



Report for:	West Green and Bruce Grove Area Committee	Item number	
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Title:	<i>The Chair's response to Agenda items put forward to the Area Forum and Committee meeting</i>
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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 the requested agenda items that did not make the forum agenda and explain how they have been taken forward.

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 new area committees will have additional powers to shape aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents' concerns. It will also produce a local area plan over the next few months, which will be guiding future council activities, local budgets and planning decisions in our area.

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 about shaping aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents concerns allows opportunities for local residents to



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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 traders, to enable the agenda to be driven as far as possible by local people. There were a number of agenda items put forward to the Chair to consider and the Area Forum and Committee terms of reference were referred to when deciding the items to go forward to the meeting.

The following suggested items also did not make the meeting as they related to specific incidences and issues and it was felt that personal consideration and response from the Chair to these issues was better suited. Highlights of the responses to local residents are also included to convey how concerns have been acknowledged and taken forward.

- 1) A specific stop and search incident - public information regarding the stop and search process was provided and details of how a complaint could be taken forward with the Police supplied.
- 2) The role of sheltered housing wardens and landlords - specific policy information on confidentiality, health & safety, Needs Assessment/support planning and dealing with complaints was requested and information supplied regarding this.
- 3) The issue of council consultations on the redevelopment of the West Green Rd/Philip Lane junction and on council spending plans. Concern was raised that the Bruce Grove resident Network was not included in the Consultation. The consultation team responded on December 23 2011 by advising that the West Green Urban Improvement scheme was being developed with statutory partners and both the views of individual local residents and resident association groups were being sought. Information on the proposals was door dropped to 1000 residents in the catchments area to allow individual residents to consider the proposals and respond to them directly with the Council. There was a good response from residents with in some cases background detail provided the views of Bruce Grove Residents Network were invited on the scheme and they would be included in the analysis. The thinking behind the consultation strategy was provided in the response and the consultation team offered to add Bruce Grove Resident's network to the list of highways mailings



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3. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A