



**Haringey Council**

<b>Report for:</b>	Muswell Hill Area Forum & Committee	<b>Item Number:</b>	
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<b>Title:</b>	Muswell Hill Area Plan – Final Draft for Sign Off
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b> Muswell Hill, Fortis Green, Alexandra and Highgate	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b>
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## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1 To acknowledge service responses to prospective content for the 2012/13 Area Plan and sign off Final Draft Area Plan attachment – Appendix A.

## **2. Cabinet Member introduction**

2.1 As part of the Council's new governance arrangements seven Area Committees have been established under the Council's constitution. These Committees meet quarterly and their terms of reference include a commitment to develop an area plan which will set out priorities for the year.

2.2 The Council sees the following as the principal reasons for their use:

- To target resources at evidenced need
- To initiative two-way information sharing and joint local priority setting
- To strengthen collective responsibility
- For transparency of expenditure
- To improve attendance through stronger public stakes
- To improve the resolution of local problems
- To improve the delivery of priority local services



### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 Committee Councillors to agree the draft plan as final and agree performance management / monitoring commitments for the coming year (to be considered as part of the current Governance Review looking at Council Committee arrangements).

### **4. Other options considered**

N/A

### **5. Background information**

5.1 Online consultation, service data and a public workshop informed the development of the area plan. Consultation raised a range of issues but the following were identified as key concerns:

1. Improving childcare (access & affordability)
2. Achieving Environmental Improvements and Local Involvement
3. Supporting Visible Enforcement
4. Supporting Local Businesses and employment
5. Youth Opportunities
6. Development of community hubs
7. Reducing Crime & ASB
8. Improving Transport / Connectivity
9. Increasing Access to Affordable Housing
10. Ensuring Appropriate Management of Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO)

5.2. Following the consultation stage, these issues and a range of prospective activity was put to services and partner organisations for their response. Services and partners were asked to respond in terms of feasibility, timescales and measurability.

### **6. Comments of the Chief Finance Officer and financial implications**

6.1 There is no specific budget allocation to implement any Area Action plans developed and thus any actions would need to be funded from existing resources being re-prioritised or targeted as necessary. If this is not possible actions could only be pursued once a Cabinet decision to provide funding is made.

### **7. Head of Legal Services and legal implications**

7.1 The Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and confirms that the Council's protocol covering Area Committees sets out the responsibility of each Area Committee to develop its 3 year area plan. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **8. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments**



8.1 The development process for the plan will continue to ensure the views of a wide range of stakeholders are sought and listened to. Discussion at the October workshop was based on robust area profile data, which included information on health inequalities, population profile and Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) findings. Addressing the issues and priorities identified through the area plan development would help to tackle some of the existing inequalities and disadvantage in the area.

## **9. Head of Procurement Comments**

N/A

## **10. Policy Implication**

N/A

## **11. Use of Appendices**

11.1 Appendix A – Draft Area Plan

## **12. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**