

Decisions of the Community Leadership Committee

9 September 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor David Longstaff (Chairman)

Councillor Eva Greenspan	Councillor Charlie O-Macauley
Councillor Arjun Mitra	Councillor Hugh Rayner
Councillor Nagus Narenthira	Councillor Lisa Rutter
Councillor Alon Or-Bach	Councillor Agnes Slocombe

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Graham Old

Councillor Brian Gordon

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Councillor David Longstaff, Chairman of the Community Leadership Committee welcomed all attendants to the meeting.

RESOVLED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 June 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Old who was substituted by Cllr Brian Salinger and Cllr Brian Gordon who was substituted by Cllr Peter Zinkin.

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

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None were received.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

7. AN UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME (MOPAC)

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Dave Lobb from Metropolitan Police to join the meeting. The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities, Kiran Vagarwal introduced the report which provides an update on the Council's engagement with MOPAC.

In response to a query from the Committee Ms Vagarwal explained how the grant funding is allocated between five local projects and the way this contributes to achieving the priorities identified in the Safer Communities Strategy 2015-2020.

The Committee noted the total amount of funding to be received for 2016/17 (£220,424) in comparison to the amount of funding allocated for 2015/16 (£236,674).

The Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. The Committee unanimously

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Committee note and comment on the updates on the engagement with MOPAC and the details of the current grant funding received from the London Crime Prevention Fund.**
- 2. The Committee note and comment on the performance of the MOPAC funded projects attached as appendix one of this report.**
- 3. The Committee note the funding received from MOPAC set out in appendix two of this report.**

8. CCTV TRANSFORMATION PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

The Chairman introduced the item which provides an update on the council's transformation of the CCTV service in Barnet.

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities, Kiran Vagarwal briefed the Committee about the latest results of the Resident Perception Survey which shows that overall CCTV service has a positive result on perceptions of safety.

Following a query from the Committee, Ms Vagarwal stated that charges would apply if there is a change from fixed CCTV cameras to mobile cameras, and that this would involve a unit cost charged per camera. In addition, the Committee noted that there is additional cost associated, should the CCTV camera locations be changed.

The Committee was informed about the wireless solution to transmit footage from the cameras to the CCTV control room which enables a greater level of flexibility to add and move cameras around the borough.

Chief Inspector Dave Lobb noted the increased flexibility in enabling the Police to view evidential footage faster from the CCTV cameras which can be directly downloaded to the police station.

In response to a query from the Committee, Ms Vagarwal informed the Committee about the factors which continue to inform the assessment of CCTV locations. These include:

- Consultation with the Police Intelligence Unit and Visual Identification Unit

- Joint site visits by the Police and council Street Scene officers
- Crime hotspots and level of concern around anti-social behaviour
- Neighbourhood Policing Teams and various engagement methods

The Chairman thanked the Committee for the discussion and moved to the recommendations as set out in the report. The Committee therefore unanimously

RESOLVED that:

1. **The Committee note the progress made on transforming Barnet's CCTB service and capabilities.**
2. **The Committee note the future actions.**

9. PERFORMANCE REPORT ON PUBLIC CONFIDENCE WITH BARNET POLICE AND BARNET COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

The Committee noted the report and the information from the most recent Public Attitude Survey and Residents Perception Survey. The Committee noted the residents' concerns around the increase of the percentage of litter from 23% in 2013-14 to 27% in 2014-15.

The Chairman moved to the recommendations. The Committee therefore unanimously

RESOLVED that:

1. **The Community Leadership Committee note the partnership performance on resident confidence with the police and council's response to crime and anti-social behaviour.**

10. BURNT OAK JOBS TEAM BRIEFING

The Chairman welcomed Rachel Williamson, Commissioning and Policy Advisor to join the meeting. Ms Williamson delivered a presentation to update the Committee on the Love Burnt Oak grant for participation in the Burnt Oak Opportunity Support Team (BOOST).

Ms Williamson informed the Committee about the aims of the project to support people to find work by bringing services together to offer local residents targeted support to develop new skills.

The Committee noted the support provided by the community partner, Love Burnt Oak, to residents. In addition, the Committee heard about the partnership work to develop and provide services which include themed services towards training and employment, health and wellbeing, children and families.

Action: Presentation slides to be circulated to membership of the Committee

The Chairman thanked Ms Williamson for the presentation and the Committee noted the presentation.

11. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Having considered the Annual Performance Report, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED that:**

The Committee note the progress made during 2014/15 and agree to use the information provided to help in future decision making.

12. NOMINATION OF CHURCH END LIBRARY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

The Chairman introduced the report which sets out the nomination for Church End Library to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Following a query from the Committee, Lanna Childs (HB Public Law) briefed the Committee about the statutory tests as set out by the Localism Act 2011, particularly in relation to the requirement that 'the Council considers it likely that it would be able to have such a community benefit use in the next 5 years'.

The Director of Strategy, Stephen Evans noted that the library service is to be transferred to a new site at Gateway House around 2017/18 and that currently a decision about the future use of the Church End site has yet to be made. The Committee further noted that decision will be taken by the Assets, Regeneration and Growth (ARG) Committee when the library service vacates the property.

Councillor Arjun Mittra moved a motion which was duly seconded to amend the recommendations to read that the Committee does not list Church End Library as an Asset of Community Value.

Having moved to the vote, the motion was lost. Votes were recorded as follows:

For	5
Against	6
Abstentions	0

The Chairman moved to the recommendations as set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

The Committee does not list Church End Library as an Asset of Community Value on the basis that the library service is to be transferred to a new site and, until a decision on the future of the current site is taken, there can be no realistic basis on which to think that its main use will continue to further the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community (whether or not in the same way as it does now).

Votes were recorded as follows:

For	6
Against	5
Abstentions	0

13. CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAMME, 2015/16 - GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Chairman introduced the item which sets out four assessments of grant applications.
The Committee unanimously

RESOLVED that:

- (1) That, subject to the council's Standard Conditions of Grant and the special conditions shown in the respective grant assessments enclosed:
 - (i) a one-year start-up grant of £10,000 be awarded to Inclusion Barnet;**
 - (ii) a one-year start-up grant of £10,000 be awarded to Saracens Sport Foundation;**
 - (iii) a one-year start-up grant of £9,000 be awarded to Stroke Action.****
- (2) That, for the reasons set out in the relevant assessment, the application for a grant by The GesherEU Support Network is not supported.**

14. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the standing item on the agenda, the Forward Work Programme of the Community Leadership Committee for 2015/16.

RESOLVED that the Committee consider and comment on the items included in the 2015/16 work programme.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 8.20 pm