

MEETING

FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE

DATE AND TIME

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2015

AT 7.00 PM

(OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN RESIDENTS' FORUM BY 8.30PM , WHICHEVER IS EARLIER)

VENUE

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TO: MEMBERS OF FINCHLEY & GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Councillor Graham Old
Vice Chairman: Councillor Peter Zinkin

Councillors

Peter Zinkin	Kath McGuirk	Daniel Seal
Geof Cooke	Alon Or-Bach	Reuben Thompstone

Substitute Members

Dean Cohen	John Marshall	Daniel Thomas
Anne Hutton	Arjun Mittra	Jim Tierney

You are requested to attend the above meeting for which an agenda is attached.

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Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

22 October 2014

Members Present:-

AGENDA ITEM 1

Councillor Graham Old (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Kath McGuirk
Councillor Alon Or-Bach

Councillor Daniel Seal
Councillor Reuben Thompstone

Also in attendance

Kate Kennally – Strategic Director for Communities
Kirstin Lambert – Governance Service
Edward Gilbert – Governance Service
Neil Richardson – Highways Manager

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Area Committee held on 18 June 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

There were none.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Members declared the following interests:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Geof Cooke	Members' Item – Issues relating to parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12	Non-pecuniary, as Councillor Cooke is a Governor of the school.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

There was none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were none.

6. TOWN CENTRES IN FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN

The Lead Commissioner for Regeneration and Growth introduced the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee note the specific proposals relating to town centres set out in Appendix B, which are currently the subject of public consultation.
2. That the Committee provides a recommendation to the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee that Finchley Church End, North Finchley and Golders Green be identified as Main hubs, and that East Finchley potentially also be identified as a fourth main hub, but that this development support should not be at the expense of Cricklewood (wording TBC with Cath).

7. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

(a) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO THE PARKING SITUATION AROUND SUMMERSIDE SCHOOL, CROSSWAY N12

The Committee heard Councillor Cooke's representation on the parking situation around Summerside School, Crossway N12, and a request for a plastic mesh parking area on the green on the west side of Crescent Way near the school to be considered.

RESOLVED:

That Street Scene is recommended by the committee to implement Councillor Cooke's recommendation. It was noted that implementation of this recommendation should include consultation with both Highways and Summerside school.

(b) MEMBERS' ITEM - ISSUES RELATING TO BEAUFORT PARK NW11

The Committee heard Councillor Marshall's representation on issues regarding Beaufort Park, NW11, and a request for the committee to consider actions to take. Issues regarding Beaufort Park include the following:

- Commercial vehicles are constantly occupying spaces around Beaufort Park.
- There are concrete roads as opposed to tarmac roads around Beaufort Park. This is one of the only areas in the borough still to have concrete roads.
- Various road signs and lines need to be addressed/replaced due to their wear.

- Possibility of planting trees and bushes to act as a sound barrier between residential properties and main roads needs to be examined.

RESOLVED:

- That Highways investigate the Council's policy position on commercial vehicles being left in spaces for the purpose of advertising.
- That Highways liaise with TfL over the issue of concrete roads, road signs and lines, and the possibility of planting trees and bushes near main roads to act as sound barriers for local residents.

(c) MEMBERS' ITEM - TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ISSUES NEAR CRESCENT ROAD N3

The Committee heard Councillor Old's representation on issues regarding traffic and safety issues near Crescent Road, N3, and a request for the committee to consider actions to take. Issues raised included:

1. Speeding especially where the road narrows under the bridge.
2. Illegal left and right hand turns being constantly undertaken into Crescent Road from Dollis Road.
3. Safety of pedestrians, particularly children going to and from St. Mary's School.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee endorses further study by Highways of appropriate resolutions to those listed at 1.1 of the report.

Highways are also requested to investigate the demand of residents and issues that they consider important in regard to this item through proactive consultation. Highways are action issues where appropriate.

8. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)


There were none.

9. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

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	AGENDA ITEM 6
	<p>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</p> <p>15 January 2015</p>
Title	Members' Item – Issues regarding 20mph Zone Policy
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	TBC
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
Officer Contact Details	Kirstin Lambert, Governance Service Kirstin.Lambert@Barnet.gov.uk 020 8359 2177.

Summary
The report informs the Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations
That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee's instructions are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Councillor Graham Old has requested that a Members' Item be considered on the following matter:

“20mph zone policy with particular attention to implications for School Travel Plans and priorities for implementation.”

- 1.2 Some additional information will be provided by officers in advance of the meeting in relation to the specific areas that Councillor Old is referring to in his submission as detailed above.
- 1.2 The relevant Commissioning Director will arrange for officer comment to be given on the item at the meeting.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made; the Committee's instructions are requested.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

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

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Members' Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution Responsibility for Functions – Area Committees – sets out within the terms of reference the functions which an Area Committee can discharge which includes local highways and safety schemes.

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution, Meetings Procedure Rules – Paragraph 6.1 states that a Member (including appointed substitute Members) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a Committee or Committee on which s/he serves. Paragraph 6.2 states that Members' Items must be relevant to the terms of reference of the body which will consider the item.

5.3.2 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

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


5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email from Councillor Old dated 20 October 2014.

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	AGENDA ITEM 8
	<h2>Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee Meeting</h2> <h3>15 January 2015</h3>
Title	The Vale Width Restriction Extension - Update Report
Report of	Commissioning Director Environment
Wards	Childs Hill Ward and Golders Green Ward
Status	Public
Enclosures	Appendix A: <i>Conceptual Drawing No. GC/2095/101</i>
Officer Contact Details	Themba.Nleya, Senior Engineer – Traffic & Development, Themba.Nleya@Barnet.gov.uk 020 8359 4198

Summary
<p>The report submits the findings of a feasibility study undertaken to consider pedestrian safety and crossing facilities for the benefit of the wider community. It puts forward two possible zebra crossings and locations for consideration in terms of addressing pedestrian and traffic safety concerns within the context of the intervention criteria set by 'Priorities of the Traffic Management Budget' Cabinet Report of July 2002.</p>

Recommendations
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the committee notes the recommendations for additional width restriction measures at eight assessed locations as is shown on drawing <i>GC/2095/101</i> in Appendix A, and also as described in appendix B. 2. That the Committee instructs the Chief Executive, or any other officer that he so delegates, to progress the measures to detailed design and implementation stages subject to agreement by the Environment Committee for inclusion in the 2015/16 programme and subject to availability of resources, ensuring consultation and negotiation with stakeholders includes, but not limited to, Emergency Services, Metropolitan Police, Transport for London (London Buses) and all affected stakeholders including utility companies and statutory bodies.

3. That subject to (2) above, all material objections are dealt with by the Chief Executive or any other officer that he so delegates in joint liaison with the Chair of the Area Committee and the ward members.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 This report is needed following the Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee decision on 25 June 2013 who resolved;

'That, subject to resources being available, the Director for Place [now the Strategic Director for Growth and Environment] be instructed to introduce a Traffic Management Order for a weight restriction on The Vale and carry out an area wide impact assessment of The Vale and Somerton Road whose remit is to assess the impact on a wider network; and report back to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.'

1.2 This report is therefore required to report back on the area-wide impact assessment findings and makes appropriate recommendations for further treatment to deal with the resultant displacement which the Committee are asked to consider.

1.3 The recommended measures are being referred to as 'The Vale Width Restriction Extension'.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The particular approach to extend the width restriction measures to other roads is informed by;

- i) site observations and HGV data on affected roads in the aftermath of the recently-installed facility, and
- ii) Ward member and residents' concerns.

2.2 As one of the proposed locations for a width restriction lies on a road used by local buses, London Buses' approval is necessary and the proposed restriction will be custom-made to ensure buses continue to use the route without interference.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Should this report's recommendations be approved, the proposals to be known as 'The Vale Width Restriction Extension' should therefore enter the

detailed design stage this financial year with a view to implement during 2015/16 financial year.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 This report puts forward recommendations that further Barnet's Corporate Plan to maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.

5.1.2 Further, by seeking to restrict HGV traffic through suburban residential roads and alleviate safety concerns, this is within the context of the intervention criteria set by 'Priorities of the Traffic Management Budget' Cabinet Report of July 2002.

5.1.3 The measures also help create an enabling environment that contributes to a healthier lifestyle and an amenable environment that will result in less pollution and dust nuisance that have long been an on-going concern with regards to The Vale.

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

5.2.2 **Finance** Estimated costs for the necessary statutory processes, including advertising, printing and all officer time which would be rechargeable, including consideration of any comments received and report-writing will be met from current year's LIP Width Restriction Review and other applicable funding secured for the purpose of improving the Borough's road network. Any financial implications will be contained within the Environment and Growth budgets.

5.2.3 **Indicative costs** for the progression of the eight locations shown on Table 1 below are approximate at projected 2015 prices;

Table 1: 8 x Width Restriction Locations - Works Element Package	Funding Pot	Estimated costs (2015 prices)
1. Detailed Design Fees (Includes statutory processes, Topographical survey procurement, STATS searches, advertising, public consultation, safety audits etc.)	2014/15 LIP (Width Restriction Review)	£21 000
2. Build Cost (incorporating 7no ordinary width restrictions & 1no tailor-made short section of 'bus lane' enforced by cameras on Pennine Drive)	2015/16 LIP	£135 500
3. CCTV / RFID (optional and subject to TfL preferences) (Estimate figure for one enforcement camera or Radio-frequency detection for buses)		£30 000
Sub-TOTAL		£186 500
Contingency @ 10%		£18 650
Implementation & post-implementation fee @ 10%		£18 650
GRAND TOTAL		£223 800

5.2.4 There could be a financial risk associated with understating the build-ability cost owing to assumptions on the extent of affected utility apparatus and the bus lane requirements and camera enforcement for the Pennine Drive. Liaison with TfL and utility companies is on-going. The bus lane camera maintenance costs and income will both be attributable to the Special Parking Account (SPA) once implemented.

5.2.5 Future maintenance of any newly-introduced electrical apparatus shall pass to Barnet Lighting Services who will be expected to charge a commutable sum with the cost full borne by London Borough of Barnet.

5.2.6 The works will be carried out under the existing PFI and LOHAC term maintenance contractual arrangements.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution Responsibility for Functions: Area Committees discharge various functions including highway use and regulation not the responsibility of the Council, within the boundaries of their areas and in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

5.3.2 There are no legal references in the context of this report. The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligation on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.3.3 The Council as the Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic

Regulation Act 1984.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Proposal is not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit individual members of the community. In fact, the recommendations specifically seek to reach out to vulnerable users such as the disabled by retaining all bus routes and associated facilities along Pennine Drive.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 As per recommendations **2 and 3** of this report stated above.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Introduction and Background

6.1.1 HGV speeding, dust and noise nuisance as well as safety concerns have been raised by both residents and ward members regarding the generality of the surrounding network following the recent implementation of a width restriction on The Vale NW11.

6.1.2 The displacement concerns have been previously reported to the June 2013 Sub-Committee as it was foreseeable that Pennine Drive, Somerton Road and other roads would experience pressure caused by HGV drivers who try to bypass The Vale NW11 and other key alternative routes / junctions.

6.1.3 As soon as the new width restriction was installed on the Vale NW11 in October 2014, pursuant to previous committee decision, an area-wide monitoring was undertaken on the 6, 7, 21, 24 & 25 November 2014 from 8am to 6pm on each day targeting key locations including on Pennine drive, Mendip Drive and Somerton Road.

6.1.4 From the site assessments and data gathered, the site description for each location is in Appendix B while number of HGVs is summarised on Table 2 below;

Table 2: HGV Counts (No)	Pennine Drive	Mendip Drive	Somerton Road
06.11.14	70	2	40
07.11.14	87	2	30
21.11.14	102	9	32
24.11.14	106	9	31
25.11.14	135	11	40

- 6.1.5 The majority of residents along The Vale NW11 are in favour of the recently installed restriction and want it retained but that additional and/or complementary measures be considered namely;
- i) more advance signs are installed including on the A41 TfL network,
 - ii) that adequate and suitable turning facilities be provided for The Vale NW11 for those drivers that fail to see the existing signs and therefore happen to find themselves having to turn back, and
 - iii) that there be adequate security and maintenance of the lockable / removable posts by Street-based Services teams during waste collection duties.
- 6.1.6 Anecdotal evidence has shown that residents from adjoining roads, including St Agnes School on Thorverton Road, now want similar including speed reduction measures considered for their roads.
- 6.1.7 The existing width restriction posts currently in place are also not favoured by Street-based services as they are apparently too heavy and do not meet the Health & Safety lifting regulations. The restrictions are also said to interfere with smooth waste collection and winter maintenance activities.
- 6.1.8 A local Refuse and Waste Collection company in the locality that has been affected by the recently installed restriction is likely to object strongly to further proposals as they have already cited detriment to their business. They have concerns that currently there is a prohibited 'right-turn' movement on A41 Hendon way from A407 Cricklewood Lane and this reduces their options when intending to serve their customers to the south of the area. The measures would now force them to only use the A5 Broadway for that purpose. Further, LBB will also have to revisit the left-turning movements from Claremont Road onto A407 Cricklewood Lane with a view to affect junction improvements in the future thereby incurring more related costs.
- 6.1.9 It is expected by Road Network Maintenance Team at Barnet that there will be an increase of an additional £10 000 per annum to the winter maintenance bill brought about by the width restriction on The Vale NW11 alone. A more or less comparable figure should therefore be expected for Pennine Drive should the restriction be put in place. Further, it is imperative that Pennine Drive currently hosting local buses 102 & 226, benefits from a special tailor-made width restriction facility incorporating a short 'bus lane' to be enforced by cameras so as to unhindered access for bus services.
- 6.1.10 Therefore the recommended measures at the eight suggested locations as is shown on the attached **Conceptual Drawing No. GC/2095/101** are likely to cause more negative impact to Council's ability to provide an efficient service to residents in the area.
- 6.1.11 Regarding the proposed measures at the eight locations, most physical width restrictions in Barnet are 6' 6" or 7' 0" and it is feasible for a 7' 0" width restriction to be able to prevent the use of the carriageway by many vehicles that would ordinarily be caught in the ambit of a 7.5 tonne limit.

- 6.1.12 It is anticipated that such a width restriction would be effective in excluding or targeting skip lorries but this will then affect refuse collection vehicles, emergency services and deliveries to properties within this catchment area, however, the width restriction has a lockable gate they have access to the key to unlock the gate.
- 6.1.13 The proposed restrictions, while attempting to solve the GHV/skip lorries menace in the area, will inadvertently penalise residents and affect local deliveries as such deliveries will only be done from the A41 rendering the area to become virtually inaccessible to any delivery vehicles wider than 7' 0" from Claremont Drive and/or A407 Cricklewood Lane. This will also affect school buses for any schools within the affected catchment.
- 6.1.14 A lot of resistance from residents and parents may therefore be expected. For that reason the proposed location on Greenfield Gardens currently poses the highest risk to being objected to and the detailed design development as HGVs or delivery vehicles to that destination will be deprived of a turning opportunity.
- 6.1.15 Of note is the fact that there already in place a borough-wide 7.5t lorry ban 'except for access' with A41 Hendon Way and A407 Cricklewood Lane featuring on the exempted list. Accordingly, related signs indicating this prohibition 'except for access' already obtain on the A407 Cricklewood Lane junctions. However evidence has shown that without visible enforcement, they are being disobeyed and are therefore ineffective hence the recommendation for a physical feature such as a width restriction at these locations. In future the width restrictions may not be necessary once Barnet are able to enforce the moving-traffic contraventions in-house as this might provide a viable alternative.
- 6.1.15 Meanwhile discussions are on-going with;
- i) TfL departments to ensure additional signs relating to the existing width restriction and also the proposed are installed on the A41 Hendon Way junctions.
 - ii) London Buses to agree an appropriate method and form of control for Pennine Drive that will ensure buses continue to use the current route. A short section 'bus lane' enforced by cameras is a possibility.
- 6.1.16 Ward Councillors have been consulted and are in favour of the proposals.
- 6.1.17 The Area Committee are therefore being asked to consider the above information and note what is achievable for the area.

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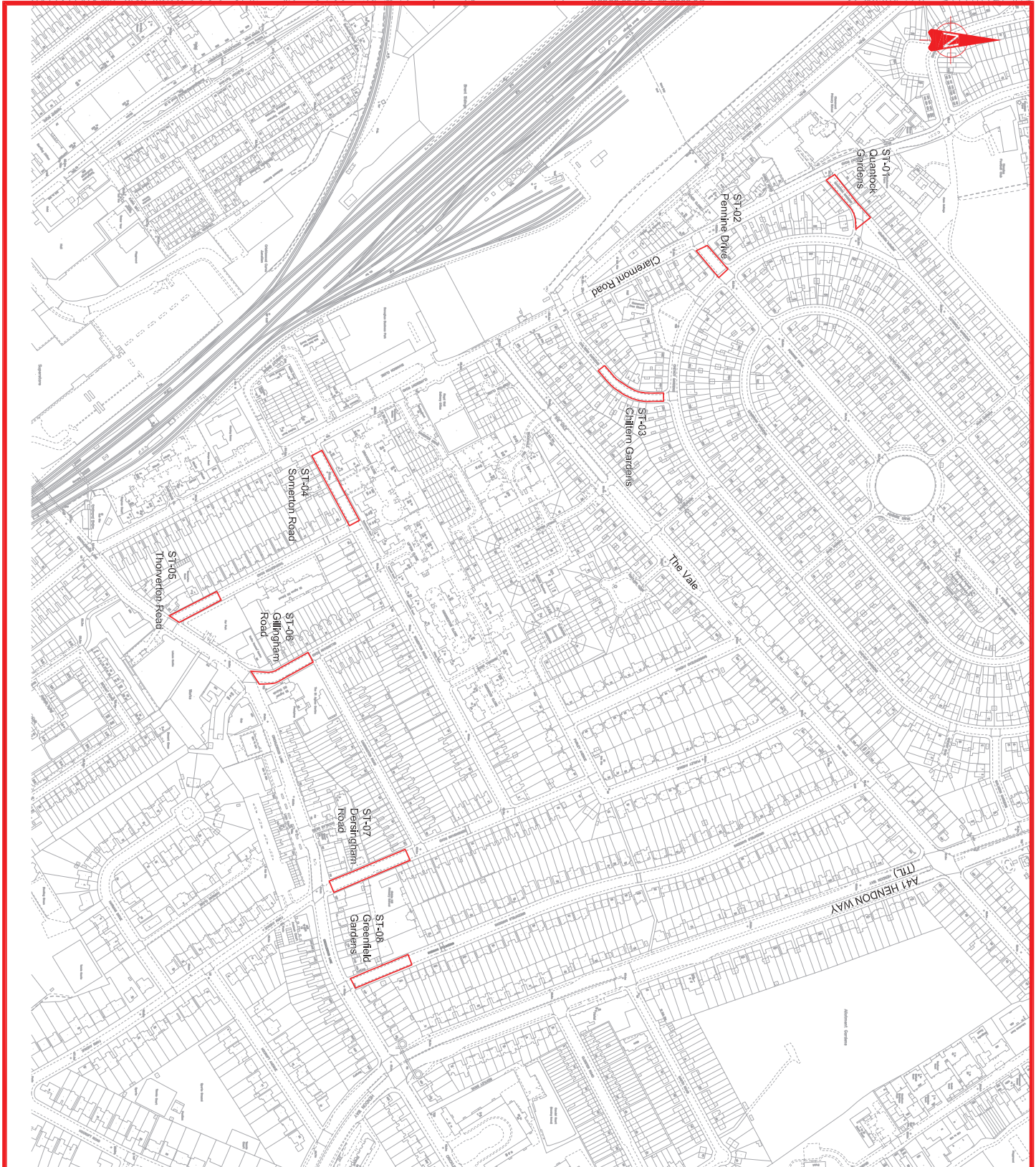


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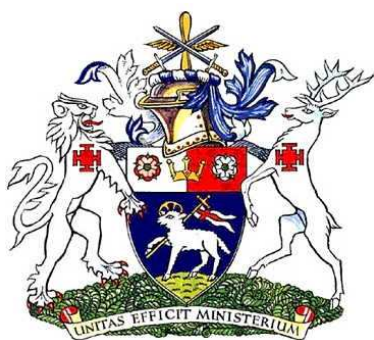
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Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

15 January 2015

Title	Area Committee Budget Allocations
Report of	Stephen Evans, Director of Strategy Andrew Charlwood, Head of Governance
Wards	Childs Hill, East Finchley, Finchley Church End, Garden Suburb, Golders Green, West Finchley, Woodhouse
Status	Public
Enclosures	Annex 1 – Area Committee Budgets Guidance Annex 2 – Barnet Safeguarding Checklist Annex 3 – Conditions of Grant Appendix 1 – Applications for funding made to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee
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Summary

On 10 June 2014 the Policy and Resources Committee agreed that £100,000 per year over the next four years should be allocated to each of the Council's three Area Committees, subject to agreement of detailed arrangements for the governance, accountability and prioritisation of these budgets by the Community Leadership Committee.

On 11 September 2014 the Community Leadership Committee approved proposals for the Area Committee Budgets scheme, to be returned to the Policy & Resources Committee for final agreement.

On 14 October 2014 the Policy & Resources Committee noted the proposals approved by the Community Leadership Committee and agreed the proposed process for allocating the Area Committee budgets during 2014/15.

The deadline for the receipt of applications to the Area Committee Budgets was 15 December 2014. A total of 48 applications were received across the three areas (Chipping Barnet, Finchley & Golders Green and Hendon). The applications received were reviewed by a panel of officers to confirm that they comply with the Area Committee Budgets Guidance and Conditions of Grant.

Details of the applications to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee are set out in the appendix to this report for Members to consider. Members are requested to consider the applications which comply with the conditions and decide whether or not they wish to fund each project using part of the Area Committee's Budget.

Members are requested, as set out in recommendation 3, to note and review the applications which do not comply with the conditions of funding set out in the Area Committee Budgets Guidance. These are attached at the close of Appendix 1.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee consider the 16 applications for funding from the Area Committee Budget for Finchley & Golders Green as set out in Appendix 1.**
- 2. That the Committee decide whether it wishes to fund each of the 14 applications which comply with the Conditions of Grant and the criteria set out in the Area Committee Budgets Guidance.**
- 3. That the Committee review the 2 applications to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee which are not compliant with the conditions for funding, and which officers therefore recommend are not allocated funding as they are considered to fall outside the scope of the Area Committee budgets and, in certain cases, the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee relating to the conditions of the scheme.**
- 4. That the Committee consider the procedure followed for the first round of Area Committee Budgets and make recommendations on any refinements to the process to the Community Leadership Committee/Policy & Resources Committee.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 On 11 September 2014, the Community Leadership Committee approved proposals for a process to allocate Area Committee budgets, designed to:
 - Be open, transparent, simple and non-bureaucratic; and
 - Give Area Committees maximum flexibility and discretion to respond to local need, and assign Members a leading role.
- 1.2 On 14 October 2014, the Policy and Resources Committee agreed the process for allocating Area Committee Budgets.

- 1.3 The first round of applications closed on 15 December 2014 and the applications have been assessed by officers. Following the assessment process, the Committee are authorised to approve applications which meet the relevant conditions and which the Committee considers meet local priorities, subject to sufficient budget being available.
- 1.4 A total of 48 applications have been received across the three Area Committees (Chipping Barnet, Finchley & Golders Green and Hendon). 16 were received for funding from the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee and further information on these is set out in sections 1.20-1.26 below. Detailed information on all of the applications received which relate to the Finchley & Golders Green area is provided in Appendix 1. This appendix presents the information submitted by applicants about their proposed projects, with comments, where relevant, from officers who contributed to the due diligence process.
- 1.5 As set out in the reports to the Community Leadership and Policy & Resources Committees, applicants will be invited to present their projects at each Area Committee on January 15 2015 and the Ward Councillor with whom they have discussed their application will also be invited to comment on the project.

Assessment Process

- 1.6 Whilst the scheme is intended to be as light-touch as possible, a degree of accountability is still required to ensure that public funds are not put to inappropriate use. To ensure that applications meet the conditions agreed by the Community Leadership Committee and Policy & Resources Committee, a panel of officers reviewed the applications to determine which are compliant with the Area Committee Budgets Guidance (Annex A), the Safeguarding Checklist (Annex B), and the Conditions of Grant (Annex C).
- 1.7 The panels were made up of officers from the Finance, Policy and Governance Services and collectively agreed the officer position on each application. Where appropriate, specialist advice was sought from Delivery Units or the Legal Service.
- 1.8 In some cases, applicants did not submit sufficient information for officers to be able to fully assess the application against the criteria set out in the guidance. In these instances, applicants were contacted and the additional information requested. In most cases additional information was received and has been included in Appendix 1. However, due to the timescales, some requests for additional information are still outstanding. Where additional information is received in advance of the Area Committee meeting, this will be circulated to the Committee as an addendum to the report and the information given in Appendix 1 highlights particular issues where Members may wish to ask for further detail when applicants present their projects to the Area Committee (see 1.11, below).

- 1.9 It should be noted that during the application process, applicants had the opportunity to contact the officers supporting the process to seek advice and guidance.
- 1.10 Where applications have met the criteria, they have been put forward for consideration by the Committee.
- 1.11 Where it is not yet confirmed that applications meet the criteria as additional information is to establish whether they are compliant, they have been put forward for consideration by the Committee but the points at which further detail is required have been indicated in the Assessment Forms.
- 1.12 For a number of projects, safeguarding issues have been identified and information requested from the organisations applying on their relevant policies and procedures. Where safeguarding issues have been identified, funding will be conditional on successful review of these policies and procedures by one of the Council's safeguarding experts.
- 1.13 Where applications have failed to meet the criteria, officers have recommended these are not allocated funding as they are considered to fall outside the scope of the Area Committee budgets and, in certain cases, the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee relating to the conditions of the scheme. This report therefore does not put these projects forward for consideration by the Committee, but the Assessment Forms with details of the application have been included for Members' information and review. Section 4 of the Area Committee Budgets Guidance indicates which kind of projects will not be funded. These include:
- projects which require on-going support from the Council, or future expenditure;
 - proposals which would address a budget deficit, meet the debts of an organisation in financial difficulty, or cover a shortfall in a service which would normally be provided by the Council or another public sector organisation;
 - projects which are initiated by another public sector body (e.g. a school or GP surgery)
 - funding to assist with the administration and/or research costs of preparing an application
 - retrospective applications for funding for projects which have already taken place
 - projects which have previously been turned down because they do not meet the above criteria.
- 1.14 Applicants and, where appropriate, the Councillor sponsoring their application, have been invited to attend the Area Committee meeting to present their projects and answer questions from the Committee. Any additional information provided at the Committee will be minuted and will form part of the audit trail. Any verbal information received can be used by the Committee in making a decision to approve or refuse an application.

- 1.15 The first round of Area Committee Budget applications will be reviewed by the Governance Services and Policy Unit after the first round of applications to identify refinements and process improvements. The Area Committee Budgets assessment process is scheduled for review by Internal Audit in Quarter 1 2015/16.

Release of Funds

- 1.16 In situations where full funding has been agreed by the Committee, this will be released following the decision and, where relevant, on the approval of safeguarding policies and procedures as set out in 1.12 above.
- 1.17 Applications which require additional match funding will receive a letter from the Committee Chairman asking the organisation/individual to advise when the additional funds required for the project to proceed have been secured.
- 1.18 Funds will be released as soon as possible after the decision. In accordance with the process approved by the Policy & Resources Committee in October 2014, funding should be spent within three months of being received by the organisation.
- 1.19 Once grants have been approved and payments have been made, the recipient will be sent confirmation which requests copies of invoices to the value of the grant or above to complete the Council's audit trail.

Overview of applications received

- 1.20 Seventeen applications were received in total for funding from the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee. Fifteen were for Finchley & Golders Green only, and two applied for funding for more than one Committee, which included Finchley & Golders Green. One application was withdrawn due to a change in circumstances, for potential resubmission in the next round of Area Committee funding, and has not been included in Appendix 1.
- 1.21 One application was made for a project (a baseball club) to be based at a site in Finchley & Golders Green. On discussion with the Council's Green Spaces team an alternative and more appropriate site was identified in Hendon and the application was therefore transferred to the Hendon Area Committee. This project has not been included in the application numbers for the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee.
- 1.22 A large number of applications to this Committee were for projects to benefit children and young people. The table below shows the number of projects which applicants presented as supporting each of the priorities set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. 11 were argued to benefit better life chances for children and young people and 10 improved family and community wellbeing, while only 3 were aimed at older people:

Table 1: Applications received against each of the Council's priorities

To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	5
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	3
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	11
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	2
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	3
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	10

- 1.23 Six projects dealt with environmental improvements, including new play equipment for a park and improvements to local open spaces. Other funding bids were predominantly to run workshops or activities for local people. Only three applications focused on a particular community. One of these was a youth media project being targeted at disadvantaged young people from refugee communities, one an after-school club for orthodox Jewish families, while the third, a joint application to Hendon, targeted children in Jewish schools to raise awareness of safeguarding issues.

Overview of funding applied for

- 1.24 The total funding applied for, including applications made jointly to another Committee, is £134,702.
- 1.25 Two applications (one made jointly to another Committee) did not pass the due diligence test. One was for targeted support for a single individual, which meant it did not have the focus on a particularly local issue which these Budgets are intended to support. The other was led by another public sector body and was therefore ineligible, as noted in 1.13 above. If the non-compliant and joint applications are excluded the total amount applied for from the Committee is £119,703.
- 1.26 It should also be noted that one application (made by a private sports club for repairs to their driveway and car park) is for £30,000, and another (from the Cricklewood Town Team) is for £10,000, both of which exceed the recommended maximum grant of £9,999.
- 1.27 The Committee has the discretion to support the total project cost (up to the recommended maximum of £9,999), support only some elements of an application, or propose a smaller grant offer where the applicant would then need to seek match funding to allow the project to go ahead. This can be beneficial in creating buy-in from the individual or organisation. Match funding must not come from another Council funding stream. The Council must show

that it has paid due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty when making recommendations or decisions as to the size of awards.

- 1.28 Area Committees may also decide to give collective support to a larger application providing it is of benefit to the wider community across a number of Wards. The Area Committees have the discretion to decide when this should be the case.

Measuring Impact

- 1.29 Successful applicants will be asked to submit a brief written update on the result of their project following completion. A short annual report based on these updates, on the audit log, and on feedback from Members will be submitted to the Community Leadership Committee each year.
- 1.30 Officers will review this information, along with intelligence from other grant funding streams, to identify trends in community need and any other lessons to be learned from the projects funded.

Timeline for Allocations

- 1.31 During the 2014/15 financial year there will only be a single round of applications and awards as the process for approving the applications was only agreed in October 2014, and to avoid clashes with the purdah period in April 2015.
- 1.32 In subsequent years, the two funding rounds will take place in June and January, with deadlines for applications one month before. This will leave the October and March meetings to discuss other business, encourage bids, and review the progress of grants.
- 1.33 This timeline for 2015/16 will be set following a review of the first round of applications and allocations.

Unallocated Funds

- 1.34 If any funds remain unallocated at the close of the financial year, they can also be rolled over for spending in the next, giving Committees some additional flexibility around how they are deployed. Carried forward funding can either be kept in reserve for use if demand is high or added to the base budget of £100,000 in the next financial year. The former approach is recommended as this allows underspend to be used in response to additional need as this arises, rather than spent to meet a deadline.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The process for allocating Area Committee Budgets was approved by the Community Leadership Committee and Policy & Resources Committee. The Area Committee are now required to approve (or refuse) the applications received in order for the funding to be released to the relevant organisations.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Following the decision of the Committee, funds will be released in accordance with sections 1.16 to 1.19 of this report and Section 12 of the Area Committee Budgets Guidance (Annex A).

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The Area Committee Budgets contribute to the Corporate Plan's objective to promote family and community wellbeing and support engaged, cohesive and safe communities, by helping communities access the support they need to become and remain independent and resilient.

5.1.2 The scheme will also improve local people's life opportunities by helping local community groups access resources. This will empower them to take part in a broader range of activities, and increase the choices available to them for how they access services, contributing to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy's priority to increase wellbeing in the community.

5.1.3 Each application must demonstrate that the proposal supports one or more of the Council's priority outcomes, as set out in the Corporate Plan. Currently, these are:

- To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.
- To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.
- To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.
- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health.
- To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.

Application forms ask applicants to detail how their applications support the Corporate Priorities set out above.

5.1.4 Area Committees have the flexibility to set their own additional priorities which reflect local need and circumstance, should they wish to do so.

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

5.2.1 The budget allocated to each Area Sub-Committee is £100,000 per annum

and is funded from Council reserves for four years.

- 5.2.2 Officer support for the Area Committee budget allocation is required but has so far been managed within existing workloads.
- 5.2.3 Support has come from the Governance Service, Policy Unit and Finance, with support from Legal and Delivery Units as appropriate. Some transactional finance support will also be required post-decision to provide audit and due diligence and arrange for funds to be released.
- 5.2.4 However, support arrangements will be reviewed after the round of applications and we cannot rule out the need for additional administrative support in the future around the time when applications are being processed. If this turns out to be the case, additional administrative resources may need to be made available at these times.
- 5.2.5 The upper and lower thresholds for awards have been proposed to ensure that Committee time is used effectively, avoiding time being spent administering small sums of money, and so that more complex procurement rules are not required.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Policy and Resources Committee includes “to allocate a budget, as appropriate, for Area Committees, and agree a framework for how that money may be spent.”
- 5.3.2 Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes “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.”
- 5.3.3 The Council has power to make the grant awards under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 If the Council did not carry out due diligence on applications for any funding stream, there would be a risk that resources would not be used effectively or that inappropriate projects could be funded. The process set out for allocation of these budgets is designed to mitigate that risk.
- 5.4.2 Any applications which do not meet the agreed criteria are recommended for refusal.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 The due diligence carried out for the Area Committee budget allocations and the proposed regular review of the process will allow the Council to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty placed on it under Section 149 of the

Equality Act 2010; specifically to:

- Check that project proposals are inclusive and consider any equality implications they may raise
- Identify any equality considerations relevant to the broader allocation of resources more effectively than it can at present
- Gain a more comprehensive understanding of the needs of different groups in the community through the additional insight gained by reviewing the projects proposed.

5.5.2 Overall, applications for Area Committee funding were strongly focused on projects aimed at children and young people (29 projects targeting this Council priority), with limited numbers for older people in comparison (11 projects targeting this priority).

5.5.3 The applications to the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee were likewise strongly focused on projects and services aimed at children and young people, with limited numbers of projects for older people or aimed at specific ethnic or faith communities. In future funding rounds Members may wish to consider encouraging applications aimed at a more diverse range of groups to ensure that provision is matched as effectively as possible to local need.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 A public consultation was carried out as part of the design of the Area Committee Budgets process. Details are set out in the report to the Policy & Resources Committee on 14 October 2014.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 [Area Environment Sub-Committees - Draft Funding Arrangements](#) (Policy & Resources Committee, 10 June 2014).

6.2 [Area Sub-Committees - Budget Allocation Draft Framework](#) (Community Leadership Committee, 25 June 2014).

6.3 [Developing a Community Participation Strategy for Barnet](#) (Community Leadership Committee, 25 June 2014).

6.4 [Community Participation Strategy: Area Committee Budget Arrangements and Wider Community Funding](#) (Community Leadership Committee, 11 September 2014).

6.5 [Area Committee Budget Allocations Proposals](#) (Policy & Resources Committee, 14 October 2014)



AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING GUIDANCE
2014-15

1. What are the Area Committee Budgets?

Barnet has three Area Committees, covering the constituencies of Chipping Barnet, Finchley & Golders Green, and Hendon. The Committees' remit is to respond to local concerns and consider any issues which arise in their area. Each one has a budget of £100,000 per year for 2014/15-2017/18, to be spent on projects which benefit the local area covered by each Committee.

2. Who can apply for funding?

Local residents, organisations, or voluntary or community groups are eligible to apply from funding from the Committee. The Committees can make awards of up to £9,999 and have the discretion to fund larger projects if necessary. They will not usually give grants of less than £200 but likewise have the discretion to do so.

3. What kind of projects will be successful?

Your project should focus on all or part of the local area covered by one of the Committees – if it is for a larger area it is recommended that you instead contact the Council's Corporate Grants Programme in the first instance. Further information on the Corporate Grants Programme is available at:

<http://www.barnet.gov.uk/grants>

Each project must also support one or more of the Council's priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan. The current priorities are:

- To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.
- To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.
- To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.
- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health.
- To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.
- To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.

More information on the priorities and the Corporate Plan can be found on the Council's website at:

http://www.barnet.gov.uk/info/725/corporate_plan_and_performance/270/corporate_plan_and_performance

You are encouraged to make contact with a Councillor to discuss your proposal before you submit it. Your Councillor will be able to work with you to champion your proposal to the Committee. You can find out who your local Councillor is at:
www.barnet.gov.uk/councillors

4. What kind of projects won't be funded?

Funding will be for one-off projects which do not require ongoing support from the Council. They must not require maintenance from the Council, or future expenditure.

Funding must not be used to meet a budget deficit in a specific area, to meet the debts of an organisation in financial difficulty, or to cover a shortfall in a service which would normally be provided by the Council or another public sector organisation. Projects should not be initiated by a public sector body (e.g. a school or a GP surgery).

Funding will not be given to assist with the administration and/or research costs of preparing an application.

Funding cannot be paid retrospectively for projects which have already taken place.

Projects which have previously been turned down because they do not meet the above criteria will not be considered for funding if resubmitted.

5. What if my project needs funding from more than one body?

If you have applied for funding for the same project from another source or another Council funding stream, you must disclose this.

If you have applied for match funding from another source, the Area Committee funds cannot be released until you have given confirmation that the additional funding has been secured.

6. What are the conditions of funding?

Funding will be provided for a period of 12 months from the date of approval. If funds are not claimed within 3 months you will be contacted to check the progress of your project. This is to ensure that funds are not committed to projects which are no longer going forward.

If your project involves improving land or buildings that do not belong to you or your organisation, you will need to demonstrate that you have received all necessary consents before your application can proceed.

Where applicable, you will be required to demonstrate that your project has the required safeguarding measures in place (relating to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults).

You will need to provide proof of spend as set out in 'What happens next?' below. Any spend above £5,000 will be subject to spot checks by the Council's audit team to make sure the right processes have been followed.

Your project must not discriminate against any group of people protected under the Equality Act 2010.

Appendix B sets out the full conditions of funding. You will be asked to sign an undertaking to comply with these as part of your application.

7. When do I need a sponsor organisation?

If you are applying as an individual or on behalf of an informal organisation or unconstituted group, you will need to ask a more formal, constituted organisation to sponsor your application. This can be a registered charity, a company limited by guarantee, or a not-for-profit group constituted in some other way.

You will need to list the organisation on your application form and the funds will be given to them to pass on to you.

8. What is the deadline for applications and when will decisions be made?

In the financial year 2014-15, there is only one round of funding and the deadline for applications is December 15 2014. Decisions will be made at the Area Committee meetings on 15 January 2015 and you will be encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss your proposal.

From 2015-16 onwards, there will be two rounds of funding in each financial year, in June and January. The dates for these meetings have not yet been set but the deadlines for applications will be approximately one month beforehand in each case.

9. How will a decision be made about my project?

Your application will go through an initial due diligence process – which includes looking at whether it has been demonstrated that the proposal is in line with Council's priorities and does not require on-going financial support – and you will be notified if your project does not pass this or if the Council needs further information to process it.

All applications which fulfil the criteria set out above will be put before the Area Committees for consideration. You will be encouraged to attend the meeting.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposals with a Councillor, who will be able to champion your application at the Committee. If that Councillor is unable to attend, you will be invited to present the project yourself or to approach your local Ward Councillor to do so on your behalf. The sponsor Councillor can also make a recommendation that you seek match funding for part of the cost of the project.

The final decision will be taken by the Area Committee.

10. What is the role of Councillors?

Members of the Area Committee to which you apply will make the final decision on whether or not your project is funded.

Your Ward Councillor or sponsor Councillor (if different) will be asked to comment in support of your application, champion your project to the Committee and promote it within the local area.

Councillors cannot themselves bring projects forward for funding.

11. What happens next?

If full funding is agreed by the Committee, the funding will be released following the decision. If match funding is required, you will receive a letter from the Committee Chair asking you to advise when the additional funds have been secured.

You will be notified within one week if your application has been successful, asking you for the relevant bank details.

Payment will be made directly to you or your organisation if you do not require a sponsor. If you require a sponsor organisation payment will be made through their bank and they will need to pass the money on to you.

Once funding is approved and payments made, you will be asked to provide receipts or copy invoices to the value of the funding (or above). Any unspent funds must be returned to the Council.

Successful applicants will be asked to submit a photograph demonstrating that their project is complete, and a brief written update on the result, which will form part of a short annual report to the Area Committees each year.

12. So, how do I apply?

Further information is available on the Council's website at www.barnet.gov.uk/grants, including the application form and other conditions of funding.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to request this document in another format for yourself or someone else, please contact the Committee support officers using one of the routes below:

By email:

areacommitteebudgets@barnet.gov.uk

By post:

Governance Service (Area Committee Budgets), Building 2, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP.

APPENDIX A - BARNET SAFEGUARDING CHECKLIST

PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM HARM

A safe organisation - ensures that its governing body, all of its employees, commissioned or contracted services and volunteers are aware of their responsibilities to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

This is done through:

- safe recruitment and selection practice (including rigorous checking of applications, references and CRB checks) and training of those who recruit staff to work with children or vulnerable adults.
- clear expectations on staff with regard to personal conduct and promoting the well being of children and adult service users.
- good induction systems and ongoing training for staff and volunteers in expected standards in safeguarding, including where the primary service users are adults who are parents.
- clear access to guidance and procedures concerning safeguarding children and adults and awareness of local systems to refer concerns.
- listening to the concerns of children, their parents and vulnerable adults with an open mind and promoting a culture of safeguarding as paramount.
- good supervision of staff and volunteers.
- clear and accessible complaints and 'whistle blowing' procedures.
- adherence to procedures for investigating allegations of harm by persons in positions of trust through the council's designated officer .
- good record keeping including decision making about any concerns or allegations.
- a formal and independent review process to learn from serious incidents with regard to abuse of children or adults by those in a position of trust.
- regular audits of the above to ensure compliance.
- leadership/accountability in a named senior manager and clear access to specialist advice about safeguarding children and adults.

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APPENDIX B - STANDARD CONDITIONS OF GRANT

These are the conditions you will be signing up to if you are awarded a grant and accept it.

In these conditions, 'the organisation' means the voluntary organisation, society, association or company to which 'the Council' has agreed to make a grant; and 'the Council' means Barnet London Borough Council.

1. Any grant is made on the strict understanding that the organisation is a not-for-profit and non-party political organisation which provides services or undertakes activities for the benefit of all or some of the inhabitants of the London Borough of Barnet.
2. *The organisation shall seek neither to promote nor oppose any political party or party political cause; nor otherwise engage in party political activities; nor publish or cause or permit to be published any material which, in whole or in part, appears designed to affect public support for a political party. The organisation shall also have regard in issuing publicity to any guidance published by the Council in pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1986.
3. The organisation shall provide the Council's officers with such information and proof as may be required from time to time as regards
 - (a) the use made of the Council's grants;
 - (b) details and statistics of the activities provided to residents of the borough and the users or beneficiaries of those services; and
 - (c) the expertise to undertake and provide those services.
4. The organisation shall allow Council officers a right of access at all reasonable times to inspect
 - (a) written records (including any publicity issued by or on behalf of the organisation);
 - (b) any premises which the organisation uses for the conduct of its activities; and
 - (c) any works undertaken or items of equipment purchased with the aid of Council grant.
5. The organisation shall observe all relevant statutory requirements including those relating to equalities, employment practices and non-discrimination. The Council shall not be held liable in any way for any action, inaction or negligence on the part of the organisation which contravenes any statutory requirement or guidance, or results in civil action being taken in a court of law.
6. The organisation shall apply any grant only to those purposes for which it has been approved by the Council, as notified in writing, and may not use it for any other purpose except with the Council's express permission in writing.
7. The organisation shall publicly acknowledge the Council's financial support by including the Barnet Council logo in the approved format in its public literature.
8. Any grant is given at the discretion of the Council.

9. Any material change in the organisation's circumstances which significantly affects its finances, operations or grant entitlement, including any additional source of grant income not previously declared, must be notified in writing without delay to the Third Sector Commissioning Team, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP. The Council reserves the right to withhold payment of an approved grant, or to demand repayment (either in whole or in part) of any grant awarded, where in its opinion such a material change has occurred and circumstances so warrant.
10. If it appears to the Council that the organisation has failed to comply with any of the conditions subject to which the grant is made, the Council may, by written notice, demand repayment of all or such part of the grant as it may think fit, and the organisation shall forthwith repay to the Council any sums so demanded.
11. The Council further reserves the following rights:
 - (a) to withhold payment of any approved grant until such time as satisfactory proof has been provided to the Council that the relevant expenditure has been committed, or will shortly be incurred; that any necessary planning or other consent has been obtained; that any relevant statutory requirement or guidance has been complied with;
 - (b) to pay any approved grant by such instalments as it may deem appropriate, and to deduct from payment any sum of rent, service charge or other debt owing to the Council.

***Note on Condition 2 – Political activities**

In determining whether published material appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party, the Council will have regard to the matters set out in sub-section 2 of section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986 and to the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity issued by the Department of the Environment under section 4 of that Act. Sub-section 2 reads:

“In determining whether material falls within the prohibition regard shall be had to the content and style of the material, the time and other circumstances of publication and the likely effect on those to whom it is directed and, in particular, to the following matters

- (a) whether the material refers to a political party or to persons identified with a political party or promotes or opposes a point of view on a question of political controversy which is identifiable as the view of one political party and not of another;
- (b) where the material is part of a campaign, the effect which the campaign appears to be designed to achieve.”

Appendix 1

Barnet Council

Applications for funding made to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee

December 2014

AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

APPLICATIONS PUT FORWARD FOR DECISION

The following applications have passed the Council's due diligence tests and are being put forward to the Area Committees for consideration. Any additional officer comments are provided at the end of the assessment form for each application.

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green
Applicant/organisation:	Cricklewood Improvement Programme (Town Team)
Member sponsor:	Cllr. Shimon Ryde
Amount applied for:	£10,000
Total cost of project:	£10,000

What is the project?

Our project titled, "Animate to Activate Cricklewood" is focused around the new Cricklewood town square, delivered as part of the Cricklewood Outer London Fund Round 2 Project's public realm improvements. It is located on Cricklewood Lane, in the heart of the town centre. We want to make Cricklewood more of a destination for local people, decrease retail leakages, increase dwell time in the town centre, and build on Cricklewood's reputation for creativity.

The project will develop a stronger, more regular, and more visible cultural offer and will complement the activities of the weekly Cricklewood Specialist Market. The market, which was launched in September 2014 as part of the Mayor's Summer of High Streets, helps local people try or expand a business, fill the retail gaps in the High Street, and provides activity and additional interest in the town centre. The project will also host visiting markets, performances, workshops, annual festival and other activities. We aim to:

- Deliver an exciting calendar of events including innovative novelty markets, community events, arts, films and performances
- Work with local groups to develop ideas for the space
- Invite local schools to develop projects around the space and hold workshops for children
- Design creative and quality publicity materials for activities and publicise in print, web and social media
- Provide free entertainment and activities for visitors/shoppers
- Provide improved storage for our event/market infrastructure
- Add to existing event infrastructure.

The project will take place March to December 2015 and will be focused around the newly created town square on Cricklewood Lane by B&Q. The project will benefit:

1. The local community in general
2. Children and families
3. A local creative group
4. Young people not in employment
5. Market Stallholders

How will it benefit the local area?

Cricklewood town centre lacked a town square and the only open space on Cricklewood Lane by B&Q was underutilised; it only attracted street drinkers and rough sleepers. It was to address the two issues mentioned that The Mayor's Outer London Fund helped create a new town square. This new space was designed to a high quality standard, attractive and accessible to all and a real asset to both the borough and the community.

However, going by the area's antecedents, the challenge now for the town team and the

council is to maintain the infrastructure provisioned by the Outer London Fund and keep the space animated and occupied with the right kind of activities that are beneficial to the town centre. We would like continue, support and do justice to some worthwhile legacy projects of the Outer London such as Cricklewood Festival, creative workshops and markets. These projects helped bring communities together across the three boundaries of Barnet, Brent and Camden Councils which Cricklewood straddles, thereby helping Barnet Council achieve its priority of "promoting family and community well-being and encouraging engaged, cohesive, and safe communities.

The new Cricklewood market was setup to help activate the site, increase and add to Cricklewood's retail offer and encourage enterprise amongst locals. Some of the proposed activities will be focused around the market to help increase footfall and increase dwell time. Increased competition across London means that shoppers have come to expect more than retail therapy and successful town centres are those that try to give a cultural and alternative experience. It is hoped that our proposed activities would help create and "maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy".

In as much as the town team of volunteers are happy to act as custodians of some town centre assets and encourage community participation and partnership, they require funding to enable them conduct an already difficult business of volunteering without the added burden of wasting valuable time chasing after donations and sponsorship funds. Seed-funding would make the job that bit easier.

Which corporate priority does it meet?

To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

How does it meet that priority?

The Outer London Fund (OLF) provided Cricklewood with "a well-designed and accessible space, with sustainable infrastructure." The town teams through its work and activities aims to maintain and uphold the standard set by the OLF and making the square accessible and welcoming to every section of the community. Our ongoing good relationship with elected Ward Members, close liaison with Council officers and community involvement and participation ensure that the priority is met.

As previously mentioned, we would like to continue, support and do justice to some worthwhile legacy projects of the Outer London such as Cricklewood Festival, creative workshops and markets. These projects helped bring communities together across the three boundaries of Barnet, Brent, and Camden Councils which Cricklewood straddles, thereby helping Barnet Council achieve its priority of "promoting family and community well-being and encouraging engaged, cohesive, and safe communities". We aim to reposition Cricklewood town centre as a place to visit, work and play through our proposed activities. By making the space accessible to all and engaging all sections of the community with innovative, economic, cultural and educational activities, we will begin to increase pride of place, ownership of space, respect of assets and "maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy."

We aim to reposition Cricklewood town centre as a place to visit, work and play through our proposed activities. By making the space accessible to all and engaging all sections of the community with innovative, economic, cultural and educational activities, we will begin to increase pride of place, ownership of space, respect of assets and "maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy."

Other relevant comments or information from the application:

N/A

SAFEGUARDING

Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?

Yes – proposed creative workshops will involve working with children.

Satisfactory supporting information/ relevant safeguarding policies have been provided with the application.

EQUALITIES

Are there any equality issues associated with the project?

The project is aimed at the whole community although there are specific activities aimed at children and young people.

DUE DILIGENCE

Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?

Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

It's recommended that applicants are prepared to give further detail to Members on the activities and costings set out in the application.

Members should also note that while the application is for £10,000, the ceiling for grants which will not be subject to the Council's procurement rules is £9,999. Members may wish to adjust the amount awarded accordingly.

Date: 19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green	
Applicant/organisation:	Ezra Youth Movement	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Dean Cohen	
Amount applied for:	£4,500	
Total cost of project:	£7,000	
What is the project?		
<p>The Ezra Youth Movement is a long established youth movement for the children and young people between the ages of 8 - 18 based in Golders Green. Our youth leaders in consultation with our youth and local residents have suggested a project to provide out-of-school and weekend drop-in sessions of recreational activities to engage the local youth in our Youth Club Hall based at 2a Alba Gdns, NW11 9NR. Grant funds would be utilised for the capital purchase of leisure equipment - table tennis tables, snooker tables, and the formation of a library of books and CDs, as well as suitable furniture. Our youth leaders will be available as mentors and supervisors for the sessions.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>The project will engage the youth of the area and encourage them to spend their leisure time in a constructive social manner, in a safe supervised environment. This encourage our youth to occupy their leisure in a constructive manner that will benefit the community as a whole.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
<p>This project will promote a positive community spirit and a healthy living attitude thus improving their future opportunities both at work and at play - their health via the physical activities and their welfare by improving their social skills and emotional wellbeing.</p>		
Other relevant comments or information from the application:		
N/A		
SAFEGUARDING		
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?		
<p>Yes – the project involves working with children and young people.</p> <p>Satisfactory supporting information/ relevant safeguarding policies have been provided with the application.</p>		
EQUALITIES		

Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
The project aims to benefit children and young people.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
The group has applied for a grant which includes the running costs of the project (estimated at £2280 of the total) for the first year. After this, the running costs are to be absorbed into the group's general activities budget, which is resourced through private and charitable donations.	
Date:	19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Chipping Barnet	
Applicant/organisation:	Temple Fortune Club	
Member sponsor:	No Councillor contact.	
Amount applied for:	£30,000	
Total cost of project:	£30,000	
What is the project?		
We would like to relay the car park of Temple Fortune Club, which is badly damaged by potholes and larger surface area holes.		
How will it benefit the local area?		
It will enable better safety for all members of the club/public using the car park. It is unsafe to walk on and also unsafe to drive down and can cause damage to one's vehicle.		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
We would like to ensure that car park remains accessible and safe, and believe if this was maintained it will allow us to do so.		
Other relevant comments or information from the application:		
SAFEGUARDING		
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?		
No safeguarding issues.		
EQUALITIES		
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?		
Possible access benefits for club members with disabilities or mobility issues.		
DUE DILIGENCE		
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?		
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Although this application passes the basic due diligence tests conducted by officers and is in line with the Area Committee Budgets Guidance, meaning that it goes forward to the Committee for consideration, officers have concerns about whether the application can be said to provide a benefit to the wider community. Members should note that this is a private sports club and that the application does not involve opening the facilities up to the wider community or any additional community benefits or activities. As a result, Members should consider whether funding for a private club would be an appropriate use of public money if no benefits would result for non-members of the club.

Date: 19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green	
Applicant/organisation:	Friends of Windsor Open Space	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Graham Old	
Amount applied for:	£4,500	
Total cost of project:	£4,500	
What is the project?		
<p>There are three strands to the project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish a wildflower area by the footpath, which is part of the Dollis Valley Greenwalk and runs through Windsor Open Space. This will involve removing windblown trees, planting container grown standards to replace them and serve as a backdrop to the wildflower planting, and the purchase and planting of wildflower seeds likely to flourish in this location. Action: February/March. 2. To remove unwanted brambles and to 'gap up' hedgerows at the end of Windsor Road and close by. Action: January/February. 3. The modification and extension of the pond/scrape, which serves to relieve the flooding of the footpath when it rains heavily or when the Dollis Brook floods; and to provide appropriate marginal planting to improve the ecological diversity of the area. Completion expected by September 2015. <p>While the removal of the windblown trees and the planting of container grown standards will have to be done by professional tree surgeons, other work will be undertaken by Friends of Windsor Open Space and by other volunteers.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>Windsor Open Space is a designated Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation. This project will further enhance its biodiversity and at the same time benefit all users of the Open Space. We believe such regeneration improves health and increases wellbeing as well as being desirable in itself. Visitors will be helped to understand what is being done and why, and to become involved in the conservation work if they so wish.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		

Windsor Open Space is a designated Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation. This project will further enhance its biodiversity and at the same time benefit all users of the Open Space. We believe such regeneration improves health and increases wellbeing as well as being desirable in itself. Visitors will be helped to understand what is being done and why, and to become involved in the conservation work if they so wish.

Other relevant comments or information from the application:

N/A

SAFEGUARDING

Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?

Yes - potential environmental safety measures to protect children/vulnerable adults and appropriate policies around the recruitment of volunteers.

Satisfactory supporting information/ relevant safeguarding policies have been provided with the application.

EQUALITIES

Are there any equality issues associated with the project?

No specific issues identified.

DUE DILIGENCE

Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?

Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Green Spaces have advised that this project conforms to the Council’s intentions for this area apart from the wish to plant further trees. It is therefore recommended that Members do not agree the tree-planting element of the project and make this a condition of funding.

Further information has been sought on costings for this project but only a few of these are currently available. The group guarantees that any future maintenance will be undertaken by volunteers.

Date: 19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee	
Applicant/organisation:	North Finchley Town Team	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Ross Houston	
Amount applied for:	£9,999	
Total cost of project:	£93,000	
What is the project?		
<p>Percy Road Playground is the only available potential green space in our High Street, and although it is much loved and used by local children, it has been neglected and has a history of anti-social behaviour. We are looking to create a community space to enhance the very congested and densely populated local environment, that everyone can use and enjoy. From children playing after school, to local workers eating their lunch, to creating a space where people can come to relax and enjoy the surroundings.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>Our goal is to create an environment that enhances current usage of the park with educational, environmental, and community touch points and also creates a space that people will be proud of, will want to visit, and that can be used for community activities and events.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
<p>Percy Road Playground is the only potential green space in North Finchley town centre. Those who know it is there use it heavily but there are many locals who are not aware of the park. This will put the park on the map. It is also adjacent to the main town centre car park which hosts a weekly Friday market and also a monthly Saturday food market. If locals and others know about the playground and it was a pleasant, engaging and stimulating environment, they would be more likely to spend time in and around the High Street.</p> <p>The park is also attached to the Northside Primay School and Nursery as well as being in a heavily populated residential area full of families. If the environment was improved the local families would be more likely to use it, helping to build on an already strong community and to drive out anti-social behaviour. Sadly 'after hours' the park is used as a meeting point for dealers and the like, and as a result the flowerbeds are full of bottles, cans and drug paraphenelia, and the school cannot risk taking the children there more formally. We feel that if we can provide a park to be proud of, children's health and wellbeing will be improved as will the environment and business potential.</p>		

Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
No safeguarding issues.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
No specific equality issues.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
<p>For information, the budget breakdown shows that the equipment applied for includes £4,000 for two notice boards, £3,000 for a table tennis table and £2,000 for a chess table.</p> <p>Green Spaces strongly recommend supporting this application and that Members recommend the Town Team uses the funding to leverage in further investment from elsewhere.</p>	
Date:	19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green (made as a joint application to the Hendon Area Committee but to be considered by Finchley & Golders Green)	
Applicant/organisation:	Migdal Emunah	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Melvin Cohen	
Amount applied for:	£8,680	
Total cost of project:	£8,680	
What is the project?		
<p>According to National Statistics, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually molested before the age of 17 (2012). These figures are harsh and suggest that 34% of the UK population were victimised at some point in their lives. This demonstrates the desperate need for greater awareness and education to aid prevention and end child abuse.</p> <p>The long term strategy of better education and increased awareness to reduce the number of cases arising is also a focus being worked on by the charity. We are working closely with the NSPCC to create a bespoke educational programme for Jewish community schools that suggests the use of shared appropriate language and personal safety to empower children and their families with the knowledge to keep safe. With the creation of this child safety program that will be introduced to all school staff, parents and children, with age appropriate information, this provides the ability for families to have correct discussions of personal safety as well as a preventative measure.</p> <p>This program will be tailored to fit the need of the school including religious beliefs as well as age appropriate information. It will take place across all Jewish schools in Barnet.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
Barnet is the second most religiously diverse borough in the country and home to the largest Jewish community in the country. In the last census 15 per cent of people described their faith as Jewish. We aim to encourage meaningful and sustainable relationships between the Jewish community and their local area. It is imperative that there are open dialogues amongst all services, both for the prevention of further child abuse but also to ensure a safe, effective, and appropriate system is in place when abuse is disclosed.		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

How does it meet that priority?	
<p>The educational strategy and programme to be developed and implemented by Migdal Emunah will serve to enhance and encourage a number of priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, through the undertaking of our projects.</p> <p>Most notably the enhanced education in the specific area of sexual abuse will create an enhanced chance for a better life for children and young people in the borough from the target communities, where education in the subject is currently limited and under-provided. By affording them the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding, it is anticipated that greater knowledge and understanding of both the subject and how to act when faced with situations, there will be a generation of children equipped with the skills to combat sexual abuse far greater than present.</p> <p>In conjunction with the educational benefits derived, our educational project aims to promote family and community wellbeing for those participating through a more engaged cohesive and safer community who are; aware of sexual abuse; educated in how to combat and deal with it, as well as facing the subject as a family and moving forwards together. This is especially important in the target communities where it is encouraged to face these situations and deal with them together as a community. At present education is limited in how to tackle this problem together positively as a community for the benefit of victims, families and those affected by both the acts themselves and moving forwards.</p> <p>Our project intends to equip the community with the knowledge to deal with sexual abuse, but to also create and sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS. This is so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health through utilising services available to them in dealing with abuse, whether a victim, connected person, or affected by it, and ensuring they can lead a full and healthy life in light of sexual abuse.</p>	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes – working with children and young people.	
A comprehensive safeguarding policy and procedure has been provided.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
This project addresses an identified need for culturally specific education about safeguarding for Jewish children and young people.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
Members should note that this project appears to be borough-wide and that the Area Committees may not be the most appropriate funding route for this application.	

Date:	19 December 2014
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**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee	
Applicant/organisation:	Friends of Childs Hill Park	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Peter Zinkin	
Amount applied for:	£9,950	
Total cost of project:	£9,950	
What is the project?		
<p>This project will upgrade the equipment for under 5 year olds in Childs Hill Park. The detailed specification was drawn up after consultation with local schools and parents. The equipment will be supplied and installed by HAGS SMP, the Barnet approved contractor. The HAGS SMP estimate and drawings will be separately forwarded.</p> <p>The installation could take place as soon as funding is available, and would take approximately 2 weeks to install.</p> <p>The new equipment will be of great benefit to all young children in Barnet. The park is of course freely accessible to all residents.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>An earlier project completed summer 2014 upgraded the playground equipment for junior and older children. It has proved immensely popular, and drawn in large numbers of older children, but parents have told us they are disappointed with the rather limited equipment for younger siblings, largely some rather old spring toys.</p> <p>This project would provide really enjoyable and challenging play equipment for the youngest children. We have prioritised 2 types of equipment. Firstly that which is fully accessible, which will particularly benefit children with physical or sensory problems (toddler basket swing and eco-bongos). Secondly we have selected a trim trail, which encourages active play involving parents alongside their young children.</p> <p>We already have local schools that use Childs Hill Park, including a special needs school. This project will encourage more of the many local nursery schools and playgroups to benefit from Childs Hill Park's facilities.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
<p>Barnet employed a landscape architect to prepare an overall planting and equipment plan for Childs Hill Park to ensure that planned changes would enhance the appearance of the park. This project is consistent with this plan.</p>		

<p>The playground will encourage our youngest children to enjoy active and healthy play in the outdoors which is of proven benefit for their future development. We have been very careful to include accessible equipment which will enable children of all abilities to play together. Childs Hill Park is situated in the middle of a very densely populated and diverse community. The park has proved a focal point for all communities, where children from different countries, cultures and speaking a multitude of languages play happily together. This has encouraged even isolated groups to enjoy the park and bring their children to our craft activity and planting days. This project will enhance this trend further by bringing in families with the youngest children.</p>	
<p>Other relevant comments or information from the application:</p>	
<p>The Friends of Childs Hill Park works closely with Green Spaces, who support this development for the playground.</p>	
<p>SAFEGUARDING</p>	
<p>Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?</p>	
<p>No safeguarding issues identified. The organisation considers that the upgrade of the playground will not increase the risk and is covered by Barnet's existing safeguarding policy for its parks.</p>	
<p>EQUALITIES</p>	
<p>Are there any equality issues associated with the project?</p>	
<p>The project is targeted at under-5s. It includes benefits identified for a school for children with SEN. It also includes benefits identified via the park's role in bringing different cultures and communities together.</p>	
<p>DUE DILIGENCE</p>	
<p>Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?</p>	
<p>Passed – project can be considered by Committee:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Comments:</p>	
<p>The project complies with the criteria for funding and applicants have provided a full budget breakdown. Green Spaces have recommended that the applicants are encouraged to seek match funding to maximize the impact of the grant as the amount of money provided does not provide a great deal of park play equipment.</p>	
<p>Date:</p>	<p>19 December 2014</p>

AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

APPLICATIONS WITH OUTSTANDING QUERIES

The following applications are being put forward to the Area Committee for consideration, but require further information to confirm whether they pass the Council's due diligence tests. The outstanding issues have been identified in the comments box at the end of each assessment form. The comments indicate where further information has been requested from applicants and/or where there are other issues for Members to consider and address with applicants at the Committee meeting before coming to a decision on the application.

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee
Applicant/organisation:	Legadel
Member sponsor:	Cllr Reuben Thompstone
Amount applied for:	£9,950
Total cost of project:	£9,950

What is the project?

Our project is called "Legadel on the Horizon". It will take place in our office in Golders Green, in 2015. We will be setting up a children's service with effective systems in place, to meet the educational & developmental needs of disadvantaged young children and their families.

We will be benefitting & supporting 4-7 year olds who are finding it difficult to keep up with their age group in school. The project will target children who are not eligible for statutory support, but those who are starting to lag behind. Extra support now will ensure that they will be able to keep up with their peers and will not need more intensive help later.

The nature of our project is to establish a professional system which provides effective advice and service; and an environment where parents can share their concerns and work forward together as a team to facilitate change for the disadvantaged children of our community; improve their life and the life of the people around them.

We will spend the funds from the Committee on capital costs as follows:

- Buying new internal software system - supplied by Inclusion Expert, made to fit our purpose.
- Buying new hardware, including two computers, a printer and a projector.
- Consultations with relevant experts, to ensure our service offers provision effectively and efficiently without compromising on professional standards.
- One-off equipment for Therapy resources.
- Training for Key Workers to equip them with the necessary skills in Occupational Therapy, Speech & Language Therapy and Specialist Literacy. This training and consultancy will enable them to meet the educational & developmental needs of our children, run the project well, and ensure that we are up to speed for this project and can support the children & their families to the optimum.

How will it benefit the local area?

Our project 'Legadel on The Horizon' will benefit the local area by setting up an effective system which can deliver quality provision by efficiently identifying and meeting the educational and developmental needs of children across the borough, and facilitating positive change for them and their families. We will be supporting families and individuals that need it, and encouraging independence, learning, and wellbeing. We will be promoting responsible growth, development, and success.

Following the funding made available to effectively establish our systems, our service-provider will thus be enabled to:

- Make a significant difference to children with Emotional & Behavioural Difficulties; poor communication skills; poor Speech and Language; Auditory Processing Difficulties; Developmental Coordination difficulties; Sensory Integration and Hypermobility issues and poor handwriting.
- Assist children to get the help they need earlier and dispel the myth of "wait and see" until it may be too late to have a meaningful impact. The long term impact for a child receiving appropriate developmental support in good time; is immense. Such children will become successful at school and become active participants in society and their community. Research shows that children with un-remediated speech and language difficulties are less likely to

become employed; maintain relationships; and raise families of their own.

- Provide 'home-programmes' - simple activities which parents can carry out at home, which are proven to be effective. Hence, parents are empowered to help their children.
- To provide access to additional resources these children may need following this project, thus ensuring the positive impact remains well after the projects' completion.

Which corporate priority does it meet?

To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

How does it meet that priority?

It is self-evident that our project supports the priority of 'creating better life chances for children and young people across the borough' by ensuring that children will not have to go through hopelessness or distress due to their disadvantage. Our project also supports the priority of 'promoting family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities' as we will encourage adults experiencing similar issues with their children to make contact with each other, resulting in informal support networks being created.

This is because by establishing cost-effective and practically-effective systems, disadvantaged children of the community will have more productive years as youngsters, enabling them to build positive futures. Our organisation will not turn away disadvantaged families that cannot afford to pay for the already subsidised services, thereby promoting inclusion and equal opportunity.

We have seen that disadvantaged children often develop hostility towards their community who failed to understand and help them, leading to consequences such as dropping out of education and turning to delinquent behaviour. Setting up a robust service-provider is benefitting the local area as we are addressing the needs of our children, skilling-up and empowering the adults with the tools they need to promote positive changes in the lives and opportunities for disadvantaged children.

Through our project, a community culture of well-informed parents who are open to professional advice will grow; support networks become available resulting in people within the community providing invaluable emotional and practical support for each other.

All in all, our project naturally supports the London Borough of Barnet to be a better quality community. We will be improving the satisfaction of the residents of Barnet as an ideal place to live, work, and study.

Other relevant comments or information from the application:

N/A

SAFEGUARDING

Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?

Yes – the project involves working with children and young people.

A safeguarding policy has been provided and further information has been requested on the procedures which are in place to support this.

EQUALITIES**Are there any equality issues associated with the project?**

The project aims to benefit children and young people.

DUE DILIGENCE**Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?**

Passed – project can be considered by Committee:

Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:

Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:

Comments:

Members may wish to ask for further detail on the procedures in place to support the applicant's safeguarding policy.

The applicants have provided the following project costs:

Internal Software system supplied by Inclusion Expert	3,040.00
Hardware comprising 2 computers, printer, Projector	1,560.00
OT Equipment, resources	250.00
Trainings for Key Workers: OT	1,100.00
SLT	550.00
SPECIALIST LITERACY	550.00
KRIAH SPECIALIST	500.00
Consultations with relevant experts £950 *2 days	1,900.00
TOTAL	£9,950.00

Members may wish to ask for further information about how these costs have been estimated.

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**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green	
Applicant/organisation:	East Finchley Community Trust	
Member sponsor:	Councillor Alon Or-bach	
Amount applied for:	£2,250	
Total cost of project:	£2,250	
What is the project?		
The project is to support the East Finchley Community Festivals held in June and December. The local community will benefit from the activities undertaken at both Festivals as will local and High Road traders. The project involves the provision of marketing banners to promote the Christmas and Summer festivals and for the planting of a permanent Christmas Tree in the planting bed outside Budgens which will decorated by the local community each year.		
How will it benefit the local area?		
The project will help to ensure the continued success of the Summer and Christmas Festivals which attract local residents and from further afield to the local area. This would directly benefit local traders participating in the event, and traders on the High Road.		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
Bringing people together from the voluntary, community and commercial sectors for a day out actively promotes family and community cohesion and gives wide ranging opportunities for our local communities to mix, mingle, socialise, and support one another.		
Other relevant comments or information from the application:		
N/A		
SAFEGUARDING		
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?		
No safeguarding issues.		
EQUALITIES		
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?		

No equality issues identified.

DUE DILIGENCE

Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?

Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

The costs provided have been for previous festivals and do not include costings for the items proposed in the application (marketing banners and a permanent Christmas tree). Members will wish to seek further information about the costs of these items before making a decision whether to fund the project.

Date: 19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee
Applicant/organisation:	Somali Bravanese Welfare Association in Barnet
Member sponsor:	Cllr Arjan Kumar Mittra
Amount applied for:	£9,695
Total cost of project:	£9,695

What is the project?

Project:

Youth media (multimedia). The aim of this project is to do media courses for disadvantaged young people aged 14-19, offering courses and workshops in film production, operating cameras, editing, scriptwriting, drawing and animation. What we have identified is that nowadays most young people dedicate much more time to television, magazines, computer games, the internet, and music than they do on other things. This media project will give young people chance to work together in a group or teamwork and will also engage them in something they enjoy and benefit from. This project will also empower young people. By taking part media project in our community, it will take young people off of the street. Please note: Due to a recent arson attack 5th June 2013 at our Somali Bravanese centre all our media equipment including computers and editing software have been destroyed by the fire. As a result, we hope to secure funding for the media equipment for this current project and for future projects. We also hope to source other funding from other trusts to make this a long term project.

Objectives:

- Improving the employment prospects, education and skills of local people
- Addressing social exclusion and enhancing opportunities for the disadvantaged young people
- Supporting and promoting growth in local economies and businesses
- Reducing crime and drug abuse and improving community safety
- To engage young people who are not taking part in mainstream activities
- To help feed youthful ambitions to find a route into film production, broadcasting, journalism or behind-the scenes production.

The project will take place from February to April 2015 and will be held at Barnet Homes, Whetstone.

How will it benefit the local area?

Benefit:

- The benefit of this project is that young people will be equipped with the right skills to take advantage of employment through this media opportunity.
- The project will support young people in their social and personal development, which will help reduce anti-social behaviour.
- The project will also help them in communication and literacy skills, for example they learn how to research, write and interview for articles that are either published or even in national and local media.
- They will learn transferable skills, such as teamwork, that really stand them in good stead when they are job hunting and on their CV.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will attract a talented and committed group of young people who are serious about making careers in the digital media sector. • The area is a deprived community, with low skills and employment. 	
Which corporate priority does it meet?	
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input type="checkbox"/>
How does it meet that priority?	
This project will enable young people with additional qualifications that could possibly benefit them in the near future. Everyone who takes part will get an NVQ certificate if they attend the whole programme. This certificate will lead them to do further education to do media courses.	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes – the project involves working with children and young people.	
The project commits to DBS checks for all adults involved but no formal safeguarding policy has been provided.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
The project is aimed at supporting disadvantaged young people from a minority ethnic background. It is not clear from the application whether the project is aimed only at the Somali Bravanese community or whether recruitment will be aimed more broadly at disadvantaged children and young people.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
A full budget breakdown for the project has been provided, split between £2140 in salary costs, £2595 in running costs and the remainder in equipment purchases. Some assurances have been given in this area, but Members may wish to confirm that the equipment purchased (which is made up of two Apple Macs at a total cost of £2100, two cameras at a cost of £1800 and a video editing system at a cost of £300) will continue to be used for the same purposes if they decide to support this project.	

Members may also wish to note that the proposal is to draw young people from across the Borough and may wish to seek clarification as to the referral routes and access to the project. They may wish to clarify whether the project is aimed entirely at the Somali Bravanese community or whether recruitment will be broader than this.

The project commits to DBS checks for all adults involved but Members may wish to see a more formal safeguarding policy in place.

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**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee	
Applicant/organisation:	Long Lane Pasture Trust	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Ross Houston	
Amount applied for:	£5,000	
Total cost of project:	£5,000	
What is the project?		
<p>We require an open structure built over the hard standing area adjacent to the Pasture's large pond. This will be a bespoke built open-sided gazebo approx 6m x 3m x 2.2m, constructed by local craftsman Paul Castignetti, at a cost of £2,200 for materials and labour.</p> <p>This will give shelter to groups of people, work parties, and school classes visiting the Pasture, enabling talks and study to take place whatever the weather, ending the disappointment of events being cancelled due to rain.</p> <p>Also required is a 130 metre long fence to surround the area of the Pasture we refer to as Undisturbed Circle. This is an area of where the Pasture land is not disturbed, allowing the grasses and wildlife there to flourish naturally. The fence will enable this attractive, tranquil feature to survive, providing a unique wildlife habitat for visitors to enjoy and study.</p> <p>This will be built of wood under guidance of local craftsman Paul Castignetti, assisted by volunteer help at a cost of £2,800 for materials and labour.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>When school classes visit or when we have pond-dipping days, butterfly days and volunteer working groups visit, there will be a shelter to sit under to hear talks, discuss work plans, and even eat lunch, protected from the sun or rain, improving the conditions for visitors and volunteers.</p> <p>The Pasture offers an attractive and peaceful setting in Finchley for people to visit. We positively encourage community engagement. The laid path from the entrance to the main pond is wheelchair and pram accessible. In 2014 Long Lane Pasture won a Green Flag award and a London in Bloom award for being 'outstanding'.</p> <p>Visitors and residents benefit from having this 'jewel of Finchley' to picnic on, pick blackberries, watch birds and butterflies, and study a traditional hay meadow.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
How does it meet that priority?	
<p>We encourage and welcome people of all ages and abilities to volunteer at the Pasture, to help maintain this original piece of the ancient Finchley Common. Fresh air and exercise is both good for physical and mental health.</p> <p>We have had volunteer groups as part of Mitzvah Day, and in 2014 we had 60 teenagers from the National Citizens Service helping with hay raking and groundworks.</p> <p>We have had many young people working with us as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. We have recently been contacted by a young offenders organisation and look forward to working with them in 2015.</p>	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
No safeguarding issues identified with the current project.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
No equality issues identified.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
<p>No safeguarding issues identified with the current project although Members may wish to seek future assurances if planned work with the young offenders' institution mentioned goes ahead.</p> <p>A budget breakdown has been provided but quotations for the structure have only been sought from a single craftsperson. Members may wish to request that additional quotations are sought to ensure the project is cost-effective.</p> <p>The site is leased to the Trust, who are responsible for all maintenance. Members may wish to make funding conditional on planning permission being obtained for the structure.</p>	
Date:	19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green	
Applicant/organisation:	45 Clitterhouse Farm, Alistair Lambert	
Member sponsor:	Reuben Thompstone, Shimon Ryde, Dean Cohen, Melvin Cohen	
Amount applied for:	£9,999	
Total cost of project:	£9,999	
What is the project?		
Spring / summer 2015 at Clitterhouse Farm Outbuildings in Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Cricklewood.		
Local people of all ages will benefit from the development of our successful programme of local engagement activities which focus on positive, healthy, and constructive social activities related to and based around the historic Clitterhouse Farm site.		
We will consult with local people to develop plans and assess uses of the farm buildings in the future and also gain professional advice on planning how best to reopen one of the disused buildings for community use in the near future.		
How will it benefit the local area?		
We will continue to improve the appearance and amenity of the disused buildings space, reducing anti-social behaviour and increasing the appeal and public amenity of the park. We will promote social cohesion and healthy social activities, bridging the generation gap and inspiring people to become involved in improving their area.		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
We will promote opportunities for local people to learn skills, plan projects and raise funds. We will encourage small social enterprises and business start-ups to get involved with the Clitterhouse Farm Project.		
Our gardening, cycle repair and creative workshops will engage local children and young people to become active and involved, by learning new skills, building confidence and taking part in a growing community project that they can help to develop.		
Our attendance and positive engagement with the local 'Memories' History Group has seen		

several senior citizens actively engaged with the Farm Project, in particular a local history tour, oral history talk at Whitefields School and attendance at our previous events. A senior walking group has plans to meet regularly at the Farm.

Our events and plans have family and community wellbeing at their heart. We achieve this through activities designed to be accessible to all, healthy, safe, and designed to promote wellbeing and improve the safety and security of the Clitterhouse Playing Fields.

We are transforming a site from being a liability into an asset.

Other relevant comments or information from the application:

Councillors Reuben Thompstone and Dean Cohen have attended some of our 'Hug the Farm' events held at the Farm and we maintain contact with all our local councillors through their regular surgeries and our newsletter. We recently met Councillor Shimon Ryde on site. Councillor Thompstone has known of and supported our project for several years now and has agreed to champion this funding bid.

The land for the project is sublet from the current tenant of the farm outbuildings, who supports the project.

The project costs include £1,500 for professional advice from an architect on how best to use the outbuildings in the future.

Costings for the proposed workshops have been based on an hourly fee of £25 for speakers, organisers and specialists (such as cycle mechanics) and £20 for assistants; £20 for publicity and promotion and some materials costs. These have produced costs of between £200 and £300 for each proposed event and the project proposes a total of ten, two each of

- Gardening and planting events
- Cycle repair and training
- Illustrated talks on local history
- Open air cinema
- Creative and constructive workshops to decorate the farm buildings

In terms of the sustainability of insurance for the project, the insurance funding requested (£1,000) would cover our events and access of the site for preliminary building works and surveys for a year. We have previously insured events at the Farm, the cost of which we covered through sponsorship and fund-raising at the events. We have secured a £10K grant from the social Investment business to fund our organisational development and business planning process. This process will include planning and development of income generation to cover necessary costs such as insurance. Funding for one year will help us continue to develop our community engagement programme and scheme for the use of the buildings, both of which are key to our future progression.

In relation to future maintenance of the lean-to structure, the lean-to structure will be designed and built by us. It will be secured when not in use and designed to be low maintenance using readily available materials. Our presence on-site and our improvements to the frontage have already brought about a change in attitude to that part of the site removing graffiti and anti-social behaviour. We intend to use the lean-to to extend that improvement down the side of the site. The construction itself will remove an area currently misused for fly tipping and protect a fragile part of the building. If for any reason our project does not continue to develop as planned the structure will easily be dismantled and reused elsewhere. On-going maintenance will be part of our volunteer programme for training and skills which is to be part of our future programming and fund-raising.

Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes – the project potentially involves working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Satisfactory supporting information/ relevant safeguarding policies have been provided with the application.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
Benefits have been identified for children, young people and older people.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
Members may wish to ascertain whether the professional advice from the architect is simply to support a future funding application. If so, funding should not be awarded for this elements (£1,500) as Section 4 of the Guidance for the Area Committee Budgets states that funding will not be given to assist with the administration and/or research costs of preparing an application.	
Date:	19 December 2014

AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION
Reference number: 45

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green	
Applicant/organisation:	Cricklewood Millennium Green Trust	
Member sponsor:	Councillor Shimon Ryde	
Amount applied for:	£180	
Total cost of project:	£180	
What is the project?		
The project is for local families without gardens, living in flats, to plant vegetable plants in the spring in the planter provided this year by Carillion as a donation to the Cricklewood Millennium Green, Claremont Road, NW2 1BP.		
How will it benefit the local area?		
It will provide local adults and children the opportunity to plant and then watch the vegetables grow. It will provide healthy exercise and will contribute to a community feeling as they all take part in the project.		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
The project will improve the Millennium Green, encouraging more people to use and enjoy it. It is an opportunity for retired people, as well as all ages, to take part in healthy exercise and create a joint sense of achievement.		
Other relevant comments or information from the application:		
The applicants state: Cllr Ryde has visited the green and encouraged the application. We currently hold monthly gardening weekends from April to November, weather permitting. The vegetable planting project will be planned for these weekends. I have three years' experience of managing the various volunteer gardeners who have been coming along on these days. We have a locked shed on the green where we keep the tools.		
SAFEGUARDING		
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?		68

Yes – project involves interaction with children, young people and potentially vulnerable adults.

The applicants state that children are supervised by their parents and there are at least 2 Trustees, as well as other members of Friends of the Green, attending these volunteering days. The 2 Trustees have the responsibility for the overall management of the volunteers and the work carried out.

The lead applicant is one of the Trustees who organise and supervise these days and is a retired fully qualified Youth and Community Worker, credited with the Department For Education. Their working experience includes working for various Local Authorities over 40 years, including the job of Senior Neighbourhood Centre Worker at Kilburn Square Youth Centre in Brent. More recently they were a qualified Assessor and Internal Verifier for National Vocational Qualifications in Early Years Education, with the Borough of Waltham Forest. The other Trustee who supervises these gardening days, and would be supervising also the vegetable planting project, is a qualified Nursery worker at a private Nursery in Brent.

EQUALITIES

Are there any equality issues associated with the project?

The project identifies benefits for children and families.

DUE DILIGENCE

Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?

Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

Members may wish to make funding conditional on the scheme being maintained and managed appropriately – the Green is a public area and the gardens may be vulnerable to vandalism.

Members may also wish to make funding conditional on volunteers involved with the project being DBS checked if they are working with children and young people.

Date: 19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley and Golders Green
Applicant/organisation:	Friends of Tiferes
Member sponsor:	Councillor Shimon Ryde
Amount applied for:	£5,000
Total cost of project:	£9,500

What is the project?

The project focuses on the health and welfare of young people. This will be delivered through the 3 programmes in the "After School Club" which are 1) The Drama Stream, and 2) The Sports Stream 3) The Homework Club.

Our objectives are to provide a warm suitable environment to permit children to develop a range of talents which will help them become useful members of society. Many of the pupils of the target school are from large orthodox Jewish families with limited space and often no access to I.T. facilities. The club will provide the space and facilities necessary for the children to utilise their time in an effective manner, ensuring they are not on the streets or involved in unsuitable activities.

Drama:

- To provide a healthy outlet for young people and at the same time cultivate talent in this sometimes forgotten area.
- To encourage students across the academic spectrum to participate, thereby giving young people of all abilities another opportunity to shine and succeed.
- To invest in suitable equipment i.e. 2 laptop computers, a wide angle projector and a speaker system with wireless microphones.

Sports:

- To create an awareness of the benefits of engaging in regular exercise and to actively encourage participation.
- To teach young people the vital life skills of discipline, teamwork, being a good loser and others, in this eminently appropriate setting.
- To provide facilities for exercise and sport in the form of Table Tennis tables and Netball equipment (posts, bibs and balls).
- The chances of succeeding at making a difference in peoples lives is significantly higher when these activities are undertaken as a group, and not individually.

Homework club:

- To allow pupils to access I.T facilities in the safe controlled manner which is otherwise unavailable to them.
- To provide a conducive environment to help them do their homework.
- To provide up to 20 computers, with a mix of pc and laptops, with up-to-date software and internet access, to enable the young people to access information as necessary

The project will cater for the students of Tiferes High School and will take place on schooldays after the school closes for the day and on weekends. The venue will be the nearby Queens Park and the grounds of the school plus rooms within the school with permission of the management of the school.

How will it benefit the local area?	
The project will benefit young people in the borough and their families	
When young people are actively engaged out of school hours in healthy, creative and useful activities, they develop into healthy, creative and responsible adults. This talent is then fed back in to the local area as they take on responsibilities and roles in the community. The presence of a group of young people in the park engaged in organised activities and exercise creates a sense of security and a good-feel factor that attracts others to do likewise.	
Which corporate priority does it meet?	
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
How does it meet that priority?	
1) We will encourage people to be active and to use the local parks and green spaces for exercise and outdoor activities. 3) The project has at its heart the notion of improving chances for children and young people 4) It is well known that people who are physically active are healthier and thus have a better chance at succeeding in other areas in life. 5) The group setting and the emphasis on life skill teaching will promote family and community well-being.	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
The organisation has sought donations of computers and screens from other sources and acquired 16 to support the project.	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes, the project includes work with children and young people.	
The application commits to carrying out referencing and DBS checks for all volunteers involved but does not provide a safeguarding policy.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
The project will benefit young people from the Jewish community. As stated in the application, homework clubs have been identified as a valuable resource for families in the orthodox Jewish community where space at home may be limited.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:

Comments:

The applicant is a 'Friends of' group applying on behalf of an independent secondary school. The school is a registered charity.

Members will wish to see a full budget breakdown before approving this application for funding.

Members will wish to make funding conditional on receipt and review of the organisation's safeguarding policy.

Date: 19 December 2014

AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

APPLICATIONS NOT PUT FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION

The following applications are included **for information only** and **are not being put forward to the Area Committee for consideration** as they have either failed the Council's due diligence tests or contravene the conditions for funding set out in the Area Committee Budgets Guidance in some other way. These issues are indicated in the comments box at the end of each assessment form.

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Hendon, Finchley and Golders Green, Chipping Barnet	
Applicant/organisation:	AOPM - Communities for Youth Justice	
Member sponsor:	None	
Amount applied for:	9,999	
Total cost of project:	9,999	
What is the project?		
<p>Barnet's children and young people in trouble with the law, with undiagnosed Special Education Needs and those in the care of the Council will benefit. The project will involve working alongside an identified family, or a specified child in Social Care , and with Education, Health and Social Care professionals, and those in the Youth Offending Service, Schools or PRU. The prime beneficiary will be the child(ren) and family nominated by the Youth Offending Service. The outcome will map a clear route to preparation of a combined Education, Health and Care plan to enable compliance with the Council's statutory requirements for youth offenders as of April 2015.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>The child(ren) identified will be enabled to access the necessary services to achieve their potential.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
How does it meet that priority?		
<p>Children in contact with the YOT are often in the care of the Council, have undiagnosed learning disabilities and/or come from families in deprived circumstances who are unable to engage with the Council's bureaucratic procedures. Children therefore cannot readily access resources available within the Borough to secure their to meet their health, emotional well-being and welfare needs. A pathway for developing a holistic Education, Health and Care plan for young offenders will channel resources more effectively in delivering cross-agency support</p>		
Other relevant comments or information from the application:		
N/A		

SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes – project involves working with children and young people. The applicant states that safeguarding issues arising during specified activities would be notified to the Local Authority Designated Officer .	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
None identified.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
This project does not fit with the purpose of the Area Committee Budgets, which is to focus on projects which improve the social and economic wellbeing of the local area rather than on support for individuals, and has not therefore been put forward for consideration for the Committees.	
Date:	19 December 2014

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green
Applicant/organisation:	London Fire Brigade
Member sponsor:	None
Amount applied for:	£5,000
Total cost of project:	£23,000

What is the project?

LIFE is a project started by London fire brigade twelve years ago. The Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) is an intensive course that is run over five days at operational fire stations. Aimed at young people aged between 14 and 17 years old the course is an opportunity to learn new skills and build on existing ones. Its main aim is to reduce anti-social behaviour and increase the confidence of the young people taking part, while educating them in fire safety skills and responsible citizenship.

LIFE also seeks to bring about a long-term change in behaviour, attitudes, aspirations and confidence levels for Young People (YP) who are excluded from, or struggling in, school. The Life scheme is a structured mentoring scheme that uses well tested programmes to instil critical thinking skills, self worth and discipline.

Young people on the course will perform roles carried out by firefighters such as using a ladder, casualty rescue, wearing breathing apparatus and first aid. Each YP will, over the course of the week, learn how to perform a full fire drill with use of a fire-training tower, a fire engine and fire equipment. They will learn specific skills (supporting educational attainment/future careers) including, punctuality, presentation and responding to orders, organisational skills, working as part of a team and planning and executing tasks. Each YP will be mentored by a fire fighter, who supports (and chronicles) their journey through the course. A "pass out" event will take place at the end of the week (with parents, peers, teachers and other stakeholders in attendance) showcasing the skills learned through a demonstrated fire drill. It also includes testimonials from fire fighters about each YP and their experience/development on the course. From January 2015 the course will be accredited by AQA and participants will receive a qualification.

If successful with this funding application, we would look to deliver a LIFE course in Barnet for the first time from Finchley Fire Station by latest August 2015. YP will come via referrals from local schools, Youth Offending Teams, Pupil Referral Units, Barnet Homes (who support the project), Metropolitan Police and community/voluntary organisations. The referral will be triggered for a YP who is at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) or are engaged in anti-social behaviour/crime. As a demonstration of commitment to the borough, LFB would look to run a second LIFE course in 2015/16 at Finchley Fire Station with no cost to the local authority.

How will it benefit the local area?

The LIFE instructors report positive changes in the attitude and behaviour of the participants during the courses. Course instructors reported seeing positive changes in the attitudes and behaviour of participants including improvements in application, relationships with instructors and other course participants, communication, timekeeping, aptitude for learning, manners, observation and listening. For many young people working within a disciplined uniformed service creates a safe environment from which they are able to develop with the help of fire-

fighters as boundary setters and positive role models.

Young people who participated in the scheme report positive changes in their attitudes and behaviours. Participants reported positive changes including :

- more respect for fire fighters and the job they do after the course
- more self -confidence
- understanding the benefits of team working
- transferable skills
- improved self-image
- The majority of participants also reported that they no longer took part in a range of negative behaviours.

Referral Agents who refer young people to the LIFE course also report positive changes in the young people when they return to work at School, College, Youth Offending Team and Youth Justice. These changes are in attendance, punctuality, willingness to listen and work with others, improved communication in the home and outside with adults or persons in authority.

The young people who complete the LIFE course normally go back into main stream schools or into further education. The course changes each young person’s perception of themselves and shows them that they are capable of far more than they think. LIFE teaches them that they can achieve what ever they decide to do if they work hard and are committed.

LFB has a three tier evaluation process. This consists of pre and post course questionnaires to be completed by the young person, Parent and Referral Agent before and immediately after the course and will be followed by questionnaires at six months and twelve months.

We are be able to track improvements in the young people’s behaviour at home, at School/College and within their communities, and produce new statistical data including reductions in re-offending, anti-social behaviour and malicious calls.

6 months and 12 month Evaluation reports from the Referral Agents (People who refer the young people to us), Police record checks to find out if the young person has re-offended, Family contact to ensure that the young person knows we are still monitoring and contact with the young person to show on-going support if non re-offending.

Local Authority staff and elected members will be invited to each of the two passouts to meet with the young people. Young people would also be available to attend a future Barnet Safer Communities Partnership meeting to present on how they found the experience. Case studies of young people and regular communication to local and regional press will also be produced.

Which corporate priority does it meet?

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How does it meet that priority?	
<p>The project will add value to current activity by offering young people a neutral venue at which to attend. It is anticipated that the project will help contribute to the borough's existing corporate projects priorities to create better life chances for children and young people and create a safer community. The project will target YP in Barnet who are at high risk of causing anti-social behaviour, by virtue of them being referred via Youth Offending Teams or Pupil Referral Units (school exclusions). The course will instil in them, greater confidence, positive attitudes and aspirations, a focus in life as well as experience of working with different people. Developing these attributes, we believe, is conducive to reducing their risk of being involved in anti-social behaviour. The project will also, using the mechanisms described above, help to reduce re-offending (for YP who have offended). Activities that the YP undertake during the case will also be focused on promoting healthy lifestyles and physical exercise.</p>	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
<p>Yes – working with young people</p> <p>The organization states it has comprehensive children and adult safeguarding policies that staff delivering LIFE are fully trained in.</p>	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
None identified.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
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Comments:	
<p>This project has been initiated by another public sector body and as such is not eligible for funding from the Area Committee Budgets, as set out in section 4 of the Area Committee Budgets Guidance.</p>	
Date:	19 December 2014