

<u>MEETING</u>
FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u>
WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH, 2016
AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u>
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ

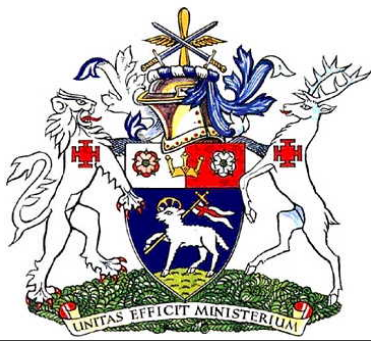
Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
9.	PROGRESS UPDATE ON FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS	1 - 16
12.	ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT - Request for Funding from Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budget - Barnet Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Councillor Zinkin	17 - 30

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Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

30 March 2016

Title	Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions
Report of	Commissioning Director - Environment
Wards	Golders Green, Finchley Church End, West Finchley, Woodhouse, East Finchley, Garden Suburb, Childs Hill
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Progress update report on actions requested by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee
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Summary

This report provides Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee with an update on the actions agreed by the Committee on 13 January 2016, on-going Committee approved schemes and new requests that were approved at the January Committee.

Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of the actions requested by the Committee, progress made to date, action required by officers and recommendations to be considered by Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee.

Recommendations

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| <p>1. That the Committee notes the update and actions set out in Annex 1 of this report.</p> |
| <p>2. In the matter of Lambert Way, N12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the Committee note the update provided in appendix 1 of this reportii. That the Committee agree the expenditure of £3,000 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on proposals to review parking and traffic on Lambert Way.iii. That the Committee note that a report on the findings of the feasibility study and officer recommendations will be provided to a future meeting of the F&GG Area Committee meeting. |
| <p>3. In the matter of Holders Hill Road, NW4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the Committee note the update provided in appendix 1 of this reportii. That the Committee agree the expenditure of £7,500 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on proposals to review parking and improve traffic flow on Holder Hill Road (near the Cemetery)iii. That the Committee note that a report on the findings of the feasibility study and officer recommendations will be provided to a future meeting of the F&GG Area Committee meeting. |
| <p>4. In the matter of a request for CPZ in Leslie Road, N2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. That the Committee note the update provided in appendix 1 of this reportii. That the Committee agree the expenditure of £10,000 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on a review of parking on roads outside the East Finchley CPZ including Leslie and Leopold Roads.iii. That the Committee note that a report on the findings of the feasibility study and officer recommendations will be provided to a future meeting of the F&GG Area Committee meeting. |

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update and recommended actions of the actions requested by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee. These are referenced for the purpose of tracking progress and reporting back to future Committee meetings.

1.2 At the 13 January 2016 Area Committee meetings the resolution for some the items included the various funding streams for delivering the project. However, there were three item where funding was not discussed or agreed. Therefore, this report also seeks funding approval for these schemes from the Area Committee Budgets.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The recommendations provide an update on progress and action following approval of the individual schemes at the 13 January F&GG Area Committee.

2.2 Appendix 1 provides a progress update on these progress update on all action/schemes previously approved for progression by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee. It should be noted that not all of these schemes are Area Committee funded but some are funded using alternative funding such as Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 15/16 and 16/17 and or the 2015/16 and 16/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work as agreed in the 27 January 2015 Environment Committee Report – Highway Planned Improvement Programme 2015/16.

2.3 The three items that require funding approval are:

- i) Lambert Way, N12
- ii) Holders Hill Road NW4 and its parking arrangements
- iii) Request for CPZ in Leslie Road, N2

Lambert Way, N12

2.4 Member Item - Councillor Geoff Cooke related to issues on Lambert Way, N12.

2.4.1 The committee on 13 January 2016 noted that greater enforcement of street dumping is required in order to address this and similar issues and agreed an appraisal to introduce traffic restrictions on Lambert Way was undertaken, with the results of the appraisal reported to a future meeting of the committee.

2.4.3 It is therefore requested that the F&GG Area Committee agrees the expenditure of £3,000 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on proposals to review parking and traffic on Lambert Way and that the findings of the feasibility study and recommendations are reported back a future meeting to the F&GG Area Committee.

Holders Hill Road NW4 and its parking arrangements

2.5 Members Item - Councillor Graham Old related to the condition of Holders Hill Road, NW4 and its parking arrangements.

2.5.1 The Committee on 13 January 2016 agreed that officers should investigate, and provide an update to the future meeting of the committee, regarding the following suggestions:

1. Whether the B552 can be resurfaced, as the current surface struggles to sustain the number of heavy goods vehicles that use it.
2. Whether the pavement on the north side of Holders Hill Road (on the side of the cemetery) can be resurfaced.
3. What can be done to improve traffic flow on the stretch from the Cemetery to Holders Hill Circus, which is impaired by parked vehicles.
4. Whether an enforced 30 mph limit could improve travel in the neighbourhood.

2.5.2 It is therefore requested that the F&GG Area Committee agrees the expenditure of £7,500 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on proposals to review parking and improve traffic flow on Holder Hill Road (near the Cemetery) and that the findings of the feasibility study and recommendations are reported back a future meeting to the F&GG Area Committee.

Request for CPZ in Leslie Road, N2

2.6 The issue of parking in Leslie Road was referred up from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum on 13 January 2016. The committee agreed that officers investigate the feasibility of implementing a CPZ in the specified area, and provide a report to a future meeting of the committee outlining the potential options available in respect to the issue.

2.6.2 It is therefore requested that the F&GG Area Committee agrees the expenditure of £10,000 from the Area Committee budgets to undertake a feasibility study on a review of parking on roads outside the East Finchley CPZ including Leslie and Leopold Roads and that the findings of the feasibility study and recommendations are reported back a future meeting to the F&GG Area Committee.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Officers have assessed the appropriate actions needed to progress the requests of the F&GG Area Committee and have set out the appropriate recommendations. There are no alternative options to consider. However, the Committee could decide not to proceed with the recommended options.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Following the decision of the committee, actions listed in the progress report (Appendix 1) will be followed up, commissioned and tracked. Reports will be provided to a future Committee where stated. The Commissioning Director for Environment is responsible for maintaining a log of actions arising from area committees and will ensure that items are progressed to committees for decisions and/or updates as and when required.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The Area Committee Budgets contribute to the objectives as set out in the Council's 2015-2020 Corporate Plan:

That Barnet's local environment will be clean and attractive, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic, increased recycling and less waste sent to landfill.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 The cost implications of the actions requested by the Committee for the individual schemes were agreed at previous F&GG Area Committees. These will be funded from either the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budget for the area committee or the 2015/16 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.

5.2.2 The Committee should note that there are possible further cost implications to the council relating to the individual schemes. These costs will be detailed in the proposed update reports or specific scheme reports presented at future Committee meetings for Members to consider and authorise, reject or refer to the Environment Committee.

5.2.3 Scheme funded using The LIP funding 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Programmes 2015/16 and 2016/17' are detailed in Appendix 1.

i) For the LIP 2015/16 Programme and of the £3,300,000 allocation £1,359,000 has been identified for the following generic areas, Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme (£500,000), School Travel Schemes Programme (£500,000), Parking Review Programme (£100,000) and 20mph Schemes programme (£259,000).

ii) For the LIP 2016/17 Programme and of the £3,400,000 allocation £1,300,000 has been identified for the following generic areas, Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme (£500,000), School Travel Schemes Programme (£500,000), Parking Review Programme (£100,000) and 20mph Schemes programme (£200,000).

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Not relevant to this report

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 Under the Council's Constitution, 15A Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes to:

- Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a local level including but not limited to local highways and safety schemes;
- Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee.”

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 If the Council did not carry out due diligence in conducting the proposed approach to interventions requested by the Committee for example consultation and feasibility studies there would be a risk that resources would not be used effectively or that the full cost implications of implementing the actions of the committee are not identified. Therefore the approach recommended in this report mitigates this risk and ensures that the Committee are able to make informed decisions on actions which are supported by an assessment of the works required, full cost implications and realistic time scales for completion. This approach also ensures the management of expectation of members and residents and promotes transparency.

5.5.2 Schemes address issues such as road safety, schemes will improve the safety and would also help to reduce potential accidents. Schemes will also be beneficial in reducing congestion and where traffic is kept moving the emissions from vehicles are reduced, thereby reducing air pollution.

5.5.3 However, schemes also include construction elements with inherent hazards.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have 'due regard' to achieving a number of equality goals:

- (i) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act;
- (ii) (ii) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and
- (iii) (iii) to foster good relations between persons with a relevant protected characteristic and those without.

The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.6.2 LB Barnet Council owes a duty of care to all road users and endeavours to ensure a safe environment for vulnerable user groups.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Consultation and engagement required for each action is set out in the progress report – Appendix 1.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 Not relevant to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The report of 27 January 2015 Environment Committee Highways Planned Maintenance 2015-16.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20549/Highways%20Planned%20Improvement%20Programme%20201516.pdf>
- 6.2 The report to Environment Committee, 11 June 2015.
[Role of Area Committees - Managing Highways Priorities](#) PDF 356 KB
- 6.3 Minutes of previous minutes that are relevant to Annex 1 and 2 can be found here: <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=712>
- 6.4 An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016) Report to Finchley and Golders Green Committee 21 October 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26609/An%20update%20on%20the%20review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Actions%202015-2016.pdf>
- 6.5 Progress update on Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Actions on 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28631/Progress%20update%20on%20actions.pdf>
- 6.6 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 13 January 2016:
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8266/Printed%20minutes%2013th-Jan-016%2019.00%20Finchley%20Golders%20Green%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

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Appendix 1: Progress Report - Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee (March 2016)

RAG STATUS

(Blue) Not Started	(Amber) In Progress/on track	(Red) Behind	(Purple) On hold	(Green) Completed
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REF	Backlog Schemes	Indicative costs	Lead Officer	RAG Status
FGG001/2015 Re17	113 Golders Green Road – Loading Bay Change of hours of loading bay outside 113 Golders Green Road and provision of additional loading bay.	£5k Area Funded	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Statutory Consultation in April 2016 (Amber)
FGG002/2015 Re30	Garden Suburb ‘GS’ Controlled Parking Zone Review - That, subject to no objections being received to the statutory consultations referred to in recommendations 2, 3 and 6 of the report submitted to committee, that Officers introduce the CPZ in Heathgate and ‘Past this Point ‘ measures in Hill Close through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders.	£17,500 LIP Funded 15/16	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Statutory Consultation April/May 2016 (Amber)
FGG003/2015	Oakfields Road, NW11 – Review of Parking The CPZ in Oakfield Road NW11	£20k	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Initial meeting held with Ward Councillors to discuss the extent of the

Re43	is reviewed as problems are being encountered due to close proximity of the CPZ boundary.			<p>Informal Consultation.</p> <p>Area extended to include Addison Way following requests from the residents forum.</p> <p>Informal consultation to be undertaken in May 2016 to seek residents on Parking in their roads and the whether they would be in favour of parking control.</p> <p>(Amber)</p>
FGG004/2015 RF2	FRS Synagogue and Kindergarten, Fallow Court Avenue, N12 – Parking Prevent/stop illegal and inconsiderate parking around FRS Synagogue and Kindergarten, 101 Fallow Court Avenue, N12 OBE.	£2,500 Area Funded	Gavin Woolery-Allen	<p>Proposal for School Keep Clear marking outside the nursery has been added to the Parking works programme and will be progressed in April/May 16.</p> <p>(Amber)</p>
FGG005/2015 RF3	Park View Road - Road Safety To address the 'issues' relating to roads around Park View Road.	VAS £7k - Capital Allocation for Pavements £5k Feasibility Study – Area Funded	Lisa Wright	<p>Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were installed in March 2016.</p> <p>(Green - Complete)</p>

				<p>The VAS will monitor vehicle speeds and flows and the results of this monitoring exercise will be reported to the Oct F&GG AC with recommendations for additional measures, if they are required.</p> <p>(Blue)</p>
<p>FGG006/2015</p> <p>FF4</p>	<p>Etchingham Park Road – Speeding</p> <p>The speeding on Etchingham Park Road is addressed.</p>	<p>VAS £7k - Capital Allocation for Pavements</p> <p>£5k Feasibility Study – Area Funded</p>	<p>Lisa Wright</p>	<p>Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were installed in March 2016.</p> <p>(Green - Complete)</p> <p>The VAS will monitor vehicle speeds and flows and the results of this monitoring exercise will be reported to the Oct F&GG AC with recommendations for additional measures, if they are required.</p> <p>(Blue)</p>
<p>FGG007/2015</p> <p>RF6</p>	<p>The Vale CPZ Extension (incorporating Mortimer Close)</p> <p>Issues relating to parking in Mortimer Close are addressed by including Mortimer Close in the extension to The Vale CPZ.</p>	<p>£7k – Area Funded</p>	<p>Lisa Wright</p>	<p>The Statutory Consultation has been completed.</p> <p>The implementation costs of approx. £50,000 will be funded from the 16/17 LIP funding in April/May 16.</p>


				(Amber)
FGG008/2015 RF14	Friary Way and Valley Avenue – Speeding Speeding in Friary Way and Valley Avenue is addressed. There was also an issue relating to Parking in Friary Way/Friary Road as the road is located on the edge of an existing CPZ.	VAS £7k - Capital Allocation for Pavements £5k Feasibility Study – Area Funded Parking £5K - Feasibility Study – Area Funded	Lisa Wright/Gavin Woolery-Allen	Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) were installed in Feb 2016. (Green - Complete) The VAS will monitor vehicle speeds and flows and the results of this monitoring exercise will be reported to the Oct F&GG AC with recommendations for additional measures, if they are required. (Blue)
FGG009/2015	Westbury Road, 20 mph Consideration be given to installing 20mph vehicle activated signs on Westbury Road as opposed to the 30mph.	£5K – Area Funded	Lisa Wright	Vehicle Activated Signs to monitor vehicle speed in this road have been installed. The results of the monitoring were to be reported to the January 2016 Area Committee with recommendations for proposed measures. However, residents and Ward Councillors requested that the monitoring is not undertaken at this time of year as speeds are not considered to be representative of the summer months. Therefore report deferred to the Oct 2016 Area Committee following on-going monitoring in the spring/summer

				months. (Amber)
FGG010/2015	Review of East Finchley CPZ Review of the East Finchley CPZ around Cherry Tree Wood.	£10k – Area Funded	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Undertake Feasibility study in May/Jun 2016 and report results to July 2016 Area committee. (Amber)
FGG013/2015	Chessington Avenue Review parking arrangement in Chessington Avenue to improve access and visibility	£2.5K	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Scheme revised to include Waiting restrictions. Statutory Consultation in May 2016. Report back to Committee not required. (Amber)
FGG014/2015	Beechwood Avenue Beechwood Avenue and Edge Hill Avenue junctions with North Circular Road - Request for road closures	TBC (£200,000)	Lisa Wright	Scheme to be escalated to Environment Committee due to the value of the works. (Blue)
FGG015/2015	Crescent Road – Issue concerning illegal turns from Nether Street and Dollis Road	£25,000 Area Funded	Lisa Wright	Scheme agreed at Jan Committee. Detailed Design May/Jun 2016. (Amber)
FGG016/2015	Regent's Park Road - Regent's Park Road near its junction with Spencer Close - Pedestrian refuge	£15,000 Area Funded	Lisa Wright	Scheme agreed at Jan Committee. Implementation May/Jun 2016. (Amber)

FGG017/2015	Woodhouse Road, N12 Issues concerning vehicle activated signs and speeding on Woodhouse Road.	LIP Funded as part of a wider scheme	Lisa Wright	The 2015/16 LIP work programme includes a programme of work to develop and introduce 20mph areas around schools. The development of a 20mph area for Woodhouse Road, around the schools in that area is therefore taking place during 2015/16 with implementation of this expected in 2016/17. The proposal is likely to involve provision of signage and potentially other measures to address traffic speed, that will address the issues raised. (Amber)
FGG018/2016	The Grove, N3 Proposed On-way system on The Grove.	£22k - Capital Allocation for Pavements	Lisa Wright	Scheme agreed at Jan Committee on an experimental basis. Implementation April/May 2016. (Amber)
	The Vale, NW11 – Width Restriction Experimental removal of the width restriction and the implementation of a 20mph zone on The Vale, NW11	£25k - Capital Allocation for Pavements		Following the on-going issues around the width restriction on The Vale a request has been received from Ward Councillor to remove the width restriction on an experimental basis and install a 20mph zone to reduce the speed of vehicles on the road. The experimental measures will be in place for a minimum of 6 months to assess

				the impact on The Vale and surrounding roads. Start date 21 March 2016. Report back to Oct 2016 Committee if required. (Amber)
	New Schemes			
FGG019/2015	Windsor Road, N3 – Review of Pavement Condition	NRP	Chris Chrysostomou	Undertake a review of the pavement on Windsor drive and take the necessary remedial action. (Amber)
FGG020/2016	Golders Gardens – Review of CPZ hours	Area Funded £10K	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Scope of require changes and area to be agreed with Ward Councillors prior to informal consultation with Residents. (Blue)
FGG021/2016	Lambert Way, N12 - Introduce traffic restrictions on Lambert Way.	Area Funded £5K	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Feasibility Study Required - Report to March Committee for Area Funding Approval. (Blue)
FGG022/2016	Leslie Road (Leopold Road), N2 – CPZ Extension	Area Funded £10K	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Request to extend the East Finchley CPZ into Leslie Road (Leopold Road) Consultation area to be agreed with Ward Councillors and Informal Consultation undertaken with residents.

				Report to March Committee for Area Funding Approval. (Blue)
FGG/023/2016	 Holders Hill Road (outside the Cemetery) - improve traffic flow on the stretch from the Cemetery to Holders Hill Circus, which is impaired by parked vehicles.	Area Funded £7.5K	Gavin Woolery-Allen	Feasibility Study Required - Report to March Committee for Area Funding Approval. (Blue)

	<p style="text-align: center;">Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30 March 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Title</p>	<p>Chairman’s Urgent Item – Request for Funding from Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee Budget - Barnet Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – Councillor Zinkin</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wards</p>	<p>Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley, Woodhouse</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A – Application Form Barnet Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: Councillor Zinkin</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Officer Contact Details</p>	<p>Salar Rida, Governance Officer Email: salar.rida@barnet.gov.uk Tel: 020 8359 7113</p>

<h3>Summary</h3>
<p>The report informs the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee of a request for funding submitted by Councillor Zinkin in accordance with the revised Area Committee Budgets processes agreed in July 2015.</p>

Recommendations

- 1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee consider the request detailed in Appendix A.**
- 2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee decide whether it wishes to:**
 - (a) support the application for funding, subject to due diligence tests being met;**
 - (b) defer the decision for funding for further information;**
 - (c) reject the application with reasons.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In line with the provisions under Section 7 (Urgent Business) of the Constitution, Meeting Procedure Rules, the Chairman has decided to allow for an urgent item of business to be taken on the agenda in connection to the request for funding from the Area Committee Budget. A request has been received for the Committee to consider the attached application at Appendix A and make a determination as set out in the recommendations.
- 1.2 In January 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which detailed applications from community groups to the council's Area Committee Budgets funding stream (£100,000 per annum per Area Committee). In this process the various applications received were assessed by Officers against Area Committee Budgets Guidance and Conditions of Grant and then presented to the respective Area Committee for consideration. A number of funding awards were made and community groups have been utilising the funding for their various projects.
- 1.3 In July 2015, the three Area Committees considered reports which set out proposals for revised arrangements for Area Committee Budgets which included moving away from the open grants process which had been followed for the 2014/15 round of funding. Following consideration of the report, a revised system was adopted which gave the Area Committees an opportunity to plan and direct how they spend their funds in response to local issues which came forward from residents through a variety of routes. It was identified that potential projects might come forward via Members' Items brought to the relevant Area Committee.
- 1.4 In March 2016, the Community Leadership Committee considered a report on the future operations of the Area Committee funding application process, to be implemented from 1 April 2016 onwards.

- 1.5 Details of the application submitted are summarised in the enclosures list above and the full application is attached to this report.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are requested to consider the requests for funding detailed at Appendix A of the report and determination is required whether the committee support the project.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable. The Area Committee agreed in July 2015 that applications to the Area Committee Budgets could come via Members' Items.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 If the Committee agrees to the application, the detailed application will need to demonstrate how the projects links to the Council's Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 The Committee are able to consider items which are in line with the remit of the Committee. The Committee have been set a budget which enables the Committee to determine how this is spent.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Request for Area Committee budget funding provide an avenue for Members to give consideration to funding requests which may have added social value.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A details that the Area Committees "Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee",

6 Risk Management

- 6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. Equalities and Diversity

- 7.1 Requests for Funding allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

8. Consultation and Engagement

- 8.1 None in the context of this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, 2 July 2015, Item 9, Review of Area Committee Operations and Delegated Budgets
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=712&MId=8263&Ver=4>
- 9.2 Community Leadership Committee, 9 March 2016, Item 12, Area Committee non-Community Infrastructure Levy funding Criteria and Process
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=694&MId=8370&Ver=4>

Business Case			
Activity/Project Proposal			
Activity/Project Title:	Barnet Neighbourhood Watch scheme (Barnet Boroughwatch)		
Proposed costs:	£25,000 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Salary 4 days a week for 52 weeks Administration Support £5000 per year. Total Cost £30,000		
Org/Team. Applying:	CommUNITY Barnet		
Project Lead:	Paul Hammond, Boroughwatch Coordinator	Ext:	07813339368
Proposed Project Start Date:	1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017 for 12 months		

ACTIVITY/PROJECT INFORMATION

Description:	<p>Barnet Neighbourhood Watch (BNW) is Barnet’s successful neighbourhood watch scheme and regarded as a national exemplar. BNW consists of a very active and respected Chairperson, 6 committee members and one paid employee. There are 951 BNW Coordinators with over 80,000 members, operating across the London’s largest borough. The scheme has contributed to reducing Barnet’s rates of burglary over the past 12 months; addressing the fear of crime and increasing trust and confidence in the Police. The BNW members are an active part of Barnet’s volunteer workforce and a useful source of community intelligence for the local Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and Barnet Council.</p> <p>This application proposes that CommUNITY Barnet would be appointed as the prime contractor, sub-contracting neighbourhood safety to Barnet Boroughwatch. The advantage of this arrangement is that CommUNITY Barnet is a member both of the Barnet Strategic Partnership and the Safer Communities Partnership Board and understands the strategic priorities of the local authority. In addition, CommUNITY Barnet is Barnet Council’s Strategic Development Partner and well placed to support the active citizenship work that BNW delivers. BNW will be sub-contracted by CommUNITY Barnet to deliver the neighbourhood watch service on behalf of Barnet Council. BNW operates from CommUNITY Barnet’s offices in Whetstone, however most of the operational delivery is out in the neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Historically, due to short term BNW activities have been driven by local intelligence and insight to respond tactically and responsively. By securing longer term funding we would like to take a more strategic approach to managing BNW by building in succession planning to review and refresh watches, support local neighbourhood coordinators and work with Barnet Council’s Emergency Resilience Team to coordinate locality responses.</p> <p>BNW worked with CommUNITY Barnet and the Federation of Residents’ Associations in Barnet (FORAB) in establishing the Safer Neighbourhood Board. The Chair of BNW is a member of the SNB and committed to promoting the MOPAC vision of community engagement enshrined in the SNB.</p> <p>Establishing neighbourhood wards is a priority in the West side of the borough which supports the priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy 2015-2020, Barnet Council’s Corporate Plan and will support the SNB’s delivery of the MOPAC priorities for the Mayor of London.</p>
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For 2016-17 we will be focussing on establishing neighbourhood watches in the Hendon Village and Burnt Oak areas where there is a perception and fear that policing on a local level is in decline and the size of the local population is increasing through the regeneration programme. BNW is regarded by residents as a complimentary contribution to keeping themselves safe.

In addition to BNW improving confidence and reducing fear of crime, the BNW Coordinator and Chair will continue to act as trusted advocates supporting both victims of crime and witnesses in presenting their cases to local police. The BNW Coordinator has close links with the police and is therefore able to advocate successfully on their behalf, this improves the confidence of our members who know that BNW is a body that they can turn to if they need help with any official body or organisation. BNW reflects Barnet's successful, diverse and civically minded community.

We will also be expanding our neighbourhood 'WhatsApp' groups to ensure greater coordination and communication with each other. This will free up the Coordinators' time to be more strategic and provide an enhanced service in more deprived high crime areas. All new watches are advised to start a WhatsApp group. We trialed this approach in Brunswick Park Gardens, Bedford Gardens and Ramsden Road during 2015-16 and were delighted that all of the WhatsApp groups had reported NO CRIME happening since setting up the groups.

As part of its support to our volunteer coordinators, BNW provides two BNW signs free of charge as part of our corporate messaging and creating a sense of unity and partnership. We would like the signage to more inclusive of our partners such as the LLB, with attachments of the logo and suitable wording. A preliminary discussion has taken place with Councillor Longstaff (Chairman of the Safer Communities Partnership Board) who sees this as one of his personal priorities which we would like to continue as part of this funding proposal.

With this funding the BNW Coordinator will support the local coordinators to hold one formal meeting a year and broadcast a minimum number of Alertcomms messages as well as email. Between April - November 2015 BNW had broadcast 118 messages promoting crime prevention, personal safety and incidents information.

We will hold four large-scale public meetings attracting an anticipated audience of approximately 150/ 200 people. Topics discussed in the past have included the impact of burglary, the changing police numbers within the borough and neighbourhood policing.

BNW is now in Partnership with the MPS in their Met Trace property marking scheme advertising its benefits to members. Mettrace has also been responsible for increasing the number of new enquiries to BBW. 23 enquiries were received in November 2015. The Borough Commander Chief Supt Adrian Usher has paid tribute to our work "Our fantastic neighbourhood watch is the best I have seen anywhere in my service" quote [from his online profile](#).

The current funding will be used to pay for the NW Coordinators Salary for 4 days a week for 156 weeks from the 1st April 2016 to the 31st of March 2019. We would be happy to develop a higher level plan for 2017-18 and 2018-19 if required.

For illustrative purposes we have set out our proposed activities for 2016-17

- To develop another 24 new neighbourhood watches in the crime hotspots of Golders Green, East Barnet, Edgware and Childs Hill wards. Redeveloping priority areas and disadvantaged areas of the borough by supporting the priorities set out in the Safer Community Strategy 2015 – 2020 Strategy.
- Deliver a minimum of 100 communications through our web-based messaging system

	<p>called "Alertcomms"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver six burglary roadshows in key hotspot areas. • Publicise SNB and Police public meetings to promote closer ties with Police and Safer Neighbourhood Boards. • Design and distribute BNW signs. We would like to include the Safer Communities Partnership Board logo to reflect our partnership approach • Work closely with LBB Community Safety Team - to ensure that residents in BNW area feel confident that LBB and police are tackling crime and ASB in an effective manner. • Assist in the delivery of the "Community Safety" residents survey. • Promote the "Safer Homes Scheme" to residents if requested by Barnet Council
<p>How does the project fit with Barnet Council priorities?</p>	<p>BNW Scheme's aims are in keeping with the priorities set out in the Safer Communities Strategy with an emphasis on reducing the level of crime and the fear of crime. By providing regular communication and crime prevention advice, we believe BNW reduces the fear of crime as well as empowering residents to take control of their own safety. We have played a significant role in promoting active crime prevention, delivered through a professionally run organisation. Barnet has seen a drop of 21% in burglary this last year. However we must remain vigilant and we will continue to promote this message to all our current and new members.</p> <p>The impact of neighbourhood watch schemes on reducing burglary is well documented both in police statistics and academic research.</p> <p>Furthermore, we believe our brokerage role with statutory partners including the police and the council has meant that we can reach parts of Barnet's communities that other stakeholders cannot reach. By educating local residents of the benefits of crime prevention, proactive behaviour and creating networks is our tried and tested approach and we know it works well.</p> <p>In addition, we believe it promotes, neighbourliness, connectivity and community cohesion – a sense of Barnet. It remains a fact that the majority of burglars arrested in Barnet were as a result of direct calls from the public. BNW exists to educate all of its members in 999 and 101 protocols and empowering them to call police.</p> <p>Study of the most recent crime data has shown that two thirds of these were easily preventable by a basic increase in knowledge about crime prevention techniques. Each burglary costs the State an average of £1500. That is £126000 this week in Barnet alone, prevent two thirds and the saving is obvious. This is what we do, each watch has a lecture in Crime Prevention at its launch and is backed up by us delivery of advice and warnings. We have prepared an on-Line and accessible Crime prevention training tool for coordinators It can be view at www.barnetboroughwatch.co.uk or sent as required. All new watches and previous watches are being trained in it's use. This is a massive task and will take 2 to 3 years to complete in it's entirety.</p>
<p>Outputs (what are the measurable outputs):</p>	<p>Annual work programme:</p> <p>24 new groups to be created per year – in specified target areas 255 warning and information broadcasts to be made using Alertcomms system Joint Burglary Prevention Event with LBB as part of the Winter/ Summer Burglary Campaign Six anti-burglary roadshow to be held in the borough.</p> <p>To see a 21% drop in reported offences in BNW areas throughout the funding period as measured through the Strategic Needs Assessment.</p>

<p>Proposed Project Timetable/ Plan:</p>	<p>To be in place by 01/04/16. To run to end of financial year 19/19</p> <p>BNW has built up a relationship with The Hadley Trust which could in the future assist with match funding for projects. We are currently in discussion with other funders including City Bridge Trust for some of our strategic projects that are under development.</p>		
<p>Applicant's name and address</p>	<p>Paul Hammond</p>	<p>DATE</p>	<p>December 2015</p>
<p>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY REVIEW</p>			<p>Decision</p>

Performance Monitor

Activity	Annual Target	Performance – April – June 2015	Performance – July – March 2016	Cumulative Total	+/- Target	Notes	Comments
Establish new neighbourhood watches in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golders Green • East Barnet • Edgware • Childs Hill • Burnt Oak • N3 • N11 • Hale • Mill Hill 	24	2 2 2 8 1 1 1 2 2		21			

Activity	Annual Target	Performance – April – June 2015	Performance – July – March 2016	Cumulative Total	+/- Target	Notes	Comments
Redeveloping priority areas and disadvantaged	Commentary					Outreach and reassurance work a feature of the neighbourhood watch teams operating within the crime hotspot areas and reflected in the establishment of new neighbourhood watches	
Deliver communications through Alertcomms”	255	40		40			
Deliver six burglary roadshows in key hotspot areas	4	2		2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM at Simpson Hall on 8 April 2015 – over 200 attendants • 14 May Burnt Oak Library 	
Activity	Annual Target	Performance – April – June 2015	Performance – July – March	Cumulative Total	+/- Target	Notes	Comments

			2016				
Publicise SNB and Police public meetings to promote closer ties with Police and Safer Neighbourhood Boards.	No target	2		2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out on: • 11/06/ 15 and 30/06/15 in relation to the BBC series 'The Met' 	
Design and distribute new BNW signs which reflect the Community Safety Partnership nature of BNW		No contact received from the Community Safety Team in relation to this				No contact with Community Safety team since meeting on 22 May. New signs have been commissioned and paid for independently from Council work. No LBB signage included	

Activity	Annual Target	Performance – April – June 2015	Performance – July – March 2016	Cumulative Total	+/- Target	Notes	Comments
Joint Burglary Prevention Event with LBB as part of the Winter/ Summer Burglary Campaign		No activity					
Work closely with LBB Community Safety Team - to ensure that residents in BBW area feel confident that LBB and police are tackling crime and ASB in an effective manner		No feedback received to date from LBB.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police have liaised re: Metrace and feedback from documentary series 'The Met' • BNW took 2 groups to 101 response centre – 8 and 22 May 2015 	

Activity	Annual Target	Performance – April – June 2015	Performance – July – March 2016	Cumulative Total	+/- Target	Notes	Comments
Promote the “Safer Homes Scheme” to residents if requested by Barnet Council		No activity				To date no request received from Barnet Council to promote ‘Safer Homes Scheme’	

