

Scrutiny Café 2024

Climate, Community Safety & Environment Scrutiny Panel

Top Priorities from Survey from within terms of reference:

- 1) ASB – 60
- 1) Crime Prevention & Reduction -60
- 2) Fly tipping and Environmental crime -45
- 3) Strategic transport including increasing levels of walking and cycling – 33
- 4) Rubbish and Recycling – 27
- 5) Highways – 25

Top Priorities from the Scrutiny Café:

- 1) Accessibility
- 2) Community Safety
- 3) Cycling Infrastructure and WCAP
- 4) Climate Action Plan

Specific Suggested Issues or Concerns:

No.	Suggestion	Comments	Priority – High, Medium or Low	Proposed Action (Item for OSC meeting/potential review/Cabinet Member Question/no further action).
1.	Accessibility & the public realm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The state of pavements. Community Champions were mentioned as a way of working in partnership with the council in especially affected areas.- Lack of street seating benches and places to rest- Island bus stops – and their accessibility to those in wheelchairs- Cleaner streets and improving accessibility on pavements and roads Waste bins causing obstructions. Street waste management bagged collection. Commercial waste bin management.- More parklets to sit.- Dockless bikes -and the issue of cluttering the pavement.- The use of electric scooters was also mentioned – this was highlighted as a joint issue between the council and police.- Safer streets for women and girls – street lighting was mentioned as a factor.	High	

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2.	Public Disorder and enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public disorder – drinking, drug taking and ASB. A review of what was best in terms of prevention, outreach and treatment was suggested. It was deemed as an issue that straddled public health, community enforcement and police enforcement. A review of providers was also suggested - Small scale noise nuisance enforcement - Enforcement teams more visible working with residents and with businesses. - Delivery scooters parking for long hours, reducing spaces on high street 	Medium	
3.	Cycling infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Availability of cycle training in schools and in general - Poor condition of cycle lanes – and current cycling infrastructure not safe - Lack of cycling infrastructure 	High	
4.	Climate Change/ Scrutinization of the Climate Action Plan/ LTNs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A review / scrutinization of the Climate Action Plan - Carbon energy efficiency of future buildings and retro fitting all Haringey buildings. - Those on low incomes will be the most effected by climate change what can the council do for them? - Establishing a Library of Things as a way to combat climate change. - Reviewing recycling rates across housing types. - Support for those willing to fund their own adaptations to houses or flat for carbon improvements but will need assistance in doing so. - LTNs – scrutiny was requested around the consultation, the data from the trial and what happened after the trial. No data released so far. Evidence was wanted that consultations had been fair and balanced between business and users. - Widths of LTNs to fit fire trucks through. - Stop LTNs 	Medium	
5.	Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knife crime- a review was requested. Work would be across directorates as would incorporate Adult and Children's Services as well as Community Safety team and should include youth voluntary sectors and more. 	High	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Phone muggings – increase in those experiencing phone snatchings on pavements by those on electric scooters. - Carrying of weapons – particularly amongst YP. - ASB and enforcement - Violence against women and girls - Safe spaces for women and girls in parks and libraries. 		
6.	Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How the council consults with residents – a 2–3-year gap for many projects. There is no feedback to residents or context when a new consultation comes out. - How schemes are promoted – for example the Plant a Tree social initiative in conjunction with the council - A review of ward panels, specialist access groups and community champions that exist already and stored for the council to work with. (*Designated as a MEDIUM priority) - Improving communications at a localised level – ensure the council is engaging with vulnerable communities in shaping policies and consultations. - A need to promote community champions, groups to ensure engagement from all parts of the community. (*Designated as a MEDIUM priority) 	Medium/Low	
7.	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree trimming – questions were asked about the inspection process and whether there was too much tree trimming or too little. - Weeding – the frequency of weeding and the encroachment on to the paths. Also stopping the pesticides that are being used on weeds and looking at alternatives. - Flash flooding – inclusion of more and better-looking SUDS and rain gardens - Compost boxes in as many places as possible. 	Low	

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9.	Efficient ways to spend money for measurable public benefit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- For example, more spend on beautifying the public realm may lead to less ASB enforcement, less vandalism and waste clean-up.	Medium	