aked, is in contact with businesses to address and clarify their concerns about their status. At this stage, LBH have made it clear to Network Rail that we wish to see the site more accessible to the public as intended by works carried out in a previous publicly funded project. There is scope for both commerce and community.

3.3 The stakeholder group received a presentation from the architect on the potential sites that could be taken forward as public realm improvement projects. There are two key focuses 1) the area around the

junction of the High Road and Bruce Grove, the Railway Bridge and the junction of Bruce Grove and Moorfield Road, 2) the alleyways and routes through from Stoneleigh Road and the residential area east of the High Road.

3.4 Dowsett Road residents association (in Tottenham Hale ward) are working with an organisation called Clear Village to develop ideas for improving the alley ways between Stoneleigh Road and the High Road. This commission is funded by a Design Council grant won by the group.

3.5 There is ongoing dialogue with Transport for London and Network Rail about their investment plans for Bruce Grove and there are significant projects proposed in the next 2 years that could see all pavements from Monument Way to Bruce Grove re-paved and for the railway bridge to be repainted. We are working with both organisations to confirm and expedite plans.

3.6 TfL are to undertake a pilot scheme looking at bus stops in the Town Centre – creating additional stops and spreading the services between the stops to reduce the number of passengers at each stop and creating pinch points and obstruction to other pedestrians. The timescale for this work is yet to be determined. The pilot schemes will last for 6 months to assess whether they work and can be implemented permanently.

4. Tottenham Green regeneration project

4.1 This is a £1.2m scheme to re-landscape Tottenham Green and Town Hall Approach Road, creating a 'civic heart' for Tottenham. The project is steered by a local stakeholder group of Tottenham Green ward members, landowners, residents and businesses chaired by Cllr Watson.

4.2 The purpose of the project is to make the Green a better space for commercial and cultural events and activities. Removing the humps to create a flatter surface to accommodate more people and rearranging the use of space on Town Hall Approach Road.

4.3 Detailed designs have been prepared and consulted upon – a survey before Christmas and a public drop-in Saturday January 26th have been the conduit for public views on the scheme. There has been broad and strong support for the scheme, interest in detail and how future use will be managed.

4.4 Next steps are to turn designs into detailed drawings and to procure contractors to deliver the scheme in the Summer. Construction work will continue into Autumn/Winter 2013.

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						Ongoing process.
						Content has been reviewed. Decision is to concentrate on local contact info and borough wide communication messages. – 1 st set of communication messages to go out December 2012. Forward plan of messages to be drawn up to ensure that messages change on a regular basis and are linked to issues related to time of year, etc.
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1. Active Community Life (cont)		<p>Make more use of Bernie Grant Arts Centre.</p> <p>Investigate whether local Council buildings could be let to community groups at no / reduced cost.</p> <p>Explore ways of making Goan Community Centre sustainable in order to establish a local community hub.</p> <p>Make use of empty properties</p> <p>Explore future use, by the community, of Keston Road Centre buildings.</p>		<p>Haringey Council is undertaking a review of Council buildings leased to community organisations to improve support for Haringey's voluntary sector (in line with the Voluntary Sector Strategy 2011-16 – see www.haringey.gov.uk/voluntary_sector_strategy). Key issues the Building Review will consider are:</p> <p>Building condition – generally the portfolio is considered to be in poor state of repair overall, with limited capacity to invest.</p> <p>Community use – some buildings could be made more generally available as a flexible resource.</p> <p>Utilisation – some buildings are under-utilised due to limited opening hours, constraints to flexibility in uses and building condition</p>		<p>The approach to the Buildings Review is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assess the building stock condition and utilisation of the buildings and other Council properties available for community use. <p>The review is progressing well and a report went to Cabinet on 18 December 2012 reporting on the overall condition, use/utilisation and potential opportunities for regenerative development of sites. The report will propose key principles for detailed surveys and engagement in respect of each of the buildings and tenancies during the period January to March 2013.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p>

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		<p>2. Evaluate all buildings to identify opportunities for redevelopment and consider disposal options that could help realise or contribute to other Council objectives relating to regeneration and housing and employment.</p> <p>3. Develop options for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of community building assets.</p> <p>The review is in progress and a list of relevant properties, initial outcomes and options will be available in Autumn 2012.</p>				Recommended that outcome of Review is considered as part of future Area Forum agenda.

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	<p>Recommended that Broadwater Farm community infrastructure / amenities is considered as part of a future Area Forum agenda (2012/13).</p> <p>2. Broadwater Farm Shops / Facilities</p>		Phil Harris - Deputy Director for Community Housing Services			<p>In August, the Chair of the West Green and Bruce Grove Area Committee met with Council Officers to discuss how this priority could be taken forward. He was informed that the Council is currently considering a wide range of options for investing in housing, regeneration and estate renewal in the borough. It was agreed that discussion on this priority was better suited to a later meeting when officers may have a clearer idea of what may be possible.</p>
3. Community Capacity Building			Nick Powell – Head of Carbon Management and Sustainability	Planning training available to local community	31.01.13 (TBC)	<p>Planning training being devised. PRE Open Day currently being arranged for</p>

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		enforcement and advice. However, the service is happy to present at a future Area Forum meeting.	Remit to be discussed at Area Committee on 28th February 2013	Zoe Robertson – Engagement & Enablement Manager	Leaflet produced	groups
		Neighbourhood Services are producing a pamphlet explaining the role and scope of Neighbourhood Services, including Licensing, Trading Standards and Waste. The pamphlet will explain local powers and ways residents can help enforcement activity.		Nick Powell to discuss remit of the training with local councillors on 28.02.2013	March 2013	
4. Community Safety	Strengthen local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs), as they are currently understaffed.	The police are aware of this local issue. However, recruitment is carried out centrally and must follow a process. This process is currently underway with pressure from Haringey Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). It is estimated that the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be in place by September 2012.	Mark Long – Chief Inspector Safer Neighbourhoods			West Green now has a full complement of 3 PCSOs and an officer has been identified to fill the one PC vacancy. Bruce Grove has received one extra PCSO which awaits further allocation from the centre following recruitment

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4. Community Safety (cont)		<p>Ensure greater engagement between police and community (particularly young people).</p> <p>Ensure SNT has a focus on prevention and education.</p>	<p>The Safer Schools Support Team is still in place and a single point of police contact will now be in every primary school under the new "Community Promises". The Police are in the process of setting up two new youth panels and there will be one school promise agreed. In addition, the Community Police Consultative Group (CPCG) has a texting network of 1,000 young people in the borough and is in the process of setting up a new youth CPCG to attract a more representative group. If the community in this area has further suggestions that can be delivered within existing resources they should submit them to their respective Inspector.</p>	<p>Mark Long – Chief Inspector Safer Neighbourhoods</p>		<p>Youth Panels are now in place and promises are set for every secondary school, with activity taking place.</p>

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Lane.	Tackle vehicle crime on Gloucester, Clomell and Field Roads.	This is also a known problem. Acting Inspector Mike Tisi is putting a specific plan together for the local area. Report on progress can be provided at future Area Forum.	Mark Long – Chief Inspector Safer Neighbourhoods			As comments.

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5. Early Intervention	<p>Earth Allotments).</p> <p>Develop a community mentoring scheme to support parents locally.</p> <p>Source funding for crèche facilities so that parents can attend courses (parenting, ESOL etc.)</p>	<p>Enterprise Centre at 639 High Road (Team London is the Mayor of London's volunteering programme for all Londoners). Volunteering opportunities will run through the service model at 639 and will include opportunities for parents (2012/13).</p> <p>This could be considered as part of the ongoing development of the Children's Centres.</p> <p>The Haringey Welcome Project - funded through the Home Office (visit www.haringey.gov.uk/haringeywelcome) supports newly arrived families in partnership with the Haringey Adult Learning Service (HALS).</p> <p>It is proposed that there be a crèche at 639 High Road, although this is subject to the completion of the tender process for an operator for the site (2012/13). Recommended that an update is provided at a future Area Forum</p>	<p>Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team</p> <p>Ngozi Anuforo – Early Years Commissioning Manager</p> <p>Naomi Woodlands – Family Support Officer</p> <p>Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team</p>	<p>New facility in Tottenham</p>	<p>March 2013</p>	<p>The GLA have advised that the facility at 639 High Road will open early in the new year. A crèche cannot be provided at the centre as it would mean building in new space.</p>

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6. Health	<p>events taking place locally. An annual Small Grants Scheme was launched in March 2012 and residents are encouraged to make use of park facilities such as green gyms.</p> <p>Downhills Park playground requires cosmetic improvements – investigate whether funding available.</p> <p>Breastfeeding promotion / education programme.</p>	<p>Haringey has begun the process of UNICEF Baby Friendly (see www.unicef.org.uk/babyfriendly) accreditation for community settings i.e. Health Centres and Children's Centres, which sets the standard for breastfeeding support. An action plan outlining key priorities to improve breastfeeding support has been developed which details the process for achieving accreditation.</p> <p>Public health focus on prevention.</p>	<p>Sheena Carr – Senior Public Health Commissioning Strategist</p>	<p>Increase in women who breastfeed in West Green and Bruce Grove</p>	<p>Quarterly data reported to Department of Health and local analysis undertaken on annual basis.</p>	<p>Haringey has passed the Stage 1 Baby Friendly accreditation for community settings. (Feb 2013).</p>

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Crackdown on rogue landlords exploiting families and minimum standards.	Respond to all referrals regarding housing conditions in private sector and take enforcement action in the worst cases.	Steve Russell – Manager, Housing Improvement Team (Private Sector)	Please encourage all residents to complete online survey form on Haringey Web page or to feedback to Steve Russell any concerns they have by email or in writing.	Consultation closes 30 th Nov 2012.	Steve Russell attending your area forum on 11 th October 2012 and 28.2.2013 gave an update on what is happening in your area and the rest of Tottenham with regards to the proposed additional HMO licensing scheme. Consultation is still underway.	Page 12
7. Housing	Proposal to introduce an additional HMO Licensing Scheme for certain houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) in all or part of the five wards which make up the Tottenham area (Northumberland Park, Bruce Grove, Tottenham Green, Tottenham Hale, Seven Sisters).	Sharon Morgan – Deputy Director Housing Management, Homes for Haringey	To be completed by 31.3.2013.	Budget allocated for project.		
	Improve lighting on Park View Road and Reynardson Court (next to police station).	A quote was received from Haringey Council's lighting department for Reynardson Court, but it was not affordable. Negotiations taking place on cost/scope e.g. to focus just on car park area which is of greatest concern to residents and staff. Our aim is for some works to be undertaken in 2012/13. Park View Road to have survey and quote which will be assessed with other bids for 2012/13 Estate Improvement funding.	Martin Hoctor – Head of Client			A reporting tool will be in place by
	Review current repairs budget vs.	A strategic piece of work is being undertaken cross-borough to investigate				

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	replacement budget to address frequently broken stairwell doors.	repeated repairs spend on same items/blocks to prioritise replacements (we have done this on roofing first, and built the top 20 most frequently repaired roofs into our improvement programme).	Services & Annual Maintenance, Homes for Haringey			March 2013 which will inform the composition of the Capital Programme from 2013/14 onwards.
	Designing-in community safety aspects to housing	Langham Close and Millicent Fawcett Court – security doors are hidden down dark alleys and should be brought to the street front. For discussion at future Area Forum.				
		Please note: 'Langham Close' is managed by Clockwork Estates Ltd.				
8. Parks & Green Spaces		Introduce and enforce Dog Control Orders.	Robert Curtis – Team Leader, Tactical Enforcement	Proposed launch date is 1 st April 2013.	13 The Dog Control Order report has been put to Cabinet and the proposals accepted. An Implementation Plan has been devised, signs for parks are designed and being ordered and will be going up in Feb/Mar 2013.	
Recommended that an update is provided at the Area Form scheduled for 23rd April 2013.						
	Increase summer opening hours of	Leisure Services to investigate the potential and feasibility of extended	Simon Farrow – Head of Client			Further discussions will

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8. Parks & Green Spaces (cont.)	Downhills Park café. Recommended that an update is provided at a future Area Forum.	opening hours with the HAIL charity that run the café, by July 2012. Suggested that an update is provided as a future Area Forum agenda item.	Services, Leisure Services		take place in March/April 2013 and a further update will be provided after that.	
	Encourage more ways to get involved in parks e.g. food growing, activities, sports groups using parks.	A decision has been taken not to proceed with an Allotments Review in 2012/13. However, should any new opportunities arise information will be provided to the Area Forum (updated 28.05.12)	Simon Farrow – Head of Client Services, Leisure Services			
	Encourage local business to have hanging baskets	Haringey hosts an annual "In Bloom" competition that encourages residents and businesses to brighten up and improve the borough using floral and shrub displays. This year, the theme is the Jubilee. Jubilee in Bloom – www.haringey.gov.uk/jib is a free competition run by the Council and sponsored by the Sunshine Garden Centre, encouraging and rewarding residents, businesses, schools and community groups who take pride in their environment. There are incentives and prizes involved.	Simon Farrow – Head of Client Services, Leisure Services			The area NAO has written to / emailed Schools and resident

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9. Public Realm	organising a local clean-up can contact their named local NAT officer who will co-ordinate support from Veolia (gloves, bins and advice etc). Neighbourhood Services is also developing a Community Volunteers scheme, to be launched 2013/14.			associations / community groups in Bruce Grove & West Green. They were advised that if they are interested in organising a local clean up in their area, they can contact the local NAO who will coordinate support from Veolia. A new Resident Enablement scheme being developed for early 2013.	2013/14	
9. Public Realm (cont.)	Clean up the hedge in front of the Tottenham Green Leisure Centre.	Neighbourhood Action Team and Leisure Centre to resolve issue by Summer 2012.	Zoe Robertson – Engagement & Enablement Manager	Michael McNicholas – Neighbourhood Action Team Manager	Ongoing	Hedge was pruned and will be monitored again in

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					December	Hedge was pruned in July and is due to be inspected again in December / January. The area NAO also liaised with Veolia and arranged for the hedge to be litter picked. Inspections continues and liaison with Veolia and parks as necessary	6
						Report a Problem remains fastest way to report issues or through Veolia contact centre.	
						Love haringey application is currently being trialled by staff	

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		Merge gyratory plans with wider South Tottenham Regeneration – connecting all regeneration projects.	The two-way opening of the gyratory forms a key part of the wider regeneration plans for this area. The Tottenham Regeneration Team aim to improve connectivity between Tottenham Hale and the High Road by encouraging the students at the Hale to use the civic and leisure facilities at Tottenham Green (2014 onwards).	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team	Completed capital scheme	Completion in 2014
		Rationalise street furniture.	The Tottenham Regeneration Team will rationalise street furniture as part of delivery of 'growth on the high street' funding for the regeneration programme – starting from summer 2012.	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team	Completed capital scheme	Completion in Winter 2013

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For the regeneration projects at Tottenham Green and around Bruce Grove Town Centre we have been working closely with the GLA and TFL to see how the gyratory scheme can be improved, amended or dovetailed with LBH regeneration projects.

LBH have secured funding from the GLA for public realm improvements in Bruce Grove Town Centre, but TFL have come forward with their own de-cluttering scheme which will achieve objectives and enable funding to be used

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		The Council is unable to commit to this due to unknown level of funding beyond 2012/13 and that funding has already been allocated to other locations.	Joan Hancox – Head of Neighbourhood Services			on other schemes in the Town Centre.
	Lighting improvements to Bruce Grove (the road), end of Moorefield Road.	Request for consultation regarding road safety. For discussion at future Area Forum.	Tony Kennedy - Sustainable Transport Manager or Transport for London depending on location			Nothing further to report
	Transport					Consultation has been carried out on West Green changes
	Bring Jobcentre Plus back to opposite No. 639.	Job Centre Plus is due back at their previous site in April 2012 (opposite 639).	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team			COMPLETE
		Keep Haringey Council services in Tottenham (housing etc) so there are employed people coming into the area every day.	The Tottenham Regeneration Team is pushing central government to bring a major government agency to the area. We are also working with the Greater London Authority (GLA) to develop 639 High Road as a civic hub with business incubation space and a Council presence there (2012/13 onwards)	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team	New facility in Tottenham	March 2013 The GLA led redevelopment of 639 High Road will be completed in the New Year bringing in new employment through small business occupiers.
		Encourage more shops to join Tottenham Traders' Network.	The Tottenham Regeneration Team is working with the Tottenham Traders Partnership	Bernadette Marjoram – Director,	Development of action plan and charter	Charter launched January Gemma Aked took up the role of Tottenham Town

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		<p>(www.tottenhamtraders.co.uk) to develop their capacity and to get a greater range of businesses involved in their governance. The Tottenham Regeneration Team will appoint a Tottenham Town Centre manager in Spring 2012 who will play a key part in attracting new businesses and investment to the area, as well as working with the Traders Partnership to develop their membership.</p>	Tottenham Regeneration Team	Ongoing work programme	2013	<p>Centre Growth Manager in July. Gemma has been helping the TTP with their structures and membership offer. Gemma is also working on a charter approach to improving the look of the High Road and West Green Road.</p>
		<p>Ensure commitments made by businesses to employ local people are enforced.</p> <p>Regeneration programme needs to help local people develop skills so they can benefit from employment opportunities.</p> <p>10. Unemployment</p>	Martin Tucker – Regeneration Manager, Employment & Skills	Ongoing		<p>Work is ongoing with businesses around creating additional jobs for local unemployed people through the Haringey Jobs fund.</p>

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10. Unemployment (cont.)		<p>programme will also support enterprise and self employment and develop a new Enterprise and Employment Centre at 639 Tottenham High Road. The programme will also provide a new focus on 14-16/17 year olds to ensure young people are sufficiently aware of the full range of employment possibilities including self-employment.</p> <p>Cabinet Report and Haringey Jobs Fund Prospectus can be viewed at www.haringey.gov.uk/haringeyjobsfund</p>		<p>The Council and Spurs have agreed on the approach to recruiting local unemployed people to new jobs created as a result of the development of the new stadium and supermarket. Ongoing work to capture local employment at Hale village including new reporting arrangements.</p>		Page 20

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	Voluntary sector and other partners to promote work opportunities to young adults.	Team London (www.london.gov.uk/teamlondon) will have a presence at the Employment and Enterprise Centre at 639 High Road. Volunteering opportunities will run through the service model at 639 and will include opportunities for parents (2012/13).	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team			
	Create a market in Tottenham from Seven Sisters to CONEL on High Road or outside Bernie Grant Arts Centre.	Part of the regeneration programme is looking at developing better market infrastructure at Bruce Grove and Holcombe Road. The Council will also be looking at opportunities for more markets (farmers, arts, crafts etc) to take place in Tottenham (2012 onwards).	Bernadette Marjoram – Director, Tottenham Regeneration Team			
		Bruce Grove Youth Centre should be open every day.		Youth Services are working hard to ensure Bruce Grove Youth of the consortium on 11 April will discuss plans for a four-month programme up to the Summer holidays. The programme will most likely run 5 nights a week from 4pm to 8pm.	Jahan Dhondy – Youth, Community and Participation	Successful summer programme with a wide variety of activities.
					The centre is currently open 3 nights per week with a 4 th evening being used for the young commissioners'	Potential development of garden space at the rear of the building with Harington Scheme. Continued encouragement and support for 3 rd sector organisations in order to develop extended provision.

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				programme. In addition Unity online radio is based at Bruce Grove		
Develop local work experience / apprenticeship schemes for young people.	The Council is developing a new Employment Programme (the job creation element will see a minimum of 200 new jobs created in partnership with businesses). This will include skills development plans including apprenticeships leading to Level 2/3 qualifications (2012/13 – 2013/14).	Martin Tucker – Regeneration Manager, Employment & Skills		Unfortunately, this is not feasible as it is a) funding defendant and b) not compliant within procurement requirements. However, Youth Services can work with churches to ensure that they are prepared for commissioning - (this is work Youth Services are already engaged in with Highway Church).	Belinda Evans – Head of Youth, Community and Participation	Support offered to Third Sector groups (inclusive of Faith groups) to become commissioning ready. Young Commissioners have been trained to deliver training to Faith groups so that there is an

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				increased understanding of commissioning. In particular Highway Youth Club has had targeted training to ensure that their after school provision is of the highest quality		

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Title:	<i>The Chair's response to Agenda items put forward to the Area Forum and Committee meeting and an update on previous issues discussed at Forum meetings</i>
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Report authorised by :	
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Lead Officer:	Ayshe Simsek
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Ward(s) affected:	Report for Key/Non Key Decision: N/A
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

To provide feedback on requested agenda items explain how they have been taken forward.

To further provide an update on previous issues discussed at the forum meetings, this was requested in the feedback questionnaire issued at the last meeting in June.

2. Background

At the first Area Forum and Committee ward members talked about the aims of the Forum and committee which included working with local people to improve the neighbourhood for all residents.

The area committees have additional powers to shape aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents' concerns. A local area plan for the West Green and Bruce Grove has now been completed and will be guiding future council activities, local budgets and planning decisions in



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the area. The plan will now also help shape the agenda for forthcoming Forum and committee meetings.

Meetings start with an open public forum followed by a decision-making session of the Committee that is open to the public.

The Forum is also about shaping aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents concerns allows opportunities for local residents to ask questions of local councillors and council officials, to make suggestions and raise issues of concern, as well as to network with other local residents, traders and activists.

Suggestions for topics at this meeting were sought from local residents and community groups to enable the agenda to be driven as far as possible by local people.

Joe Cullen – local resident raised the following concerns which have been responded to below.

- Lack of diversity of the shops along Bruce Grove, offering the same products,
- The shop fronts - can the store keepers be incentivised to keep their shop fronts tidy/ new lick of paint?

The Tottenham Traders in partnership with the Council and the Police have recently launched the Tottenham High Street Charter which set out a list of priorities to improve of High Streets. One of the trader's objectives is to improve their shop fronts and their window displays. A number of clean up events and workshops will be happening over 2013 to support the traders with this.

One of the Council's key objectives for town centres is to ensure that people have access to a full range and quality of goods and services. The way town centres look is an important factor in their character and the way they are perceived. Through planning policy in particular, the Council seeks to support and promote all of its town centres as existing successful and vibrant town centres and places that will attract new businesses, jobs and homes.

The predominant use in our town centres is A1 (shops). However, in order to encourage a more mix of uses and vibrancy, we will also encourage other appropriate non A1 uses. These include banks, estate agents (A2), restaurants (A3) pubs (A4) and take always (A5) or



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community facilities. are also appropriate uses within town centres, and are encouraged.

We recognise that some uses within town centres can have negative impacts on vitality and vibrancy, for example, the clustering of betting shops and hot food take away. The Council is actively working to promote a wide range of retail uses as well as leisure and community uses. The Council is in the process of updating its planning policy on retail and town centres and will be consulting on the document in March. New retail development that will have a negative impact on existing town centres will be resisted where possible. We will encourage proposals that add to the vibrancy and choice of shops in the existing centres

- The bridge at the bottom of Bruce Grove - needs painting and lighting - it's the gateway and so needs some TLC

There is ongoing dialogue with Transport for London and Network Rail about their investment plans for Bruce Grove and there are significant projects proposed in the next 2 years that could see all pavements from Monument Way to Bruce Grove re-paved and for the railway bridge to be repainted. We are working with both organisations to confirm and expedite plans.

- Anti social/intimidating behaviour outside numerous betting shops on the High Road. Wondering what the council/police intend to do.

This question has been passed to Inspector Hutchinson who will be attending the forum meeting.

Update on issues discussed at previous forum meetings

Junction between Tottenham High Road and Bruce Grove Station

As part of the Bruce Grove Public Realm update,

Bruce Grove Youth Centre

Five young people who are users at Bruce Grove have been involved in the formation of an Area Youth Forum. There will be a formal launch in February half term with an immediate focus on recruitment and fundraising. The young people want to make a short film of what life is like for them in the Tottenham area and use this mechanism to identify key issues for consideration.



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Bruce Grove Youth Centre is currently used four evenings per week and is used by a Training Provider, First Rung, and two days per week to work with young people who are at risk of disengaging from employment or training. It is also used during the day time by students at the Tuition Service (an alternative provision for students with medical needs or who are school phobic or who have additional educational needs) for recreational activities in their break time. The Centre provides a safe meeting space for our work with young people who need individualised targeted support. Unity Radio, an internet based radio station is based at Bruce Grove. On average 25 young people attend and they have successfully interviewed a number of high profile people including: the US Secretary of State's Special Envoy, Hannah Rosenthal at the Hours Against Hate walk at Bruce Castle Park, KC, a DJ at Choice FM, David Lammy MP, and Labrinth, a chart topping performer at the Spirit of London Awards 2012.

We are working in partnership with the Harington Scheme to provide work experience and accredited horticultural training to a group of young people with LDD. The young people will work to reclaim the land at the back of Bruce Grove and transform it into a wildlife garden with the prospect of incorporating natural play and growing fruits and vegetables.

Broadwater Farm Facilities and Amenities

At the last meeting in June, it was indicated that the meeting in October would take place at Broadwater Farm Community Centre to enable a discussion about Broadwater Farm facilities and amenities. This discussion has now been deferred to the April meeting when more information is expected to be available on what may be possible at Broadwater Farm.

Higham Road

In response to the suggestion to have convex mirrors along the public highway, the Highways team have advised that the glare from the mirror can often increase the potential for accidents

Bullying in Schools - raised by the Broadwater Farm Resident's Association on April 23 2012.

On the Forum Agenda

Regeneration update on Tottenham

Information included on Bruce Grove Public realm paper

The roles and ways to expand performing arts and positive benefits it has in our local area especially as children , younger and older people can be involved promoting creativity, health, friendship and positive activities.



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Notes of the presentation and discussion were passed to Regeneration and Children's services.

Council Tax Benefit Changes

Previously the Area Forum had been advised that Council tax benefit was being abolished and local authorities were being required to develop their own schemes by 31 January 2013, for 2013/14. The government was transferring the support to councils in 2013/14, with a reduction in funding of 10% and a requirement that the council's own scheme must maintain the support to pensioners. Cabinet had considered various options for the scheme at its meeting on 10th July 2012 and agreed to consult on the following 4 proposals

- To reduce payments to all working age claimants by an equal proportion in line with the reduction in government funding – estimated to be 20%.
- Reduce savings and investment allowed to £10,000
- Remove entitlement if less than £1
- Amend the maximum backdating period.

Subsequently, consultation responses from residents in November 2012 indicated a desire that some groups to be protected – in particular pensioners and the disabled. In response, the scheme recommended, protected claimants in receipt of particular benefits and recognised significant disability,

Full Council agreed on the 17th January to a reduced council tax support to working age claimants (excluding those in receipt of certain disability related benefits) by 19.8% overall, and also agreed the following technical changes to exemptions and discounts.

- a) Reduction of discount on Class D empty properties undergoing major repair (previously known as Exemption Class A) to 50% for one year and 0% discount thereafter. This was previously agreed at a flat 0% discount;
- b) Payment of an Empty Homes Premium on properties that have been empty and unfurnished for more than two years of 50%. Unoccupied annexes and properties belonging to a member of the armed forces currently absent as a result of this are excluded from this premium;
- c) One-off 100% discount for the first calendar month for Class C properties (Empty properties) and 0% discount thereafter. Occupation periods of less than six weeks will be disregarded in administering this discount;



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3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the report be noted

4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A