



Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Forum and Committee

THURSDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2013

6.30 pm

VENUE:

**The British Legion Meeting Room, The Royal British Legion,
Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3NG**

MEMBERS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE/FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Beacham, Bloch, Davies, Engert (Chair), Erskine, Hare, Jenks, Newton, Scott, Solomon and Williams

Introduction by the Chair

AREA FORUM

1. AREA FORUM ITEMS

In respect of the following items Members of the Public attending are encouraged to ask questions and raise any concerns

- **Borough-wide 20MPH Speed limit - 6.35pm**

Local resident Norman Beddington will outline the benefits of lowering the speed limit. Tony Kennedy, Transport Policy & Projects Manager LB Haringey will give a brief update on the proposals going to Cabinet on 18th June for consultation on a Borough-wide 20MPH Speed limit. Followed by questions to the two speakers.

- **Improving local roads, pavements, and lighting - 7.15pm**

Tony Kennedy, Transport Policy & Projects Manager LB Haringey will give a brief update on getting improvements to local roads, pavements, and lighting. Followed by questions.

- Improving Local Bus Services – particularly east/west bus routes – 7.50pm

Peter Howarth, Borough Engagement Manager [North] for TfL will be in attendance to give a brief update on the Local Bus Services. Followed by questions.

There will be a 5 minute interval after the Area Forum business has concluded

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

4. MINUTES - 11 APRIL 2013

5. QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

6. FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

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Briefing on Local Implementation Plan for Muswell Hill Area Forum 13 June***Local Implementation Plan 20 year transport strategy******Introduction***

We carried out an extensive consultation process in preparing the LIP between June and November 2010.

The draft LIP was sent electronically to all stakeholders as well as being placed on the website. An article appeared in Haringey People and details were made available through a press release to local newspapers.

The LIP includes the methodology for prioritisation of investment in Neighbourhoods and Corridors [main roads]. The borough has been split into 24 Neighbourhoods and 10 Corridors for the purpose of developing a Delivery Plan and allocating future LIP funding. The LIP sets out our initial priorities for the first three year Delivery Plan 2011-2014. The prioritisation for neighbourhoods and corridors includes focusing on reducing road user casualties particularly for vulnerable road users, support for the Borough's regeneration areas and town centres, assists walking and cycling and targeting locations with high number of car journeys to school.

The LIP covering the period 2011 to 2031 was approved and adopted by the Council in 2010.

3 year Delivery Plan for 2014-17 and Annual Spending Submission for 2014/15

We are now required to prepare a second three-year Delivery Plan covering the period 2014-17. We are expecting guidance from TfL on the content of the DP by end of May. The first year of the DP will form our Annual Spending Submission for 2014/15.

The priorities for the LIP Delivery Plan for 2014-2017 have yet to be agreed by Cabinet but will be based on need as set out above for the first Delivery Plan.

The Delivery Plan/Annual Spending Submission is expected to be considered by Cabinet on 10 September.

LIP funding for 2014-17

TfL's has provided basic information on our LIP allocation for 2014-17. Our overall annual allocation for 2014-17 is set at £2.155m for corridors, neighbourhoods and smarter travel plus £100,000 Local Transport Funding.

Identified Transport issues from Muswell Hill Area Forum

The table below lists those issues raised in the draft Area Plan as well as issues identified separately and progress made on addressing these issues.

Activity Requested	Service Action described in the draft Plan	Progress	Possible Future Action
Requirement for a 20mph speed limit around Coldfall primary school to tackle safety concerns for children and vulnerable residents	No specific response on this issue in the draft Plan		This will be considered as part of a wider policy issue on 20mph speed limits. A 20mph zone around the school could be considered as part of a future road safety programme subject to prioritisation
Oversee lighting replacement and pavement maintenance (e.g. Priory Park and Broadway)	Unable to commit to this due to unknown level of funding beyond 2012/13 and that funding has already been allocated to other locations.		Roads within Muswell Hill ward have been identified for lighting replacement and hope to programme this work for delivery in 2015/16 subject to budget.
Traffic lights on Colney Hatch Lane/Alexandra Park Road/Pages Lane jn – remove the traffic signals*			A study would need to be carried out on the costs/benefits of this idea. However, no funding is available for this at the present time. If funding were to become available then discussions with TfL as the authority responsible for traffic signals would take place.
Redesign of road infrastructure or ban lorries at factory entrance next to Sweet Tree bakery in Palace Gates Road*		Lorry ban would not be possible as access would still be needed. No further action proposed.	
Vehicles rat-		Traffic	

running through Bidwell Gardens area*		management measures were introduced as part of North Circular Road complementary measures. No further action proposed.	
Highway resurfacing on Fortis Green*		Fortis Green included in our Principal Road Maintenance programme for 2013/14 at an estimated cost of £279,000.	
Road safety and traffic calming in Greenham Road*			As funding for neighbourhoods is still under consideration this would need to be evaluated but any decision on progressing the scheme would depend on evidence of need.
North Hill/Church Road/View Road jn – add pedestrian phase*			A study would need to be carried out on the costs/benefits of this idea. However, no funding is available for this. If funding were to become available then discussions with TfL as the authority responsible for traffic signals would take place.
Removal of excess street furniture – Miltons*			As funding for neighbourhoods is still under consideration this would need to be evaluated but decisions on progressing the scheme would depend on evidence of need.
Traffic issues in St James's Lane and surrounding area*			As funding for neighbourhoods is still under consideration this would need to be

			evaluated but decisions on progressing the scheme would depend on evidence of need.
Pedestrian crossing on Muswell Hill by Alexandra Palace Way*			As funding for neighbourhoods and corridors is still under consideration this would need to be evaluated but decisions on progressing the scheme would depend on evidence of need.

*taken from councillors enquiries and issues raised locally

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Apologies Councillor Williams

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
MH67.	AREA FORUM ITEMS	
MH68.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Cllr Williams. Councillor Bloch also gave apologies for having to leave the meeting after the Forum part of the proceedings due to a family commitment.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
MH69.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>	
MH70.	<p>MINUTES - 24 JANUARY 2013</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH56 and 55: (i) the use of LED bulbs. (ii) compost stirrers for sale on the <i>Haringey Get Composting</i> website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) LED lights - The Chair advised that she had been informed that the business case was still being looked at and investment in this area was undecided. An update would be provided at the Area Committee on 13 June 2013. (ii) compost stirrers - these were now on the Council's website (see link below and are called a 'compost aerator' <p style="text-align: center;"><u>http://www.haringey.getcomposting.com/Shop/Composting_Accessories/TURNER03_Compost_Aerator.html</u></p> • MH57: Devolved Funding – The Chair advised that a response was still awaited with regards to devolved funding to Area 	

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Committees despite her and officer efforts to obtain clarification on a number of previous occasions. Following a brief discussion the Committee felt that the issue did require further chasing and it was:

AGREED – That the Area Champion – Mun Thong Phung be asked to write to the Chief Executive to further seek clarification in respect of the position regarding devolved funding to Area Committees, and report back to the next Committee on 13 June 2013.

- MH58: Muswell Hill Library disabled access and use of space behind the Library - the Chair advised on feedback received from Councillor Watson regarding the review of the Library and that all options would be explored, and a community-based meeting would be organised with the local community/Ward Councillors/interested parties. Concerns were expressed by the Committee at the seemingly un-necessary delay.

With regard to the resurfacing issue on the space behind the Library the Chair advised that she would be raising this and also the MH Library and associated issues as part of the Muswell Hill Ward Walk on 1 May 2013.

NOTED

- The Chair advised that there was now a link on the Area Forum /Committee website to the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum.
- MH64 – Youth Provision – Councillor Newton advised that the CYPS Scrutiny Panel on Youth Services had met and local residents had attended. A further meeting was being arranged with providers/users of the Youth service.
- Issues pertaining to nursery places – noted that as yet no information had been forthcoming in respect of the nursery place details. The information provided though it was statistical, it did not give information pertaining to nursery and primary places, though details had been provided regarding secondary.

ACTION: Chair to further write to CYPS to seek further information regarding pre-primary and primary on a ward by ward basis.

- Neighbourhood disruptions – noted response from Service which did not actually respond to points raised by the Committee/Forum. Concerns expressed by Councillor Allison with regard to large scale private developments in Highgate and the subsequent dust and mess arising therefrom and also the resultant damage to road

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	<p>surfaces in the road leading up to the development. Comments from the Committee that there should be some level of condition or caveat built into such development permission that the developer should pay for road damage – similar to the 106 agreements – and that it was not fair that the Council footed the bill in each incident. Following comments of Councillor Jenks in respect of the ‘Community Infrastructure levy’ it was agreed that this matter would be pursued by Councillor Jenks/Councillor Wilson when the matter was to be considered by Cabinet.</p> <p>ACTION : Councillor Jenks to raise issue via Councillor Wilson at forthcoming Cabinet on behalf of the Area Committee.</p>	
<p>MH71.</p>	<p>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION</p> <p>There were no questions, deputations or petitions.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
<p>MH72.</p>	<p>FEEDBACK FROM AREA FORUM PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS</p> <p>i. Local Policing</p> <p>Noted that the presentation and dialogue with the Assistant Borough Commander and team had been effective, positive and responsive. The presentation and message had been clear on the future policing of the four wards of the Area Committee.</p> <p>Responses to the letters from Cllr Newton and the Chair sent to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (copies attached) regarding the future of the Muswell Hill Police Station were still awaited. The main issues were the closure and loss of volunteer counter service, and the subsequent loss of a dedicated SNT police base at Muswell Hill for the three SNT Teams for Alexandra, Fortis Green and Muswell Hill. Concern was expressed at the lack of response to the initial letter and its follow-up and that the proposal to base the SNT Teams at Hornsey would cut down the police presence in the Muswell Hill area. Concern was also expressed at the size of the ‘western sector’ which went all the way to Finsbury Park and that the proposed contact point would only be open 3 hours a week. Taking all these factors into consideration there were doubts that the new service offer would be as good as that offered previously.</p> <p>Comments were expressed by Councillor Solomon that although there was going to be some evident disruption and</p>	

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loss it was clear to her that there would be no deviation from the proposed changes. Councillor Solomon commented further that where possible the new dedicated telephone numbers for contacting the police needed to be clearly published and known to local residents in order for incidents of crime to be reported now that the nearest Police Incident desk would be at Crouch End /Hornsey.

Concerns were also expressed by the Chair at the lack of disabled access to the proposed Police contact point in Muswell Hill Library which was not acceptable.

Councillor Hare felt that the Police and Council websites for the SNT would need clear information for residents of how the new SNT and incident reporting would work as well as giving clear information of contact numbers etc.

Councillor Jenks commented that when reporting an issue recently he had been impressed that he had been able to actually speak to a person on the phone who had been very helpful and clear in providing information.

NOTED/AGREED – that Members would address/review the new Policing arrangements after 24 June 2013 and would await a response from the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime regarding the two outstanding letters sent regarding the new SNT arrangements.

ii. Future of Health in Haringey

The Chair commented that the item had been well received and the discussions and dialogue with all of the Health representatives had been positive and productive.

Comments of the Committee in relation to each of the items is summarised below.

The Whittington

- Issues pertaining to the Whittington's infrastructure and its potential assets
- Concerns about the general safety of some of the 3 primary buildings at the Whittington, and 30 odd sites, with the current buildings being Victorian, and being perceived as not fit for purpose, and the general feeling of providing a secondary service, which would have a knock on effect for future provision, and concerns that the Whittington's status as a Primary hospital could change to a secondary status as it would not be a recommended hospital of choice by GPs

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- The need for clear avenues of consultation regarding the future of the Whittington
- The need for ensuring patient choice in the area but that the Whittington needed to be promoted as a primary care facility as opposed to secondary and that it should be offered as a first choice and primary centre of excellence
- Fears that the Hospital could become too small and therefore not able to offer/provide quality services and therefore needed to focus on providing an expert range and quality services that GPs and patients would be happy to use

General comments:

- Aftercare and borough boundaries

The need for analysis of two persons entering the hospital for the same treatment and the aftercare and how this differs between Boroughs

The Chair felt that this issue was one to be referred to the Health Scrutiny Panel under the title of outcomes.

AGREED – that Councillor Erskine would pursue this issue via the Health Scrutiny Panel

- Health Check up

Concerns that there were variances in 1-year health checks that had been raised in the Forum part of the meeting.

Noted that this issue had been raised at the Health Scrutiny Panel particularly in relation to post natal depression/and early prevention.

NOTED

MH73. AREA PLAN - UPDATE

(i) Lighting Columns

Noted Chair's comment that information in terms of replacement of lighting columns had been received indicating that replacements in 2013/14 would only take place in certain areas. i.e Tottenham Hale, Tottenham Green, Northumberland Park, Stroud Green, and Hornsey.

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	<p>Cllr Allison advised that in respect of the heritage lighting at The Miltons and the replacement of the cast iron columns – she had spoken with a contractor working in Camden and was looking into the comparative cost of refurbishment as opposed to modern replacement. Cllr Allison advised that she had raised the issue recently with the CE and that she hoped that there could be progress on this.</p> <p>The Chair asked that Members be kept updated of progress.</p> <p>NOTED</p>	
MH74.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</p> <p>There were no further items of business.</p> <p>ITEMS AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FORUM/COMMITTEE – 13 JUNE 2013</p> <p>VENUE : The Royal British Legion Club at Muswell Hill</p> <p>Agenda Items to focus on Transport Theme</p> <p>Details from officers of how Highways issues raised in the Area Plan and Appendix can be put forward for inclusion in borough LIP bid to Transport for London for 2014–17.</p> <p>Transport officers guidance on submitting poor condition roads and pavements and replacement for old cast-iron lighting columns to be included in Sustainable Transport work plan 2014/15.</p> <p>Transport for London representative</p>	

The meeting ended at 21.35hrs

COUNCILLOR GAIL ENGERT

CHAIR