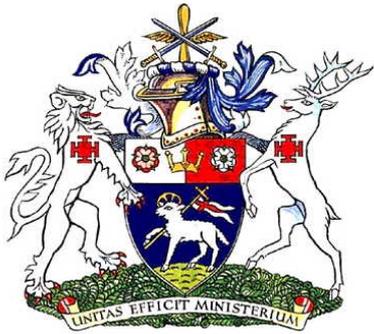


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<p align="center"><b>Title</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Community Participation Strategy. Barnet Together: Action Plan 2018</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Cllr. Thompstone, Chairman of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix One: Barnet Together Action Plan 2018</p>
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<p align="center"><b>Summary</b></p>	
<p>In June 2014 the Community Leadership Committee agreed aims, objectives and proposals for development of the Community Participation Strategy (CPS) and in March</p>	

2015 the Committee agreed a detailed implementation plan. In November 2017 the Committee reviewed the progress of the CPS implementation plan and agreed to the development of a refreshed Action Plan.

This report presents a refreshed Barnet Together: Action Plan 2018-202. The vision and outcomes of the Community Participation Strategy remain the same, the following workstreams have been identified in the refreshed action plan;

- Making more use of current community capacity;
- Improving and sharing information about local communities;
- Creating Social Value in Barnet;
- Building and maintaining strong relationships in the Borough;
- Using our resources and assets to support communities; and
- Working collaboratively with partners and the private sector.

## **Officers Recommendations**

### **1. That the Committee agree to the implementation of the Barnet Together: Action Plan 2018**

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

- 1.1 Barnet’s draft Corporate Plan: Barnet 2024 has a vision to create successful places, achieve great outcomes, deliver quality services and develop resilient communities.
- 1.2 This is not about the council shifting responsibility. It is about recognising that our diverse communities’ and community groups’ local knowledge, skills and networks enable them to play an important role in recognising local need and innovating to meet that need, working in partnership with the Council.
- 1.3 Indeed, voluntary, community and faith groups play a critical and valuable role in furthering of Community Leadership Committee priorities for safer communities, strong and active communities and emergency preparedness by:
  - Helping manage demand and relieve pressure on services;
  - Identifying, accessing and engaging hard to reach groups;
  - Providing more varied services;
  - Highlighting emerging issues and helping to plan future service provision according to emergent need.
- 1.4 In recognition of the strategic importance and value of a sustainable, resilient and collaborative civil society and socially responsible, empowered residents, a Community Participation Strategy was introduced in 2015 to support and coordinate community participation and engagement across council business.

1.5 In November 2017, the work programme outlined in the Community Participation Strategy had been delivered and a report which provided an overview of the implementation was presented to the Community Leadership Committee, along with permission to develop a second phase of the implementation plan.

1.6 This report presented a refreshed Barnet Together: Action Plan 2018.

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To provide Members of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee with the refreshed Barnet Together: Action Plan 2018.

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

3.1 The Council could decide not to implement a phase two Action Plan for the Community Participation Strategy, but this risks the success of other savings proposals that rely on working in partnership with VCFS organisations as well as losing opportunities to realise the additional benefits of coordination.

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

4.1 Once the Action Plan is approved a full work programme will be developed. Where a scoping paper is required, authorisation for implementing an action plan will be brought back to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee for approval.

4.2 An update on progress on the Action Plan will be brought back to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee in Autumn 2019 for review.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

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

5.1.1 This action plan contributes to Barnet's draft Corporate Plan: Barnet 2024 vision to create successful places, achieve great outcomes, deliver quality services and develop resilient communities. In particular, it contributes to our priority to focus on the strengths of the community and what they can do to help themselves and each other.

5.1.2 The draft Corporate Plan: Barnet 2024 is currently being considered by each theme committee. Once theme committees approve the Corporate Plan the final document will be considered for approval and adoption by full Council in March 2019.

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

5.2.1 Our Action Plan is ambitious and needs to be delivered within available resources. Therefore the action plan has been prioritised to support implementation. This will be kept under review.

### **5.3 Social Value**

5.3.1 This report does not include the procurement of a service and therefore does not have any Social Value implications. However, this action plan does include a recommendation to develop a Social Value Policy in Barnet which would enable commissioners to gain greater, more focused Social Value from contracts.

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

5.4.1 The Council Constitution Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions states the Committee is responsible for civic events. Community safety, emergency planning, registration and nationality service, grants to voluntary sector.

### **5.5 General Public Sector Equality Duties**

5.5.1 The PSED consists of a general duty, with three main aims. The general duty 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.

This action plan supports the council's ability to foster good relations between people from different groups.

### **5.6 Risk Management**

5.6.1 The council has an established approach to risk management. Key corporate risks are assessed regularly and reported to Performance and Contract Management Committee on a quarterly basis.

### **5.7 Equalities and Diversity**

5.7.1 This action plan supports Barnet's approach to equalities and forms part of the council's response to the third aim of General Public Sector Equalities Duty PSED (set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) - to foster good relations between people from different groups.

### **5.8 Corporate Parenting**

5.8.1 As a Local Authority we have responsibility for the children in care and care leavers within our borough. Corporate Parenting is about offering at least the same standards of care as would a 'reasonable parent' and ensuring that the decisions we make as a Council do not affect this cohort negatively. This report does not provide any implications for Barnet's children in care, other than supporting any community group with the aim of supporting children in care and care leavers.

5.8.2 The Community and Participation Team is committed to work in partnership with the Young Barnet Foundation and other community and faith groups in Barnet to further support young people under the Council's commitment as a Corporate Parent. Support will be given to this vulnerable group to ensure they receive good education, have a sense of belonging in Barnet, keep healthy both mentally and physically and to stay safe.

## 5.9 Consultation and Engagement

5.9.1 Consultation was carried out in 2015 to inform the Community Participation Strategy. In order to update the 2018 Barnet Together: Action Plan, engagement activities were carried out in August and September 2018 with council officers, the VCFS, business representatives and local and regional funders.

## 6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Review of the Community Participation Strategy, Community Leadership Committee, 22 November 2017  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s43559/Review%20of%20the%20Community%20Participation%20Strategy.pdf>
- 6.2 Volunteering in public services: promoting health and wellbeing, Health and Wellbeing Board, 14 September 2017  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s42142/HWBB%20Volunteering%20and%20Health%20and%20Wellbeing.pdf>
- 6.3 Charter for Barnet with the Voluntary Community Sector  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s24800/Appendix%20B%20-%20Covenant.pdf>
- 6.4 Community Participation Strategy: Update, 23 November 2016  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s36121/Community%20Participation%20Strategy%20Update.pdf>
- 6.5 Community Participation Implementation Plan, Community Leadership Committee, 11 March 2015  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s21886/Community%20participation%20-%20CLC%20report%20-%20March%202015%20-%20FINAL.pdf>
- 6.6 Developing a Community Participation Strategy for Barnet, Community Leadership Committee, 25 June 2014  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s15686/Community%20Participation%20Strategy.pdf>
- 6.7 Community Participation Strategy - Area Committee Budgets And Wider Community Funding, Community Leadership Committee, 11 September 2014  
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s17459/Community%20Participation%20Strategy%20Area%20Committee%20Budget%20Arrangements%20and%20Wider%20Community%20Funding.pdf>
- 6.8 Community Asset Strategy, Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, 15 December 2014

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=696&MId=7886&Ver=4>

6.9 Community Asset Implementation Plan, Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, 7 September 2015  
6.7 Entrepreneurial Barnet, Assets, Regeneration And Growth Committee, 15 December 2015

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s25558/Community%20Asset%20Implementation%20Plan.pdf>

6.10 Entrepreneurial Barnet, Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee, 15 December 2015

<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s19842/Entrepreneurial%20Barnet%20Report%20-%20Publish.pdf>