



Crouch End, Hornsey and Stroud Green Area Forum and Committee

MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2011

7.00 pm

VENUE: OUTSIDE VENUE

MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE/FORUM:

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

Introduction by the Chair

AREA FORUM

AREA COMMITTEE

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

An explanation of the role and powers of the Committee from the Area Liaison Officer.

6. POT HOLE REPAIR FUNDING

To summarise the issues raised during discussion how funding for pothole repairs has been allocated and what it can be used for.

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SECTION 5 - AREA COMMITTEES

There is a Protocol outside this Constitution setting out how Area Committees are to operate. This Protocol can be amended by the written agreement of the Leaders of the Political Groups on the Council.

The Borough has 7 Area Committees comprising all Ward Councillors from the Wards represented.

The Chair of each Area Committee shall be a Councillor from among the Ward Councillors serving each Area, excluding the Mayor or any Cabinet Member, and these appointments shall be ratified each year at the Annual Council meeting.

The Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution apply to Area Committees. The Committee Procedure Rules in Part 4 apply to Area Committees except where this would be inconsistent with the Protocol mentioned above.

Area Committees are intended to have formal decision-making and advisory roles. Area Committees shall have the following functions:

- (a) Developing and making an Area Committee Plan at the commencement of each municipal year setting out the priorities for the Area over the coming year;
- (b) Developing and encouraging partnerships with local residents' associations, voluntary and community bodies and other stakeholder groups in the Area to consider matters of mutual interest;
- (c) Proposing variations to standard service delivery and to specifications for procurement within the remit of the Directorate of Place and Sustainability in order to reflect local needs and aspirations subject to these variations being consistent with agreed budgets and legally possible;
- (d) To monitor and make proposals for improvements to the physical environment and street scene of neighbourhoods and to consider the impact at a neighbourhood level of strategic policies to develop services;
- (e) Being consulted, and making recommendations to the Cabinet, about potential items for inclusion in the Local Implementation Plan, indicating priorities as between schemes which meet the Borough-wide criteria and making recommendations on the detailed design of such schemes;

- (f) Being consulted, and making recommendations to the Borough Commander, about local police priorities for promoting Community Safety;
- (g) Making recommendations to the full Council on the introduction of by-laws to have effect in the Wards covered by the Area Committee. Wherever possible proposed by-laws should be consistent with the model by-laws on that matter issued by central government;
- (h) Being consulted informally about applications under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. Only Ward Councillors (and local residents and businesses) will be “interested parties” with a right to make relevant representations under these Acts but the Area Committee can make its views known informally to Ward Councillors;
- (i) Being consulted and making representations about (i) applications under other non-executive licensing and regulatory legislation, (ii) planning applications, and (iii) proposed changes to parking controls and traffic calming measures;
- (j) Exercising the powers of the Local Planning Authority to adopt, revise and revoke Local Development Orders under section 61A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and overseeing all procedural steps including local consultation;
- (k) Making arrangements to hold a pre-planning application presentation at a normal Area Committee meeting, on schemes that have formally entered the Council’s Pre-Planning Application Advice Service;
- (l) Monitoring and making recommendations to develop the system of Area Based Working for service delivery;
- (m) Undertaking Area Studies about issues of concern to local residents;
- (n) Considering recommendations and concerns raised during the public forum element of the meeting;
- (o) Considering and taking action in any way relating to, or connected with, the above matters and recommending amendments to the Protocol on Area Committees.

Area Committee meetings shall commence with an open public forum, intended to act as a consultative discussion for local people and their Ward

Councillors on all issues affecting, or relevant to, the Council and service delivery.

Area Committees and Urgency

Where there is a need for urgent decisions, or representations in response to consultation, to be made between scheduled meetings of an Area Committee the Chair shall be responsible for taking those actions. Action taken by the Area Committee Chair shall be reported for noting to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

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Presentation to Crouch End Area Forum concerning additional dedicated pothole funding

The Crouch End Area Committee has been allocated an additional £28,150 for road repairs on top of the Council's usual funding for highways maintenance. This is a proportion of the additional funding that has been provided to the Council for road repairs due to the severe winter conditions which led to a significant deterioration in the condition of roads across the country. The Council will continue to carry out pothole repairs as normal and also its resurfacing programme.

The Area Committee has been given the power to determine how this additional funding should be spent. To assist the public and members consider this, this handout provides examples of the costs of different amounts of road repair.

What different repairs cost

A single pothole costs in the region of £50 to repair.

A small patch covering 2sq.m would be £100.

A large patch covering 20 sq m, which would normally be enough to cover half the width of the road would be £1000

Resurfacing a section of a road, full width for a distance of 25m, might cost in the region of £10,000.

Examples of these are shown on the display boards and on the Council's website at

www.haringey.gov.uk/index/environment_and_transport/roadsandstreets/road_maintenance/2/is_potholes.htm

or do a web search for Haringey council potholes

How views will be sought

Residents views on the roads or sections of roads needing repair will be invited through Area Forums, an article in Haringey People (due out mid-August) and on the pothole webpage.

Responses can be sent in :

- Via email to Frontline.Consultation@haringey.gov.uk
- Or by completing an on line form which will be available shortly at www.haringey.gov.uk
- Or by responding to the article in Haringey People (possibly by freepost postcard)

A deadline of 2 September will be set to give time to collate the responses and allocate indicative costs. Any urgent works (meeting our intervention levels) will be carried out as usual.

Once all the responses have been collated with indicative costs, these will be sent to the Ward Members and if required, tours of the area can be arranged to look at the requests.

The Area Committee will then need to decide how to allocate its funding at the September meeting.

What causes potholes and how to report them

Potholes develop when moisture penetrates cracks in the asphalt surface of a road or driveway. Cold weather freezes the water which then expands and breaks-up the surface. Once formed, a pothole will grow in size as traffic dislodges and removes pieces of the road surface

Although we inspect all residential roads twice a year and main roads every month, we still rely on reports from the public to repair most potholes.

Members of the public can report a pothole:

- through the Council's website (Report a problem page) – this method ensures it is directed immediately to a Highways Inspector
- by email to potholes@haringey.gov.uk
- by phone on **020 8489 1335**

When reporting, please tell us:

- Name of the road
- House / building number
- Nearest significant building
- Nearest cross-street
- Direction - northbound, southbound,

Intervention levels

The intervention level is the depth the pothole needs to be before we will repair it. The location and depth also helps to determine whether the works are ordered to be completed the next working day, 7 working days or within 28 working days.

The different intervention levels are:

- 50mm for major roads
- 60mm for unclassified roads
- 25mm at areas where safety of pedestrians and cyclists is at risk

Have your say: Potholes and road repairs

Although we inspect all residential roads, we still welcome reports from the public. You can use this form to tell us about roads in need of repair. Please help us by giving us as much of the following information that you can:

- Name of road or street _____
- Location (e.g. house number, nearest side street, lamppost ref.)

Please write any comments here:



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