

	<p><b>Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee</b></p> <p><b>8 April 2021</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Items referred from the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>Wards within Finchley and Golders Green constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<p><b>Summary</b></p>	
<p>At the meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, the issue(s) and petition(s) referred to under section 1.1 were referred to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee for consideration.</p>	

<p><b>Recommendations</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the items referred up from the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 meeting of the Finchley and Golders Green Resident’s Forum.</li> <li>2. That following consideration of the items highlighted at 1.1, the Committee gives instructions in accordance with its powers, outlined at section 5.4.1.</li> </ol>	

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution permits the referral of petitions and issues to Area Committees. At its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, the Finchley and Golders Green Resident's Forum referred up the below items to the Area Committee for its consideration.

The items for consideration are as follows:

Item	Details	Action
1	<p><b>Title: Petition: Protect and improve Market Place Playground East Finchley N2</b></p> <p><b>Lead Petitioner: Mrs Kathy Batten</b></p> <p><b>Details:</b> The Forum received a presentation from the lead petitioner. The Chairman welcomed the comments and Councillor Alison Moore noted the need for improvements to the playground area.</p>	<p><b>The Chairman noted the petition and suggested that following discussion between Officers, lead petitioner and Ward Members a Members' CIL application be brought to the Finchley &amp; Golders Green Area Committee.</b></p> <p><b>This item is due to be considered by the Area Committee under the relevant Members' CIL Funding item.</b></p>

## 2. REASON FOR REFFERAL

- 2.1 At the meeting of Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021, the Forum considered the issues highlighted in section 1.1 which were referred to this Committee for consideration.

## 3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 As set out above.

## 4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 4.1 N/A

## 5. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Executive Director.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 6.1 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**
- 6.2 Not in the context of this report.

### **6.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

6.3.1 The Council's Resident and Public Participation Rules (Article 3 of the Council's constitution) states that the Area Committee has the following powers in determining petitions:

- Take no action;
- Refer the matter to a chief officer to respond to within 20 working days; or
- Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

6.3.2 Article 7, 7.5 Responsibility for Functions of the council's constitution states that Area Committees can consider matters raised at Residents Forums and determine how they are to be taken forward, including whether to request a report for a future meeting, refer to an Officer and/or ward Councillors.

### **6.4 Risk Management**

6.5 Not in the context of this report.

### **6.6 Equalities and Diversity**

6.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The 'protected characteristics' are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The 'protected characteristics' also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

### **6.7 Consultation and Engagement**

6.8 Not in the context of this report.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021:  
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MIId=10245>