



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 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 area committees have additional powers to shape aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents' concerns. A local area plan for the West Green and Bruce Grove has now been completed and will be guiding future council activities, local budgets and planning decisions in the area. The plan will now also help shape the agenda for forthcoming Forum and committee meetings.

Meetings start with an open public forum followed by a decision-making session of the Committee that is open to the public.



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The Forum is also about shaping aspects of local services in response to local conditions and residents concerns allows opportunities for local residents to 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 community groups to enable the agenda to be driven as far as possible by local people.

The following suggested items did not make the Forum meeting as there was not enough space on the agenda, information related to specific issues; they had been discussed before, or were planned for future discussion. It was felt that personal consideration and response from the Chair to some of these issues was better suited:

- Localism bill and its impact on local communities – The forum considered the planning aspects of the Localism bill at their meeting in April and further details are available on the localism bill on this website link
- <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/localismplainenglishupdate>. Consideration will be given to considering any other aspects of the Bill at a future meeting.
- Content and accessibility of the council website – individual response
- Weblink to Member expenses – This is published on a yearly basis and considered at the Annual Council AGM
- Control of Betting shops - The Area Plan indicates that research in to the best way to control and manage betting shops and take-away shops will be carried out in 2012/13. An update report to be available to the forum in December 2012.
- Use of Tennis courts at Bruce Castle Park - individual response
- Use of the Keston Road centre – This building is included in the council wide review of community buildings. An update on the review is attached below.

Update on issues discussed at the previous forum meeting in April

Higham Road right-angle bends in Higham Road near the junction with Downhills Park Road. - Accident hotspot

Residents living near the junction between Higham Road and Downhills Park Road N17 had previously expressed concerns to local ward councillors about the number of car accidents taking place at this junction. These accidents had so far been non fatal but have caused regular damage to resident's front gardens. This junction has a narrow bend and there are usually cars parked on each side of the junction. This makes it quite difficult for cars and the W4 bus



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route to turn right from Higham Road onto Downhills Park Road. This is exacerbated in the winter when road conditions deteriorate. Some photographic evidence was provided to councillors illustrating road signs and front garden walls being knocked down by cars and there was concern about the safety of pedestrians on this part of the road.

A response was provided from the Transport Team to concerned residents and ward councillors that included information about: the funding approach to investigating transport related issues, the need to have recorded police data on accidents at this junction to make a case for road improvements, commitment to checking for any illegally parked cars at this junction, assurance that this road is priority for gritting in winter. Since the response the Sustainable Transport group have also arranged for the bend warning signs and SLOW road markings to be introduced.

In relation to the W4 bus route passing through this tight junction, the Council has regular meetings with TfL on public transport issues including bus service planning. In addition to regular meetings the council can and do raise specific issues on bus service routeing, level of service and other ad hoc issues raised by councillors or members of the public. Generally bus service contracts run for three years and it is unlikely wide ranging changes to routeing or service levels would be considered outside of this process. TfL consult the Council as part of the reviews of bus services and for specific service changes such as frequency and destination. Transport team will consult ward councillors on proposed changes as part of this process. Any suggested change to a bus route would need to be considered by TfL and they would take into account factors such as the impact on through passengers and costs and benefits. Given the current constrained funding at TfL it is unlikely that TfL would support a route change without clear benefits.

Cllr Mallett has suggested that a convex mirror on the corner might help slow traffic down on this blind bend and this is being considered into by the Transport team.

Junction between Tottenham High Road and Bruce Grove Station

At the end of the meeting in January, some residents expressed concern about the safety of the junction between Tottenham High Road and Bruce Grove station for pedestrians. They asked that this issue be considered as an agenda item at the meeting on the 23 April 2012. The Chair asked for this to be investigated before this meeting. The Town Centre Manager for Tottenham High Road visited this junction and completed observations on: the frequency of the traffic light changes, the actions of pedestrians at the crossings and the movement of traffic at this junction. Since the last forum meeting in April there has been a meeting between council officers and TFL representatives and



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assessment of the crossing. TFL have confirmed that they are developing a scheme to improve the junction and the adjoining sections of the A10. The committee will be kept informed of the implementation plan in future updates.

Bullying in Schools - raised by the Broadwater Farm Resident's Association on April 23 2012.

The council have responded to the report and subsequent local media coverage and advised that:

Bullying in any form is unacceptable and we understand the distressing impact it can have on victims.

"Each school in Haringey has its own anti-bullying policy and procedures for dealing with the reporting and handling of bullying. Schools are asked to publicise their bullying policy and to deal with bullying sensitively to make it as easy as possible for parents, carers and pupils to raise concerns.

"Children and young people who are being bullied should speak to a parent, carer, teacher or youth worker.

"We encourage parents and carers who have concerns about bullying at their child's school to discuss their concerns with the school in the first instance.

"Advice and support on bullying can also be sought from the council's Education Welfare Service, which can help with problem solving and mediate between home and school if necessary."

The Deputy Director for Prevention and Early Intervention will bring the notes of the forum meeting to the attention of schools in– Haringey and WEST Green and South East Tottenham. Schools are asked to submit monitoring information to the council on the level of discriminatory and bullying incidents and there will be a further reminder to schools of the importance of doing this.

Regeneration

Update on 12 in 2012

The text for the 12 pledges for 2012 was agreed by Cllr Strickland in April and the first stage of the advertising campaign has begun already. In mid may – the 12 pledges were displayed as posters on the up escalator at Seven Sisters tube station. The next phase will see selected pledges will be displayed as large posters at five bus stops at locations along Tottenham High Road. This will go live from 6th August for two weeks. Phase 3 of the campaign will see the



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pledges appear more on other surfaces, such as site hoardings, but this is still being developed.

Highlights of delivering the pledges:

1. A new team to tackle grime - In April we launched the 'Love Haringey' enforcement campaign.
2. Pop-up activities in the High Road
3. More activities at Bruce Grove Youth Centre – from May the centre is now open Tuesday to Friday evenings, with opening hours set to increase further over coming weeks. The council is exploring ways of working with voluntary groups to deliver longer opening hours and a summer package – with local young people at the heart of helping decide which activities are on offer.
4. Over £4million for local jobs – the Jobs for Haringey programme was launched at the Houses of Parliament on May 17 to an audience of potential private and voluntary sector partners. The programme will look to create over 300 jobs and support over 600 people into sustained employment. There will be a mix of projects, including direct job subsidy schemes, employment support and self-employment support
5. An enterprise centre – the GLA are leading on the redevelopment of the former council offices at 639 High Road into an enterprise and employment centre. They are currently in the process of procuring an operator to develop the service offer and an architect to lead the renovation. In the meantime a temporary facility is being created in the car park to provide a taster of the potential services to be delivered in future. The temporary facility is expected to open in June.
6. New games area in Ferry Lane
7. Fun summer Events – a music festival, community film festival, Sculpture Park and a Paralympics exhibition and performance are being programme for August and September. The Tottenham Carnival will take place on the 23rd June and the council is providing £10k financial support for the youth zone.
8. Spurs development to start
9. Improvements to Monument way and Broad Lane – work on the Gyratory is scheduled to start in the autumn, when the Olympics are concluded.
10. A smartened up Tottenham Green – public consultation will begin on June 19 to seek views on the new design for the green. Overall there is £1.47m available to spend on the scheme.
11. Bring back landmark shops – work started at the end of May to reinstate the Aldi Supermarket and they intend to opening before Christmas 2012. Work will start in July on the reinstatement of the Carpet Right store and the flats at River Heights.



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12. A better Bruce Grove and Holcombe Market - public consultation will begin in July to seek views on the new design for the Bruce Grove public realm and markets. Overall there is £750k available to spend on the scheme.

Employment Initiatives

Haringey Council has launched the Jobs for Haringey Programme. The jobs creation scheme will see the council working with businesses and partners to generate over 300 new vacancies and help at least 600 people find jobs.

It will also focus on helping school students to access work experience to bolster their future employment prospects. Building on the success of the Haringey Guarantee, the project will deliver one-to-one support with job hunting, applications and interviews, while jobs will go hand-in-hand with specialised training.

It also bring a Haringey business summit where employers will be urged to team up with the council to create new jobs; make existing vacancies available to Haringey residents; provide work experience and training opportunities, and engage with schools and youth groups.

Subject to Cabinet approval, the council will invest more than £2.5million while additional funding from the Mayor of London's Regeneration Fund and the Greater London Authority's European Social Fund will take the total investment to £4.6million.

Funding will cover some of the costs of the created jobs, including a contribution towards wages and training - which will be supported by the College of North East London and Haringey Council's adult learning service (HALS).

If agreed by Cabinet on Tuesday 20 March, the project will guarantee another of the council's '12 in 12' pledges to deliver a series of projects which will help transform Tottenham throughout 2012.

Bruce Grove Public Realm Projects

A total of £750,000 has been secured through the Mayors Regeneration Fund for projects in the Bruce Grove Town Centre. This is broken down into 2 broad schemes:

- 1) £450,000 for public realm improvements (de-cluttering, better design, new hard landscaping where appropriate)
- 2) £300,000 to improve the look of the market sites at Holcombe Road and Bruce Grove Station.



Cllr McNamara chaired the recent member briefing meeting to discuss involvement of local stakeholders in this regeneration project and the improvements which need to be taken forward.

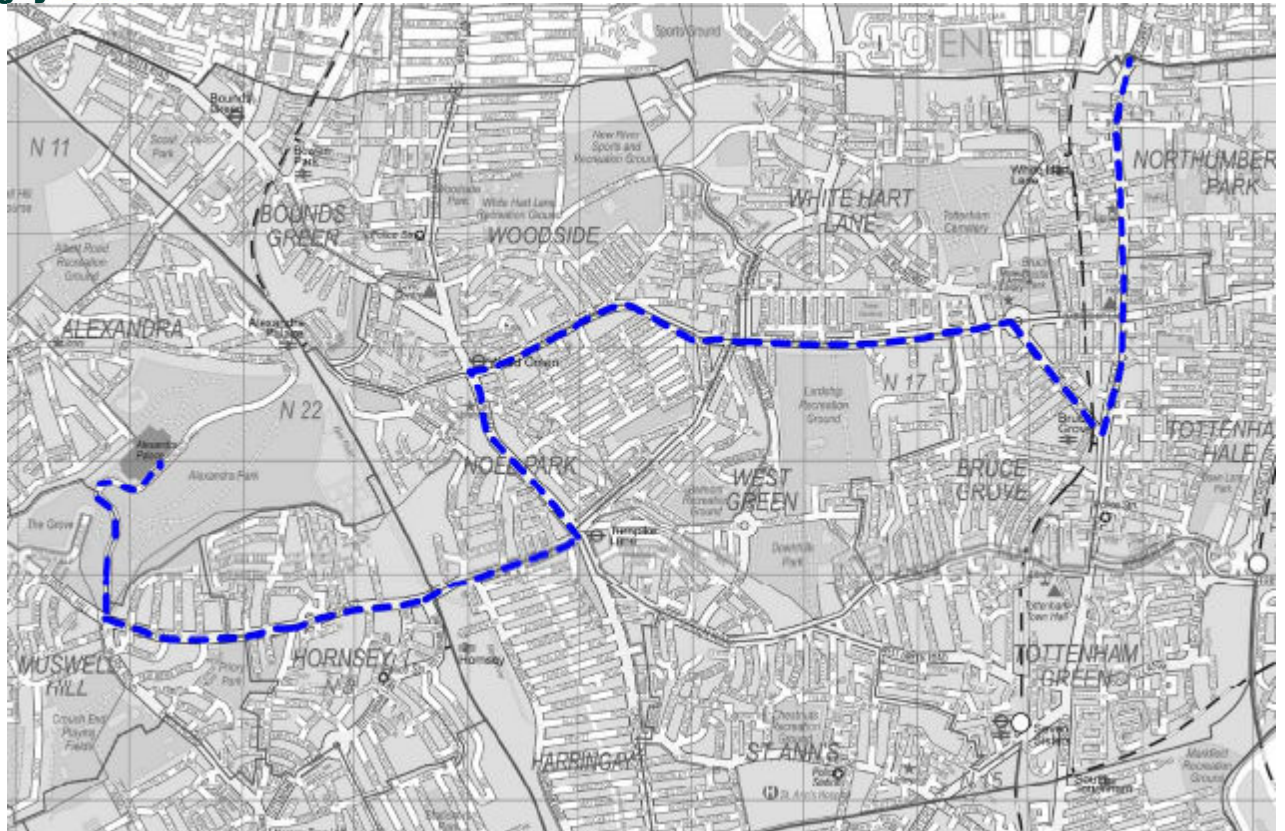
Bruce Grove station market

Planning Enforcement action was served to Network Rail and all leaseholders on the site in March and took effect on 28th May 2012. A planning application was subsequently lodged for the canopy structures, this has since been rejected. The timeframes for appealing the enforcement action has now lapsed and all parties on the site must comply with the notice and remove all unauthorised structures within six months of the notice – 28th November 2012.

We will in the meantime work with Network Rail as a stakeholder in Bruce Grove to go forward and develop a more sensitive scheme on the site that reflects previous aspirations.

Olympic Torch route and activities

On Wednesday 25 July 2012 the Olympic Flame will come to Haringey, travelling through the borough before arriving as the climax to an official celebratory event at Alexandra Palace. The torch will arrive in Haringey at 5.20pm, journeying from Enfield down Fore Street and into Tottenham. The torch will travel along the High Road to Bruce Grove, turn into Lordship Lane and along to Wood Green High Road, proceed south to Turnpike Lane, before turning onto Hornsey High Street, to Priory Road, and finally up the hill at Alexandra Palace Way to arrive at Alexandra Palace at approximately 6.45pm (see the map below).



The logistics of the journey through Haringey

The torch convoy consists of 14 vehicles, and will take approximately 15 minutes to pass a single point. As well as security and support vehicles the convoy includes a media vehicle with national and international television camera crews as well as sponsor vehicles distributing keepsakes, playing music, telling the stories of the individual Torch Bearers and engaging with the crowds.

Traffic management on the route will be undertaken by the Metropolitan Police Service who will oversee a rolling closure of the road in one direction, controlling traffic at major junctions and preventing normal traffic becoming part of the convoy. The police will be supported by traffic marshals and pedestrian stewards, and by additional staff from other services (for example cleaning team, and vehicle relocation crews in case of obstructions).

The only significant full road closures will be on Wood Green High Road between Lordship Lane and Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace Way between Muswell Hill and Beford Road but there will also be some additional parking restrictions and bus stop suspensions. Advance warning signs about traffic disruption will be in place on the route approximately one month in advance of the relay and the Council will be doing letter drops in specific areas to notify residents and businesses about the impact of the event. London Transport will be publicising information about affected bus routes.



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To ensure that the Torch Relay is accessible to all residents, specific viewing areas disabled people and specifically for wheelchair users. Due to limited capacity these spaces will be managed by a ticketing process. To apply for a place please ring Tanya on 020 8885 5199 or email tanya.kenny-parker@haringey.gov.uk.

Who are the torchbearers?

The London 2012 Organising Committee nominations process for Torchbearers ran from May to June 2011, and regional selection panels of local people were held in the autumn. Olympic Torch Relay Presenting Partners Coca-Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung also held their own nomination campaigns. Tens of thousands of nominations were made. After a careful selection process over 7,300 inspiring Torchbearers have now been confirmed and the remaining Torchbearers will be confirmed over the coming months. You can find out who the Torchbearers are, where they will carry the Flame, and read some of their inspirational stories on LOCOG's website <http://www.london2012.com/games/olympic-torch-relay/torchbearers/>

What is the Evening Celebration?

Haringey Council is working with games organisers, LOCOG, to host an early evening celebration ahead of the Olympic Flame arriving. This will take place in part of the grounds of Alexandra Palace from 5pm. Access to the event is by ticket only. Approximately 4,000 tickets were made available to the public on a first come first served basis on 26 May, and all of the tickets were snapped up within hours. The entertainment will be provided by Haringey Young Musicians, and the London 2012 presenting partners – Coca Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung – including singer Loick Essien, acrobatics and dance performances. The event will culminate in the arrival of the Olympic Flame just before 7pm.

How can you get involved?

Tickets are not required to line the route from Tottenham all the way to Alexandra Palace and residents, traders and visitors are invited to join in and share the excitement of the Olympic Torch Relay. Haringey residents are encouraged to wear white so that the crowds have a strong visual impact.

If you want to plan a celebration for the Games you can also sign up to be a Local Leader at www.london2012.com/get-involved/local-leaders and receive inspiration and tools from LOCOG about how to make it one to remember. Please do also let the Council know if you are planning a celebration along the route so that we can make sure that we take that into consideration in our work towards a safe and well-managed relay – contact Kate Dalzell at kate.dalzell@haringey.gov.uk, 020 8489 4502.

Community Buildings Review



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The Council has embarked on a strategic review of its properties, which also includes a specific review of its community buildings portfolio.

The Council's long standing commitment to providing access to community facilities for the voluntary sector is demonstrated by the substantial quantity of Council property assets allocated for community use and leased to voluntary and community sector organisations.

In addition to the tenanted community buildings, the Council also operates a number of buildings as community facilities and community spaces that are available from many other Council premises, including schools, leisure centres, tenants' rooms, parks buildings and libraries.

The retention of community use in preference to other alternatives takes account of the social and other non financial gains from community and voluntary led activities, ranging from family and social gatherings, community celebrations, private functions, education & social enterprise, recreation and welfare services, delivered in appropriate community settings.

Due to varying historic practices the portfolio comprises a complex mixture of lease arrangements with varying terms relating to lease periods, rents, repairing responsibilities and security of tenure.

Although the original purpose of leasing out properties for community use was to meet the needs of Haringey's diverse communities and voluntary sector activities, it is recognised that there remain unmet needs, especially within many of the newer and smaller sections of the community. Although new provision of Council owned properties is scarce there are concerns that the existing stock is not fully utilised and not widely accessible.

The Council recently adopted a new Voluntary Sector Strategy which includes as outcome 5:

“Fairer access to assets and community spaces by providing support to enable Voluntary Sector organisations to access and to share high quality premises”

The current review of Council buildings leased to community organisations therefore aims to leverage the existing portfolio, in order to facilitate physical, social and economic regeneration and improve support for Haringey's voluntary sector in line with the Voluntary Sector Strategy.

As part of this process, there are a number of key issues relating to the tenanted portfolio that require further review, including:

- **Building condition** – generally the portfolio is considered to be in poor state of repair overall, with limited capacity to invest.



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- **Community use** - some buildings could be made more generally available as a flexible resource.
- **Utilisation** – some buildings are under-utilised due to limited opening hours, constraints to flexibility in uses and building condition.

To facilitate this process, the approach to the community buildings review is as follows:

- Assessment of the building stock condition and utilisation of the tenanted portfolio and other Council properties available for community use.
- Evaluation of community buildings to identify opportunities for redevelopment and to consider disposal options that could help realise or contribute to other Council objectives relating to regeneration and housing and employment.
- Development of options for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of community building assets.

Findings from the review will inform an Options Appraisal and Management Plan for the Council's community building portfolio going forward.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the report be noted

4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A