

**MINUTES OF THE MUSWELL HILL, ALEXANDRA, FORTIS GREEN AND HIGHGATE  
AREA FORUM AND COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Councillors Beacham, Davies, Engert (Chair), Erskine, Hare, Newton, Scott and Solomon

Apologies Councillor Allison, Bloch, Jenks and Williams

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
MH52	<p><b>GREEN ISSUES AREA FORUM AGENDA ITEMS</b></p> <p>See minute MH55.</p>	
MH53	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Allison, Bloch, Jenks and Williams.</p>	
MH54	<p><b>MINUTES - TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 JUNE 2012 AND ANY MATTERS ARISING RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June be approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of proceedings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MH41(iii): the updated list of long-standing highways, streetscene and transportation issues compiled by the Area Committee had been appended to the Area Plan.</li> <li>• MH47: an officer response had been circulated to Highgate Cllrs following concerns raised by a local resident regarding cycling on pavements. Enforcement in this area remained the remit of the Metropolitan Police (MPS).</li> <li>• MH48a: the Chair confirmed she had written to Patricia Hayes, the Director of Roads at the Department for Transport on the issue of bye-laws for crossovers. The Chair would chase for a response.</li> <li>• MH49(iii): Cllr Newton had written to the Borough Commander at the MPS regarding concerns in relation to late night activities and police patrolling. A copy of the response would be appended to the minutes for information.</li> <li>• MH49(v): Cllr Erskine confirmed that she had convened a local ward meeting in Fortis Green to progress issues relating to refuse and waste collection.</li> <li>• MH51(i): the Chair confirmed that she had met with Zoe Robertson,</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>

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	<p>Community Engagement Manager, to provide feedback on the Area Plan which had subsequently been updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MH51(iii): the Community Engagement team were working on an updated contact list incorporating revisions made by ward Cllrs.</li> </ul>	
<b>MH55</b>	<p><b>TO DISCUSS ITEMS RAISED IN THE FORUM PART OF THE MEETING</b></p> <p>It was noted that a self-help calendar would be produced for the next Area Forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The Green Deal</b></li> </ul> <p>The Forum had noted with interest the introduction of a new Green Deal initiative for energy efficiency refurbishment works. Although some concern was expressed over the anticipated interest rates to be charged by Green Deal Providers, the Committee recognised the value in encouraging local people in a suitable financial position to take part in the initiative. A query had been raised over opportunities for local providers to become accredited Green Deal providers and installers, potentially through the Muswell Hill Sustainability Group. As a result it was</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Cllr Newton write a letter to the Council's Carbon Management Team to seek clarification on the potential for local providers to gain Green Deal accreditation and how this could be encouraged by the Council.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Local initiatives and the Council's 40/20 scheme</b></li> </ul> <p>The Chair extended the thanks of the Committee to the presenters for the informative presentations given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Composting, water butts and community allotments</b></li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That officers be asked to explore the feasibility of adding compost stirrers for sale on the <i>Haringey Get Composting</i> website to complement existing products sold.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Re-positioning of bus-stop at Muswell Hill</b></li> </ul> <p>The Committee noted that a six month trial would be undertaken by Transport for London (TfL) in conjunction with the Council to re-locate the Muswell Hill bus stop for the W7 route to the Broadway at the apex of the hill in order to secure level access for passengers. Concerns</p>	<p><b>Zoe Robertson</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Newton</b></p> <p><b>Joan Hancox</b></p>

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	<p>were expressed over the discrepancy in information being produced by TfL and the Council on the changes, with the TfL consultation document appearing to suggest that the 144 bus route could also be accommodated at the relocated stop. In lieu of clarification on this point, it was emphasised that the trial would be kept under continual review which would also include the feasibility of accommodating the 144 at the same location which the Committee expressed their support for.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That clarification be sought as to whether the information circulated by TfL and the Council regarding the new pilot arrangements was in alignment, particularly in relation to the potential tandem relocation of the bus stop for the 144 route.</li><li>• That the Committees formal support for the W7 bus stopping at both the original stop and also the new location be noted to be fed into the monitoring of the pilot.</li><li>• That it was the aspiration of the Committee to secure an accessible first stop for both the W7 and 144 routes.</li></ul> <p>On a related issue, the Committee discussed transport provision to the Hornsey Health Centre on Park Road and queried the progress of the NHS in taking action under the dedicated Travel Plan.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That officers be tasked to seek an update from the NHS to confirm whether the Travel Plan for the Centre was up to date and remained a working document.</li></ul>	<p><b>Tony Kennedy</b></p> <p><b>Tony Kennedy</b></p>
<p><b>MH56</b></p>	<p><b>HIGHWAY, PARKING AND TRANSPORT ISSUES</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the tabled update paper submitted by officers in response to highways, parking and transportation issues previously raised at the 27 June Area Committee. Officers also offered to provide an additional briefing to a future meeting of the Committee on the highways budget and how the programme of work had been developed for the current year and the expenditure to date.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding the process for the replacement of street lamp columns, confirmation was provided that the Council had in place an ongoing programme for renewal on a street by street basis to ensure consistency. In addition, the service were currently assessing the potential savings associated with new energy efficient street lighting including developing a business case for the use of LED bulbs. The Committee would be kept informed of progress in this area.</p> <p>The Committee queried as to whether the consultation process for LIP funding had started. Confirmation was provided that a plan was not in place at the current time and as such it was</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> That the Head of Carbon Management and Sustainability be asked to provide the Committee with a briefing on the process for approving future LIP funding and how the Area Committee could forward projects for inclusion.</p>	<p><b>Nick Powell</b></p>
<p><b>MH57</b></p>	<p><b>DEVOLVED FUNDING TO AREA COMMITTEES</b>  Mun Thong Phung, the Council's Director of Adult and Housing Services, had written to the Assistant Chief Executive in his capacity as the Area Champion for the Forum to seek clarification on the devolved funding position for Area Committees. The response received had confirmed that a decision had yet to be made in this regards. The Director would continue to seek a definitive response.</p>	<p><b>Mun Thong Phung</b></p>
<p><b>MH58</b></p>	<p><b>UP-DATED AREA PLANS</b>  The Committee considered the latest version of the Area Plan covering Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Highgate and Fortis Green. The Plan had been updated in conjunction with the Chair since the last meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Tackling hot spots</b> It was suggested that an email address be provided on the Area Plan for the relevant Neighbourhood Action Team Manager, Tony Chapman so that resident's associations could contact him to recommend potential hot spots that could be tackled.</li> <li>○ <b>Community planting projects</b> The progress of Homes for Haringey (HfH) in identifying potential sites for community planting projects under the Allotment Strategy was queried. An update was provided that HfH were looking at an initiative to encourage resident's associations to lead on a communal approach to managing an area of abandoned land in Bolster Grove Gardens. To further try and assist in moving this work forward, it was agreed that the Chair would compile a list of potential sites suggested by ward Cllrs that could be forward to HfH for response.</li> <li>○ <b>Community hubs</b> An update was provided that the Chair and Cllr Newton had attended a walkabout with Cllr Strickland, the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Social Inclusion, and Muswell Hill traders to look at their concerns. The session had also included a visit to the library to discuss issues with disabled access and use of the car park. Cllr Strickland had agreed to provide feedback on the issues raised in due course.</li> </ul> <p>It was moved and then</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>	<p><b>Zoe Robertson</b></p> <p><b>All Cllrs</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the Committee formally supported the resolution of the concerns raised by traders and the issues with the library.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair would pursue a written response to the issues from the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Social Inclusion.</p>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>MH59</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the request from Cllr Goldberg, Cabinet Member for Finance and Carbon Reduction to take a presentation on the Council's budget to the next meeting as part of the consultation process. Feedback had been sought during the Forum on this proposal and as there was no support for this, the Committee concurred that it would be more appropriate to signpost residents to the dedicated budget scrutiny panel meetings rather than take it as an item at the next Forum. The Chair would feed this decision back to Cllr Goldberg.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next meeting would, if possible, be held in Highgate, with ward Cllrs tasked to suggest some suitable venues to the Clerk. The British Legion Club would be held in reserve should a suitable Highgate venue not be found. Alexandra ward would be the location for the meeting after next, with St Andrews Church Hall on Alexandra Park Road put forward as a suitable venue.</p> <p>Agenda items for the next meeting were discussed. A report on local nursery child care places was proposed incorporating issues such as availability, affordability and quality of provision. An item on youth provision was also put forward, potentially to take the form of a presentation from Exposure, the charitable youth media enterprise based in the borough.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that it would be valuable to schedule a report for a future meeting on progress with the transition of Public Health services from the NHS to the Council. Potentially this could be linked to the health item signposting the ways that residents could be involved in local health issues provisionally identified for the March meeting. The Director AHS agreed to discuss this with the Director Public Health.</p>	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <p><b>Highgate Cllrs</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk/ Chair to note</b></p> <p><b>Mun Thong Phung</b></p>

Cllr Gail Engert

Chair