



Community Leadership Committee 23 November 2016

Title	Community Participation Strategy: Update
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Wards	All
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1- Update on the Community Participation Strategy
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Summary

On the 25 June 2014 the Community Leadership Committee agreed the development of the Community Participation Strategy, and on 11 March 2015, it agreed a detailed implementation plan.

This vision of the Community Participation Strategy is to:

- Increase the level of community activity across the borough;
- Build stronger partnerships between the community and the Council;
- Coordinate and improve the support the Council gives to communities; and
- Help the Council take more account of community activity and preferences when making decisions about how to deliver against the Borough's priorities.

The implementation plan agreed by the Committee consists of six work streams to be delivered. This is the second progress update to the Community Leadership Committee.

This report provides an update of the Council's progress on the implementation of the Community Participation Strategy.

Recommendations

That the Committee note the progress of the Community Participation Strategy.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 On the 25 June 2014 the Community Leadership Committee agreed the development of the Community Participation Strategy (CPS) and on 11 March 2015, it agreed a detailed implementation plan.
- 1.2 This vision of the CPS is to:
- Increase the level of community activity across the borough;
 - Build stronger partnerships between the community and the Council;
 - Coordinate and improve the support the Council gives to communities; and
 - Help the Council take more account of community activity when making decisions about how to deliver against the Borough's priorities.
- 1.3 The implementation plan agreed by the Committee consists of six work streams. This is the second progress update to the Community Leadership Committee.
- 1.4 This progress update provides a focus on the delivery of the implementation plan and the forthcoming communication campaign.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To update Members of the Community Leadership Committee on the progress of the Community Participation Strategy.

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 This Community Participation Strategy contributes to the Corporate Plan's

objective to promote family and community wellbeing and support engaged, cohesive and safe communities by improving engagement, increasing independence and resilience, and strengthening community networks.

- 5.2 The Community Participation Strategy will help to enable the Health and Wellbeing Strategy through support for work to reduce demand and increase the levels of community provision. It also supports the Community Asset Strategy to better support the voluntary and community sector through effective use of our physical assets

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

- 5.3.1 The service is being managed within appropriate budgets. There are no financial implications.

5.4 Social Value

- 5.4.1 This report provides an update on a service which has already been commissioned where the benefits were outlined in the business case and previous committee reports. Please note the reports listed in section 6.1 of this report.

5.5 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.5.1 Council Constitution Part 15, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A states the terms of reference of the Community Leadership Committee, including 'to approve any non-statutory plan or strategy within the remit of the Committee that is not reserved to full Council or Policy & Resources' and 'to maintain good community relations with Barnet's diverse communities ensuring that all communities have the opportunity to participate fully in the Borough's affairs'.

5.6 Risk Management

- 5.6.1 Not applicable for this report as it is seeking to update the Community Leadership Committee and not seeking a decision.

5.7 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.7.1 The Strategy will support the three strands of the Public Sector Equality Duty by:

- Monitoring the engagement activities undertaken to ensure they are representative, and identify and eliminate any barriers to access, eliminating unlawful discrimination
- Ensuring that all residents have the same opportunities to develop skills, independence and resilience by developing capacity across the Borough, advancing equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- Building stronger networks and improving cohesion, to foster good relations between people from different groups.

- 5.7.2 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provision of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, advance equality of opportunity between

people from different groups and foster good relations between people from different groups. Both the local authority and the CCGs are public bodies. The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 Strategy has been developed in part following consultation undertaken to support the PSR, where residents identified the need for responsibility to be shared more evenly between the Council and the community and suggested some resources which would support this. Dedicated consultation has taken place to underpin the development of the Community Asset Strategy and the Community Right to Bid. Further engagement has and will continue be carried out as part of the implementation of the Strategy.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 No specific insight data has been used to inform the decision required.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Previous Decisions:

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

[Community Participation Strategy - Area Committee Budgets And Wider Community Funding](#), Community Leadership Committee, September 11 2014

[Community Asset Strategy](#), Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, December 15 2014.

[Community Participation Strategy: Update Report](#), Community Leadership Committee, 25 November 2015,

[Developing A Community Participation Strategy: Implementation Plan](#), Community Leadership Committee, March 11 2015

[Community Asset Implementation Plan](#), Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, September 7 2015 6.7 Entrepreneurial Barnet, Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, December 15 2015

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