

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND PARK & WHITE HART LANE AREA FORUM
AND COMMITTEE
MONDAY, 4 JULY 2011**

Councillors Bull (Chair), Amin, Bevan, Peacock and Stennett

Observer Councillor Bernice Vanier

Also attending Stuart Young (Haringey Assistant Chief Executive & Area Liaison Officer), Graham Jones (Haringey Environmental Resources), Freddie Baidoo (Veolia – Village Manager), Jean-Francois Moreau (Veolia - Senior Manager), Mahmood Ramjan (Haringey Sustainable Transport), Otis Williams (Haringey Community Safety), Christopher Joannou (Haringey Frontline Services), Natalie Cole (Haringey Clerk)

LC1. APOLOGIES (7.31PM - 7.32PM)

None.

LC2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (7.32PM - 7.33PM)

None.

LC3. TERMS OF REFERENCE (7.33PM - 7.45PM)

NOTED the terms of reference for the new Area Committees.

LC4. THE NEW ENVIRONMENT CONTRACT WITH VEOLIA (7.45 - 7.55PM)

During the Area Forum session the Committee was informed about the Council's new environment contract with Veolia including the targets for recycling and carbon emissions reductions, plans to reduce fly-tipping, improving trade recycling and a forthcoming pilot of fortnightly collections in the Muswell Hill area, which would be rolled out across the borough if proved successful. Local action plans were being devised and the service would be flexible to respond to an area's priorities.

The general consensus was that more education about recycling and encouragement to recycle was required. Residents could request smaller, larger or additional recycling bins if required.

Some concerns were raised about recycling facilities and litter picking on housing estates.

Veolia noted suggestions that street sweeper carts should contain a separate compartment for recycling as well as a compartment for general waste and reported that these carts would be in operation this summer.

Concerns were raised about the lack of recycling by local businesses and it was noted that the incentive to recycle was that these businesses would pay less for waste management services if they recycled more items. Haringey businesses would be given the opportunity to buy-into Veolia services at a good rate but there might be delays if businesses were tied into contracts with other providers.

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RESOLVED to recommend that:

- i. Veolia conduct a campaign to educate local people about recycling, particularly to raise awareness in houses of multiple occupation (HMOs). A Recycling Week could be arranged in schools, children's centres and libraries.
- ii. Veolia employees be asked to report households who were not recycling so that they could be targeted for education.
- iii. Picture stickers should be provided on recycling bins so that residents can easily tell what should go in the various bins.
- iv. The lids of paladin bins on large estates should be locked so that people could not dump general waste inside but the bins should also have slightly larger openings than they currently had.
- v. Local businesses be monitored to ensure that they were purchasing correct waste management services and be encouraged to recycle, particularly pubs and other hospitality and catering businesses that utilise large numbers of glass and plastic bottles.
- vi. A breakdown of recycling rates in the 7 areas be provided at the next meeting.

LC5. AREA COMMITTEE PLAN (7.55PM - 8.25PM)

The Committee noted the timeframes for the development of an action plan for the Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane area. An Area Profile will be presented to the Area Committee at its next meeting in September 2011 and the area's priorities will be agreed. The Area Profiles will be developed under five key headings: thriving, healthier, safer, sustainable, empowered. In January 2012 the Area Action Plan was likely to be signed off by the Area Committee.

Once priorities had been set the information would be shared with Haringey services so that resources could be targeted at agreed areas.

Committee members highlighted that:

- The issue of unemployment in Northumberland Park should be a priority.
- The local Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) had expressed concerns to Councillors that the Area Based Working Groups had ceased and the SNTs needed these partnership meetings in order to progress with local issues.
- Residents could raise issues of concerns about planning and licensing issues at the Area Committee.

LC6. POTHOLE REPAIR FUNDING (8.25PM - 8.40PM)

The Committee noted that £28,000 had been allocated to the Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane area for pothole repairs as a result of overall funding from central government. The Council invited local residents to submit suggestions for pothole repairs by the closing date of 2nd September. Officers would then present a pothole repairs plan to the Area Committee in September.

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Residents could submit their suggestions via email to

Frontline.Consultation@haringey.gov.uk

Or by completing the only form at www.haringey.gov.uk and go to : environment and transport > roads and streets > road maintenance > potholes

Outside of the consultation potholes can generally be reported to

potholes@haringey.gov.uk

RESOLVED that Committee Members would encourage local residents to submit suggestions for pothole repairs.

LC7. FUTURE MEETINGS, VENUES AND AGENDA ITEMS (8.40PM - 8.50PM)

The Committee agreed that the next meeting on Monday 19th September 2011 would be held at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Northumberland Park.

Items for the next agenda:

- Safer Neighbourhoods Teams Updates – rolling item on future agendas
- Feedback from Veolia including how residents were being educated about recycling, a breakdown of recycling rates in the local area and updates on the fortnightly collections pilot.

Councillors were asked to encourage local businesses and partners to advertise the meetings using Council posters.

LC8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE (8.50PM - 9PM)

1. Use of Neighbourhood Resource Centre

A Committee Member highlighted the excellent resources of the prestigious Neighbourhood Resource Centre in Northumberland Park and emphasised that the centre should be utilised as much as possible.

2. Frontline Services Staff

A Committee Member suggested that the Frontline Services Officers should be allocated to work around wards with high levels of deprivation where there was most need.

The meeting ended at 20:30 hrs.

Cllr Gideon Bull

Chair