



## Community Leadership Sub-Committee

### 23 November 2016

<b>Title</b>	<b>Regeneration and Community Cohesion</b>
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<b>Wards</b>	Colindale
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<b>Urgent</b>	No
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## Summary

At the September Community Leadership Committee it was agreed that officers would meet with Councillor Nagus Narenthira to better understand her concerns raised during a Members' item on regeneration and community cohesion.

Susie Kemp (Director of Strategy, Innovation and Customer Services) and Sara Elias-Bassett (Community Participation, Engagement and Strategy Lead) met with Councillor Nagus Narenthira and established that her main concern was a lack of information about the development of the community hubs at Grahame Park, and the relocation of community groups from their existing residences to the new hubs. Officers reassured Cllr Narenthira that good plans are in place and that the project is being overseen by the Asset, Regeneration and Growth Committee. Officers agreed to meet with the Grahame Park project team to see how communication for members and the community might be improved.

After discussions with the project team, it was agreed that:

- At the next Grahame Park project team meeting with Councillors (held on 7 November 2016) a discussion would take place on ways to improve communication

- with community groups on upcoming engagement opportunities;
- That the RIBA Stage 2 Report for Grahame Park Community Hub, which outlines past engagement with community groups to inform the design of the community hubs would be re-circulated to stakeholders; and
- That the project team would extract information on engagement with community groups from the larger stakeholder engagement plan to promote a better understanding of future community group engagement plans.

## **Recommendations**

**That the actions related to the previous Member's item are noted by the Community Leadership Committee.**

### **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 At the Community Leadership Committee on 9 March 2016 a request was made by Councillor Nagus Narenthira for a report to be submitted on the impact of regeneration schemes in the borough on community cohesion. It was resolved that this item would come back to the next Community Leadership Committee meeting if it was not discussed during the Asset, Regeneration and Growth Committee which took place on 17 March 2016.
- 1.2 Councillor Nagus Narenthira reported that this request was not sufficiently discussed during the ARG Committee in March, thus the Community Leadership Committee on 9 September 2016 was requested to provide instructions in regards to this issue.
- 1.3 On 9 September 2016 the Committee agreed that officers, in consultation with Councillor Narenthira, would put together a proposal and report to a future committee meeting on the resources needed, timescales and objectives of a report.
- 1.4 On 20 October 2016 Susie Kemp (Director of Strategy, Innovation and Customer Services) and Sara Elias-Bassett (Community Participation, Engagement and Strategy Lead) met with Councillor Nagus Narenthira. During the meeting it was established that her main concern was communications regarding the development of the community hubs at Grahame Park, and the relocation of community groups from their existing residences to the new hubs.
- 1.5 Officers agreed to clarify the position and investigate with the project team what information was already available, and how communication might be improved. After discussions with the project team, it was agreed that:
  - At the next Grahame Park project team meeting with Councillors (held on 7 November 2016) a discussion would take place on ways to improve communication with community groups on upcoming engagement opportunities;

- That the report which outlines past engagement with community groups to inform the design of the community hubs would be re-circulated to ward Councillors; and
- That the project team would develop a community engagement plan, to be shared with Ward Councillors. The information would be taken from the larger stakeholder engagement plan, which already exists.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made and the Committee is asked to note the actions taken.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

- 3.1 Not applicable.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

Not applicable.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's 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 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 There are no social value considerations as this decision does not relate to a service contract.

### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

Community Leadership Committee terms of reference are set out in Council Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A.

### **5.5 Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

### **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

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

## **5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

## **5.8 Insight**

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

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Minutes of the meeting of Community Leadership Committee, 7 September, Agenda item 7: Member's Item in the name of Cllr Nagus Narenthira.

<https://barnetintranet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s34308/Members%20Item%20-%20Regeneration%20and%20Community%20Cohesion%20-%20Councillor%20Nagus%20Narenthira.pdf>