

# Decisions of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee

12 June 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor Reuben Thompstone (Chairman)

Councillor David Longstaff (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Charlie O-Macauley

Councillor Felix Byers

Councillor Reema Patel

Councillor Sara Conway

Councillor Lachhya Gurung

Councillor Jennifer Grocock

Councillor Danny Rich

Councillor Julian Teare

## 1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be agreed as the correct record.

## 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

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

Member	Agenda Item	Non-Pecuniary Interest
Councillor Reema Patel	6 – Members item	Trustee of Barnet Community Library

## 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

## 6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

The Chairman introduced Councillor Reema Patel's members item and invited Councillor Patel to speak on the item. Councillor Patel raised concerns that she felt the current library system was not meeting the needs of young people or residents and asked that the interim report on the subject be brought forward to an earlier meeting. Councillor Conway suggested that a six monthly report on the libraries system should be brought to the October meeting.

Councillor Patel raised a motion to have a report on the libraries system brought to the next Community Leadership and Libraries Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Councillor Conway.

Votes on the motion were as follows:

For: 4

Against: 6

The motion was therefore lost.

After further discussion and consideration, the committee agreed the following:

**RESOLVED: that the Committee would receive an update report on the new library system at the March 2019 meeting as scheduled on the committee work programme.**

#### **7. MEMBERS ITEM - CLLR SARA CONWAY**

The Chairman introduced Councillor Sara Conway's members item and invited Councillor Conway to speak on the item. Councillor Conway requested that a report be brought back to the Committee on the issue of fly-tipping. Councillor Conway also suggested the Council look to working with landlords and HMO's to try and reduce the amount of fly-tipping from tenants.

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities explained that a report on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) would be submitted to the March 2019 meeting and that fly-tipping would be incorporated into this as part of environmental crime.

Councillor Longstaff queried which committee would be responsible for fining those that fly-tip. The Committee was advised that this was not in the remit of the Community Leadership Committee, but would be for either Environment or Policy and Resources Committee to decide.

After discussion and consideration of the item the committee moved to unanimously recommend the following:

**RESOLVED: that the Strategic Lead for Safer Communities would ensure that the ASB report coming to the March 2019 committee would incorporate how environmental crime was being tackled and this would include incidences of fly-tipping.**

#### **8. NOMINATION FOR ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE (IF ANY) 2018**

None.

#### **9. UPDATE ON THE METROPOLITAN POLICE MERGER - BARNET, BRENT & HARROW AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities introduced the report on the update on the Metropolitan Police Merger for Barnet, Brent and Harrow and the local partnership working. Detective Chief Superintendent Simon Rose BSC MBA, spoke to the Committee, in his capacity as the Basic Command Unit (BCU) Commander. The report updated members on the key findings of the two pathfinders that tested the model for the BCU mergers in 2017, the proposed modelling for the North-West Area merger, a summary of the current partnership the police are engaged with in Barnet and the potential impact of the merger locally.

Following consideration and discussion of the item the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations:

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) That the Committee noted and commented on the contents of the report.**
- (2) That the Committee commented and confirmed their support for the proposed approach to addressing the learning of the pathfinders locally set out in section 1.12 and section 1.17 of the report.**
- (3) That Members commented and confirmed their support for the preferred options set out in section 3 of this report:**
  - (i) The option of the council being proactively involved and engaged – ensuring there is an agreed process, engagement and consultation in place across the partnership and specifically the council and the police.**
  - (ii) The recommended option is for the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board given its remit as the local statutory crime reduction partnership (CDRP) for Barnet.**

## **10. CORPORATE GRANTS**

The Chairman introduced the report on the Corporate Grants Programme 2018/19 grant applications for The National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education and the Golf Trust.

Following consideration and discussion of the item the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations:

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) That subject to the Council's Standard Conditions of Grant and the special conditions shown in the respective grant assessments:**
  - (i) A one-year start-up grant of £9,992 be awarded to National Resources Centre for Supplementary Education;**
  - (ii) A one-year start up grant of £10,000 be awarded to the Golf Trust.**

## **11. UPDATE ON ANNUAL REFRESH ON COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY**

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities introduced the report on the annual refresh on community safety strategy. The report updated the Committee on the Barnet Safeguarding Community Partnership Board (BSCP) and how they work together to protect the community from crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. The report outlines the duty of the BSCP to produce a Local Community Safety Strategy and conducting an annual strategic crime needs assessment that measures impact, trends and supports the annual review of the local strategy.

The report highlighted strategic, policy and operational changes that have taken place since the drafting of the 2015 strategy, including greater emphasis on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and children and ensuring findings and recommendations of the recent Barnet OFSTED inspection had been considered. The report also outlined the key

changes required to the strategy to ensure the strategic approach meets the future emerging trends of crime and ASB in Barnet.

The Committee agreed to comment and endorse the council's support and commitment to the proposed areas, although overall statutory governance of the partnership strategy lies within the remit of the BSCP.

Following consideration and discussion of the item the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations:

**RESOLVED that:**

- (i) Members noted and provided comments on the contents of the report.**
- (ii) Members confirmed support of the revised objectives and outcomes set out in section 1.8 of the report.**

**12. HATE CRIME AWARENESS PROJECT UPDATE**

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities introduced the report to the Committee. The report provided the Committee with an update on the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board to tackle hate crime in Barnet and the progress of the Barnet 'Zero tolerance to hate crime' project.

Following consideration and discussion of the item the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations:

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee (CLLC) noted the progress made by the Barnet Hate Crime Awareness project.**
- (2) That the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee noted the future actions.**

**13. QUARTERLY COMMISSIONING PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Strategic Lead for Safer Communities introduced the report, which provided an annual overview of the performance at the end of year 2017/18, including budget outturns for revenue and capital, progress on key activities, indicators that have not met the annual target and management of high level risks for the Theme Committees in relation to the Commissioning Plan.

Following consideration and discussion of the item the Committee unanimously agreed the recommendations.

**RESOLVED that:**

- (1) The Committee reviewed the finance, performance and risk information in relation to the Theme Committee's Commissioning Plan.**

**14. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the work programme.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 20.28pm.