



Report for:	West Green and Bruce Grove Area Committee 23 October 2014	Item number	
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Title:	<i>An update on previous issues discussed at Forum meetings</i>
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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 further provide an update on previous issues discussed at the forum meetings, this was requested in the feedback questionnaire issued at the last meeting in June.

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 is available 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.



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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 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 forthcoming meetings will be sought from residents at the end of the Forum meeting.

Update on issues discussed at previous forum meetings

Wider Youth Survey

A Youth survey has been completed with young people in schools and youth clubs.

Bruce Grove Youth Centre is open for 5 days a week as well as some weekends when necessary. Bruce Grove Youth Centre is accessible to young people 11-19 years of age and up to 25 for young people with LDD. In addition we also take on a number of young volunteers from the local community in order to support them to develop their skills and work towards their future aspirations.

Activities currently provided at Bruce Grove Youth Centre for the September-December 2014 term are as follows:

- (Let Me Play) Performing Arts BTEC Level 1 for young people age 16 to 18
- 3.30pm – 8.00pm Targeted Sessions:
 - Independent living skills ,
 - Irish Travellers Group –
 - Open Access Youth Club, run in Partnership with Highway Youth Group.
 - Activities include: Gardening, Football, Badminton, and Table tennis, Music Tech, Song writing, Voice Coaching, Cooking, Dance and Wrestling.
 - Sanjuro Martial Arts – Martial Arts to music sessions for LDD young people 11-25.

Future Plans for Bruce Grove Youth Centre

- Launching of an Enterprise Centre
- On November 6th we will be running a Taster day in which new young people will have the opportunity to participate in new activities such as Running Club, Kick Boxing, Self Defence for Girls, Zumba and Roller Skating.
- Providing a series of Employability Skills Workshops



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- Improve working links with local Secondary Schools and Other Alternative Provision Providers in order to gain better access to their students as well as providing existing members with greater opportunities to learn and gain accreditation.
- Setting up a Boxing Club with the Bruce Grove Safer Neighbourhood Team.
- Inviting local and national employers to the centre to allow young people the opportunity to gain an insight into various fields of work as well as providing them with labour market information. This may also provide further scope for young people to take up volunteering and employment opportunities.
- We plan to hold a number of events with the view to improve relations with families and the local community.
- Parenting courses to be provided during the daytime. This will come at a cost to the parents or will have to be funded externally.
- Centre to be hired out in order to generate income so that the centre can become self-sufficient.

Regeneration issues

Pocket Park- The Council has received funding from the Mayor of London's Pocket Park Programme to create a small tropical park at Houghton Road, off West Green Road. The designs for the park have been approved by Council departments (Highways, Parks etc) and we have recently arranged a public event on West Green Road to allow people to view the designs and give us their comments. We are now reviewing the feedback and making changes to the design. The next stage will be to appoint a contractor to carry out the works which would start in January 2015.

Tottenham Green events publicity- We publicise any events at the Green via the Council's website and social media channels as well as posters and flyers in prominent locations on the High Road. Depending on the type of event

Involving businesses on the High Road and West Green Road- We have a database of all businesses on the High Road and West Green Road who we e-mail with news of upcoming events and opportunities where appropriate. In addition the Tottenham Traders Partnership is made up of reps from these areas and the Tottenham Town Centre Manager attends their meetings.

Bruce Grove station forecourt- Network Rail have submitted a planning application to develop the land in front of the station but concerns have been raised over the design and we are now reviewing these with Network Rail with the aim of improving the proposals.

Shopfront Improvements- The pilot shop front improvements on West Green Road have now been completed and we have appointed an architect to roll out the project across Tottenham focusing on the High Road and West Green Road.



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Bruce Grove Bridge lighting- The lighting design for Bruce Grove Bridge, designed by Adams and Sutherland architects, is now with Network Rail engineers awaiting their approval before work can begin.

West Green Road Bridge Art- The latest instalment of bridge arts was installed on West Green Road Railway Bridge in September. It was designed with a tropical theme in collaboration with local school children.

Site Allocations Plan / Tottenham Area Action Plans

A report is planned for Cabinet in October which will seek approval to consult on a Tottenham Area Action Plan. The Area Action Plan will deliver a comprehensive spatial strategy for Tottenham which will help create a framework for Land Assembly and investment that makes place shaping a reality in line with national, regional and local planning priorities. There is an update at the meeting on 5 and 7 Bruce Grove along with an introduction to the AAP consultation and Site Allocations Development Plans

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the report be noted

4. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A