1. Purpose

This report seeks to inform Mayor and Cabinet of progress made by Local Assemblies and in particular the Sydenham and Lee Green Ward Assemblies. It recommends that Mayor and Cabinet approves the Mayors Fund allocations detailed in section 3 below.

2. Policy Context

2.1 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act came into effect on April 1st 2009. It makes it a duty on all local authorities to involve local representatives when carrying out ‘any of its functions’ by providing information, consulting or ‘involving in another way’. The Local Assemblies programme is a key aid to the council in fulfilling this new duty.

2.2 In May 2007 the Mayor’s Commission on empowering communities and neighbourhoods recommended that the London Borough of Lewisham introduce local ward assemblies for each of the borough’s 18 wards.

The Commission believed that these localised bodies, defined by the active involvement of the ward councillors, would enable the people living and working in each area to have a stronger and more direct influence in shaping their local community.

The Commission believed that these ward assemblies would represent the most effective and pragmatic vehicle for local empowerment, establishing a structured environment in each ward that would support an ongoing process for identifying and resolving local concerns and implementing local solutions.

2.3 The local assemblies programme is helping to deliver the Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy priority outcome ‘Empowered and responsible - where people can be actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities.’ The
assemblies programme also supports the delivery of LAA target NI4 - percentage of residents who feel they are able to influence decisions locally.

2.4 The Local Assemblies programme was established in March 2008 and each assembly has met between 3 and 5 times since then. In October 2008 the Mayor announced that £50,000 would be allocated to each of the 18 wards to enable ward assemblies to commission projects that would support the delivery of their local action plans and encourage residents to work with the council to find local solutions to local problems.

3 Recommendations

It is recommended that Mayor notes the progress made by Sydenham and Lee Green assemblies and agrees that:

3.1 £10,000 from Sydenham Ward Assembly Mayor’s Fund allocation is awarded to Sydenham Arts Festival towards the delivery of the 2009 festival.

3.2 £3,000 from the Sydenham Ward Assembly Mayors Fund allocation is awarded to Forest Hill and Sydenham Youth Forum to support improved communication with young people living in Sydenham.

3.3 Recommendations for the remaining £37,000 Sydenham Ward Assembly Mayor’s Fund allocation (including the £20,000 earmarked for community facilities) and £45,000 Lee Green Ward Assembly Mayor’s Fund allocation be brought back to a future Mayor and Cabinet meeting.

3.4 £5,000 from Lee Green Ward Assembly Mayor’s Fund allocation is awarded to establish a friends of Leegate organisation (to be set up as part of the project; funding will be held by Lee Manor Society while this set up takes place), investigate use of empty premises, undertake activities to animate the centre and improve the environment in the short term.

3.5 Progress made to date by the Local Assemblies programme is noted.

4. Local Assemblies Programme

4.1 The first local assembly was held at Sydenham on the 6 March 2008. Since then, all 18 of Lewisham’s local assemblies have met at least 3 times. Anyone living, working or learning in the ward is invited to attend the assembly. Publicity has included door-to-door letters, Lewisham Life listings and articles, press releases, a web presence and more traditional leafleting, use of fliers and word of mouth. Each of the first assembly meetings followed a common format at which
attendees were invited to share their experiences of living in the ward. Temporary volunteer coordinating groups were formed at the meetings with the responsibility for planning and structuring future meetings.

4.2 Assemblies are able to influence decision making in a number of ways. Assemblies are encouraged to work with the council and other partners to influence mainstream service delivery with the articulation of ward priorities for change via the Link officer group. This is the senior officer group with representation from each directorate. Assemblies are consulted as to how the £10,000 Locality Fund is spent and actively determine how the £50,000 Mayor’s Fund is deployed to meet assembly priorities. Assemblies are also able to place one item in a 12 month period on Mayor and Cabinet agenda and refer items to Select Committees.

4.3 Assemblies have been engaged in the following activities during their first year: establishing their five priorities for change in their area; discussing how to spend the Locality Fund and more recently, the Mayor’s Fund; exploring and developing actions with council and other partners; developing action plans; beginning the creation of assembly ‘Charters’; establishing annual coordinating groups; and coordinating group participation in two ‘Market Place’ events.

A learning and development programme for councillors and coordinating group volunteers has provided training in the following areas: Chairing and facilitation skills; effective engagement; ensuring equalities; community development and cohesion. All assemblies are currently engaged in determining how the Mayor’s Fund will be deployed in their wards. During 2009/10 assemblies will further develop their action plans, including work with council services and other partners to deliver their longer term ambitions for change.

5. Sydenham Ward Assembly

5.1 The Sydenham Ward Assembly is chaired by Cllr Chris Best and has met five times since March 2008. The assembly has developed a strong coordinating group of 15 local volunteers who work with the ward councillors to plan the assembly’s work. Attendance at the Sydenham Ward Assembly has been amongst the highest in the programme reaching 160 at the last meeting.

5.2 At its meeting on 5 June 2008 Sydenham Assembly voted on the following issues to become the assembly priorities:

- More activities for children and young people including a youth centre.
- Improving community safety and tackling anti-social behaviour.
- Vibrant high street.
- Environmental Improvements to provide a cleaner and greener Sydenham.
- Transport improvements for Sydenham.

The assembly has a detailed action plan attached at appendix 1 that shows the actions to date and planned actions for each of the five priorities.

5.3 The Assembly Coordinating Group has been working closely with council officers on a number of projects including:

I. **Community Facilities** – members of the Coordinating Group met with council officers to look at the Rotary Day Centre and consider the costs of bringing the building back into use. Costs have been provided but a viable business plan for the use of the building as a youth centre is yet to be developed. Options for increasing the use of Silverdale Hall by local people have been discussed. The Community Sector Unit are undertaking an audit of local community facilities to establish whether there are any other options for increasing space available for youth activities in the ward and exploring the possibility of establishing a community asset `hub’ for a number of assets to be managed together by a community organisation. This audit will be completed by June 2009.

II. **Community Safety** – Issues identified by the assembly have been adopted by the Safer Neighbourhood Panel as SNT ward priorities (ASB and street drinking), and a bench outside the post office has been removed to discourage street drinkers congregating there.

III. **High street** - £1000 of Locality Funding was allocated to improve the appearance of empty shop units. Town Centre Management are working with the Coordinating Group to commission professionally produced displays for the inside of the shop windows and negotiate with landlords. The first installation is expected to be completed later this year.

IV. **Cleaner and greener** – a clean up day was arranged with the support of community payback for the alleyway at the back of the shops between Girton Road and Tannesfield Road on 10th June 2008. A public meeting was held in April 2009 to discuss with residents and traders improvements that can be made to the alleyway known as Earlthorpe Mews. A resident and trader representative group has now been formed to work with the Council.

V. **Parks** – LBL and Glendale provided the bulbs for a community bulb planting/tree dressing event in Mayow Park and Home Park on 29th November 2008. Play facility improvements are planned with £63k which has been awarded from the Lottery to Home Park for redesigning the Adventure Playground. Funding of £75,000 from the Playbuilder scheme for Mayow Park in 2010/2011.
5.4 At the Sydenham Ward Assembly meeting on 5 March 2009 five proposals for projects to be allocated some of the ward’s £50k Mayor’s Fund were presented. A vote on whether the assembly agreed that these proposals should be worked up in more detail for formal approval by the council was taken. Four of the five projects presented were approved in principle by the assembly. Two of these projects related to feasibility studies for Silverdale Hall £10,000 and the Rotary Day Centre £10,000. It is thought that waiting for the outcome of the Community Sector Unit’s audit of community facilities before seeking formal approval from Mayor & Cabinet to allocate this funding will achieve added value. The remaining two are outlined below with more detailed project proposals attached at appendix 2:

5.4.1 **Sydenham Arts Festival** – this local festival has been developed entirely through the dedication of local volunteers. Sydenham Arts Festival aims to hold over 40 events over 8 days from 3rd to 12th July 2009. Events include a visual arts trail, arts workshops, music evenings, comedy nights and a laundrette theatre show. £10,000 has been requested from the Mayor’s Fund to support the festival, other funding is being raised through the localities fund and earned income.

5.4.2 **Forest Hill and Sydenham Youth Forum** – the youth forum was re-launched in February 2008 by local residents who wanted to improve coordination of activities for young people across the two wards and provide opportunities for young people to influence the services available to them. They have requested £3,000 from Sydenham Mayor’s Fund to develop a youth-led website and create a logo for the forum through a youth competition.

5.4.3 Sydenham Ward Assembly has earmarked £20,000 for the improvement of community facilities and has £17,000 still to allocate. This will be allocated to projects that deliver against the action plan and ward priorities. It is proposed that decisions on the allocation of the total remaining £37,000 Sydenham Mayors Fund will be brought back to a future meeting.

6. **Lee Green Ward Assembly**

6.1 The Lee Green Ward Assembly is chaired by Cllr Brian Robson. The coordinating group has 12 members who have worked with the local councillors to plan the assembly meetings and develop project ideas. The assembly has met three times since May 2008 and has had consistently high attendance (average 100 attendees).

6.2 Lee Green Assembly agreed the following priorities at their meeting on 15 September 2008.

- Controlled Parking Zones and traffic
- Leegate Centre
• youth provision

At the meeting on 17 February 2009, the assembly agreed a fourth priority:

• environment

The assembly are yet to finalise their full action plan and Mayor’s Fund spending plans but a number of issues have emerged as being of particular concern to the assembly. One is parking in the ward which the assembly has discussed in length and having sought information from council officers has referred to Mayor and Cabinet for consideration. This is the subject of a separate report.

7. The Assembly Coordinating Group has been working closely with council officers on a number of projects:

I. An away day has been organised to kick-start the Friends of Leegate group, develop a vision for the area and plan short to medium term initiatives. This was funded with £1,000 from the 2008-09 Locality Fund.

II. The assembly has been working closely with the Young Mayor and Advisors to organise ‘block parties’ and youth engagement events in the ward. The first events took place over a 3 week period during the Easter / half term holidays, and included the Rolling Sound bus visiting various parts of the ward. In addition the detached youth team have been employed to do sessions with the ward.

III. The assembly is working with the youth service to develop a youth club for Lee Green by the summer. It is envisaged that part of the Mayor's Fund could be used to expand and continue this work for another year.

IV. The assembly is liaising with Glendale, Nature’s Gym and lee Manor Primary School regarding the possible refurbishment of the building in Manor Park with a view to turning it into an eco-park / educational and youth facility.

V. The assembly is working with the Council on energy conservation projects, including the ward becoming an Energy Action Zone in winter 09/10.

VI. The assembly is exploring the possibility of creating a social enterprise with Envirowork, to provide mobile compost shredding. This project would need to be part-funded by a number of assemblies.

7.1 Lee Gate shopping centre topped the Assembly’s priorities. At
the assembly meeting on 17 February 2009 a vote was taken giving in principle approval for £5,000 of the Lee Green Mayor’s Fund to be allocated to establish a Friends of Lee Gate, short term environmental improvements, promotion plan, explore developing one of the vacant units for community use, and events. The coordinating group has worked with council officers to further develop the proposal which is attached at appendix 2.

7.2 The Lee Green Assembly plan to discuss further ideas for spending the remaining £45,000 Mayor’s Fund allocation at their meeting on 7 May 2009. These will be presented to Mayor and Cabinet alongside a number of other ward plans at the meeting on 15 July 2009. It is envisaged that the projects that will be presented will be for youth activities and environmental projects – eco park, community orchid and possibly the mobile compost shredder.

8. **Financial Implications**

The report recommends that the following payments totalling £18,000 are agreed from the Mayor's Fund:

**Sydenham (Balance available £50,000)**

- Sydenham Arts Festival £10,000
- Forest Hill and Sydenham Youth Fund £3,000

**Lee Green Ward (Balance available £50,000)**

- Lee Manor Society £5000

for the establishment of a Friends of Lee Gate, short term environmental improvements, promotion plan, explore developing one of the vacant units for community use, and events.

Proposals for use of the balance of the funds available for these wards will be brought to subsequent Mayor and Cabinet meetings.

9. **Legal Implications**

9.1 As the Local Assemblies do not have decision making powers under the Council’s constitution, it is for the Mayor to take the decision on the recommendations as to how the sums from the Mayor’s Fund will be spent, taking into consideration the views of the relevant Assembly.

9.2 Where a grant is being awarded to any voluntary organisation or community group, the conditions attaching to such grant must comply with the Council’s requirements relating to accountability including monitoring and auditing where appropriate.
10. Crime and Disorder Implications

Reducing crime and anti social behaviour is a key priority for many ward assemblies. Links have been forged between the Local Assemblies Programme and Safer Neighbourhood Panels to ensure coordination in this area.

11. Equality Implications

There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

12. Environmental Implications

There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

13. Conclusion

The Local Assemblies are providing residents with opportunities to identify and resolve local concerns and implement local solutions. Proposals for using the £50k Mayor's Fund ward allocation are beginning to emerge giving an early indication of what can be achieved when the council works closely in partnership with local residents.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Sydenham Ward Assembly and Lee Green Ward Assembly meeting notes and papers.

Mayor’s Commission Empowering Communities and Neighbourhoods final recommendations.

If you would like more information on this report please contact Liz Dart, Community & Neighbourhood Development, Community Services Directorate on 020 8314 6115
Responding to your views – Updated 24 April 2009

Sydenham Assembly – Thursday 5 March 2009; Sydenham Co-ordinating Group - 23 April 2009
Chair: Cllr Chris Best  Sydenham Co-ordinator: Sam Dias

SNT – Safer Neighbourhoods Team; LBL – London Borough of Lewisham; TCM – Town Centre Manager; ASB – Anti-social behaviour; LF – Localities Fund; MF – Mayor’s Fund

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| More publicity about youth activities | Work with the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum to give young people a voice, promote what is our “offer” and bid for additional funding | Youth “offer” includes free swimming for under 16s and Everyday Swim programme at the Bridge. Discussing joint working the Young Mayor’s Advisors. Liaison with the Detached Youth team – work at Hazel Grove and Fairlawn Park. Sydenham Wells Park closed at Christmas (due to subsidence) and youth work now based at Hillcrest. Sam attended the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum on 12 November and discussed the Locality Fund 08/09– the £1,000 was spend on the Hazel Grove half term week of activities February 2009 in partnership with the Youth Service and Lewisham Homes. Sydenham Radio Project working on a scheme to involve young people using the £2,000 agreed from the Sydenham Locality Fund 08/09 as well as match funding – consultation day 25 April. Development of a Sydenham young persons web site and Youtube site, youth led forum and fundraising with £3,000 voted | Continue to work with the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum Continue to work on funding for activities for young people | Mayor and Cabinet |
Review community facilities in Sydenham to provide a Youth Centre for Sydenham
- Hazel Grove
- Home Park
- Hillcrest

at the March Assembly from the MF.

The Community Sector Unit are undertaking an audit of local community facilities to establish whether there are any other options for increasing space available for youth activities in the ward. Alan Sweetlove will present the data from the audit at the Assembly meeting on 11 June 2009.

Ray Champion room has activities run by Lewisham’s Youth Service and Lewisham Homes. The Hazel Grove play and picnic area was completed in March 2009 cost of £45,000 from the Playbuilder Programme 2008/09. The Rotary Day Centre is beyond the repair of LBL and the Assembly in March voted £10,000 from the MF for further work – proposals for a straw bale self build community centre which would include youth activities.

Home Park Adventure Playground - £63,800 from the Big Lottery Funding with Lewisham Youth Service working on the refurbishment of the Adventure Playground together with the construction of a single storey modular building to be used as a classroom. Sam has met with Barry Tomlinson, Adventure Playground Manager, for new youth activities one night per week.

Hillcrest Youth Club was reprieved from closure and now has a youth base from the transfer of work as a result of the closure of Wells Park. Hillcrest play area has been awarded £50,000 from the 2009/10 Playbuilder Programme. The Community Payback team are currently redecorating the Hillcrest Centre.

Kickz Start (the Millwall FC outreach programme) working well. Proposal to develop Silverdale Hall as a community space for youth people as well as health activities - the Assembly in March
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<td>• Organise a Sydenham Arts Festival to bring young people together</td>
<td>Sydenham Arts Festival has a Committee working on the Festival from the 3 – 12 July 2009 with £5,000 from the Locality Fund 08/09 and £10,000 voted at the March Assembly from the MF – match funding bid for - exciting programme of over 40 events.</td>
<td>Promotion through flyers, web site, notice boards, Sydenham Radio etc</td>
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<td>• Consider a Sydenham Volunteering Scheme via Sydenham Time bank or from the Assembly itself</td>
<td>Kay Kelleher, Volunteer Centre Manager attended the Co-ordinating Group meeting on the 6 January 2009 to talk about the opportunities for volunteering and support for the Festival. Preparing for Volunteering week in June 2009</td>
<td>Visit Hexagon Housing Association to discuss the local Time bank</td>
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### 2. Improving community safety and tackling anti-social behaviour

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<td>• Increase visibility of SNT including patrols in the evening</td>
<td>Promote the newsletters produced by the SNT on the Sydenham and Lewisham web sites. Sydenham SNT continue to promote the Sydenham Youth Ward Panel.</td>
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<td>• Publicise success of the SNT</td>
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<td>• Encourage confidence with young people by working with schools and promoting involvement</td>
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voted £10,000 from the MF for further work. Mayow Park has been awarded £75,000 from the Playbuilder Programme for 2010/11 with consultation for young people being planned with the Young Mayor’s Advisors.
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<td>- Make it easier to report ASB – more involvement of the SNT, housing officers, Young Mayors advisors and youth workers</td>
<td>Sam has encouraged more joint working with the Anti Social Behaviour Team from LBL, Lewisham Homes, the Youth Services Area Coordinator and the Sydenham SNT. Sam raised the issue of street drinking and ASB at the Sydenham Crime and Disorder Panel 9 October and the SNT have been monitoring and logging the situation. LBL have now deployed an officer to work with the street drinkers. The SNT have requested that LBL agree a Controlled Drinking Zone to be applied to Sydenham Road and the surrounding side roads. LBL have commissioned an external review for the whole of Lewisham to prevent displacement and this report will be presented to the Safer Lewisham Partnership in June 2009. The street benches have now been removed and the space where drinkers were congregating has now been replaced by moving the flower stall on a temporary basis.</td>
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<td>- Increase visibility – more wardens in the Sydenham area – bikes OK but more</td>
<td>Ongoing work on Third Party reporting – the ASB Team are producing a Hotspot map. Sam organised a meeting with Detached Youth Work Team to discuss hotspot areas and methods used to reduce ASB. A new service is now available to young people from October including one night per week at the Home Park Adventure playground. Chris has discussed getting the Young Mayors advisors more involved and looking at joint initiatives with the Young Mayors Budget and the Locality Fund for 09/10.</td>
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Sam has met the Community Warden Services and supplied the cost of an additional warden is £42,000 including overheads and bikes. The temporary mobile CCTV camera installed on Mayow

| Sam to continue to attend the Crime and Disorder meetings. | Sam will maintain regular dialogue with Detached team manager. Continue to invite team to assembly meetings. |
| Sam will continue to work with relevant agencies to update map with hotspot areas. Sam will continue to have an ongoing dialogue with LBL ASB officer, Youth Detached Team and with the Youth Area Coordinator. | Sam will continue to ensure we get the best out of the CCTV |
wardens on foot | Road/corner of Bishopthorpe Road has been vandalised – Sam is in dialogue with CCTV manager to consider a robust replacement. | we currently have in place in Sydenham – along Sydenham Road and Girton Road car park.

### 3. Vibrant high street

**Sydenham Town Centre Strategy led by the Town Centre Advisory Group (TCAG) meets quarterly**

- Strategy to approach and target new businesses to open up in the area
  - Work with freeholders to provide incentives such as initial rent free or lower rent in start up period

- Costing for shop front grants – previously available as part of the Crystal Palace SRB and popular with retailers
  - Encourage agents to insert attractive window displays/wallpaper silhouettes on vacant shop units to improve the look of

Rent negotiation to get new businesses into Sydenham part of the ongoing work with agents and freeholders by the Town Centre Manager – including work with those that would leave the property vacant. Town Centre Manager discussed with agents the promotion of vacant shops in the high street especially in this currently economic climate. Discussions with various companies, all vacant detail properties are on Council website, regularly liaising with commercial agents for updates on status of all units. LBL helping with the spread of Business Rates payments over monthly instalments, 10 working days for payment of invoices from SMEs and support with training and advice.

Discussed with the Economic Development Team at Lewisham and no grants available for Sydenham at present.

- Smart City Dressing have put in a proposal for the wallpaper scheme - £1,000 from the 08/09 Locality Fund. As the TFL road scheme is a significant project TCM is working with the Highways team to look at incorporating the TFL scheme and wallpaper projects together. It was proposed that the

TCM continue to network with agents and freeholders

Continue to work with developers to get planning gain for Sydenham

Display high street proposals in vacant shop window in June
| the high street | ‘wallpaper’ would be the plans and drawings for the new look high street scheme. Ongoing work with Lewisham’s Empty Homes Officer, Nick Long | Continue the walkabouts and enforcement action |
| Encourage the use of empty flats above shops – funding available to bring space into residential use | Limited funding from LBL for external repairs and decoration and Co-ordinating Group putting forward proposal of a Sydenham mosaic for the front panel to the June Assembly | Continue to work with developers to get the best schemes and planning gain for Sydenham |
| Council to redecorate the Naborhood Centre | Scott Hamilton has provided the information on forecourt displays and licences on the Sydenham Town web site – [http://sydenham.org.uk/shop_displays.html](http://sydenham.org.uk/shop_displays.html) Regular walkabouts with the TCM and LBL enforcement officer - all business on Sydenham high street are licensed and fully paid up | |
| Enforcement of regulation on forecourt displays so that they do not obstruct the pavement | A planning application has been submitted – the model of the proposed scheme and plans for The Greyhound has been provided by the developers and is on display in Kirkdale Bookshop – the closing date was the 20 April and the next step is a local meeting chaired by a ward councillor in May. No progress on the Nickells site. | |
| Greyhound pub development should be the centrepiece of the town centre – Nickells also needs redevelopment | | |

### 4. Environmental improvements to provide a cleaner and greener Sydenham

| Improve street cleanliness by: | Sydenham Road environmental scheme introduced new rubbish collections times and follow up letter sent to everyone | Monitor the refuse collection scheme |
| More frequent refuse collections | £1,000 Locality Fund 08/09 for new litters bins – suggested on | Deliver on new refuse |
| Replace and increase | | |
| litter bins | the Sydenham Road side roads -  
- Silverdale  
- Venner Road  
- Newlands Park  
- Queensthorpe Road  
- Tannsfeld Road  
- Girton Road  
- Mayow Road  
- Sydenham Road - Pedestrian Access slip road to Girton Road Car Park  
Obtained costings - £10,000 for chewing gum equipment and £14,000 for a Fido street cleaner – additionally £10,000 for transport and maintenance and £27,000 for an operative | bins  
Consider joint purchase with other wards  
TCM to work with the owners/LBL to put up fences along the cleared pathway  
Round table meeting with LBL to progress improvements |
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| ➢ Use a street cleaning machine to remove chewing gum and dog fouling  
- Reduce flytipping by:  
- Introducing free lumber collection as a deterrent to fly tipping  
- Clean up the service roads behind the shops and provide additional street lights |  
Obtained Costings for a pilot - £15 for a lumber collection – one free collection a year for each household in Sydenham - £15 x say 7,000 households = £105,000  
Julie Sutch (TCM) and Frances Clark (ASB) arranged a clean up day, with the support of the Community Payback team, in the alleyway behind the shops from Girton Road to Tannsfeld Road on the 10 June 2008. TCM arranged for the pathway to have a tarmac covering.  
A public meeting took place on 21 April 2009 to discuss the flytipping issues in Earlsthorpe Mews and the outcome was a representative Group to work with the Council on the long term aim of adoption of the private road by the Council so that it could be surfaced, light and some provision of CCTV. |  |
• Greener Sydenham
  - Introduce free kerbside garden waste collection service from April – October following the brown bin pilot.
  - Planting of street trees (funded from Locality Fund 2007/8)
  - Maintenance of existing green areas and work on community gardening
  - Improvements to parks and work with user groups Mayow Park (FOMP), Home Park (new group FOHP) and Sydenham Wells Park (SWIG)


Replanting of vandalised trees on Mayow Road (between Dukesthorpe and Bishopsthorpe Roads) has taken place with cages put on the trees towards Sydenham Road – follow up work on underplanting and promoting community gardening. Walkabout with Green Services on 2 April 2009 to ensure planters and green spaces were regularly monitored. Agreed red trailing geranium theme for hanging baskets in high street. Bid to the Locality Fund 09/10 for additional plants – including underplanting of trees and watering by residents

Consultation event on improvements to Mayow Park on Saturday 15 November – ongoing work on a “masterplan”. LBL and Glendale’s provided the bulbs for a Saturday morning tree dressing/bulb planting session at Mayow and Home Park on the 29 November. Mayow Park third in London vote – support from Playbuilder Programme in 20010/11 of £75,000 as well as proposals from Peter Rainkin of Enviroworks from England and Wales Cricket Board. LBL to include permanent park keeper in new parks contract. Launch of the Friends of Home Park on 16 April 2009.

5. Transport improvements for Sydenham

Sydenham Road – Ian Plowright leading public
  - Outcome of the public consultation
    - Cobbs Corner needs a ‘green’ roundabout

Ian Plowright attended the December Assembly meeting and produced a written update on the bid to Transport for London. Sydenham Road designs presented to Mayor and Cabinet on the 25 February 2009 and seek to achieve a calmer traffic

Mayor to agree funding options for strategy

Promote resident involvement in community gardening

Encourage membership of the parks groups

Bid of £2m submitted to Transport for London for improvements
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<th>environment within the high street and to suggest arrival at a destination rather than being viewed as a ‘drive through’. Officers in close liaison with Thames Water and Southern Gas on utilities timetable for replacement works so that road works can follow on. Continue to focus on the needs of cyclists. Meeting has been held with the Chair of Lewisham Cyclists, representatives of TfL and representatives of the emergency services specifically to discuss the emerging Sydenham proposals. Through much of the high street there is not the space to accommodate cycle lanes and parked vehicles. Thus the proposals seek to create an environment in which it is easier for cyclists to take their space within the carriageway / rest of the traffic. After discussions with Lewisham Cyclists/consultation, ‘cyclist advanced stop lines’ have been included within the designs for the signal junctions within the high street proposals and their effect on general traffic capacity is being modelled. TfL awarded £100,000 for a Local Safety Scheme in Mayow Road to upgrade 4 pedestrian refuges and an additional crossing providing dropped kerbs and tactile paving as well as traffic calming measures.</th>
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<td>Lewisham will continue working with TfL and a special Sydenham Assembly meeting will be arranged in September</td>
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<td>September 2008. A part of that endorsed strategy is £310K for the improvement of Sydenham Station Approach. Lewisham working to take over the management of Station Approach. Community consultation being discussed with traders at TCAG.</td>
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Mayors Fund Project Proposals:
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- Forest Hill and Sydenham Youth Forum
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**Name of Assembly:** Sydenham  
**Project:** Sydenham Arts Festival

| Project Idea: |  
| Sydenham Arts Festival 3rd-12th July 2009  
SAF will host more than forty events over ten days between 3rd and 12th July 2009 including theatre, diverse music, dance, poetry, comedy, film and workshops. It is a community-based project that celebrates the artistic excellence of the local area. It will embrace and reflect the diversity of our community. Events include: An Arts Trail, Jazz, street theatre, a free open-air film show, cabaret, various workshops and much more. The festival will culminate with a family picnic in a local park with entertainment for all ages. |

| **What does the project want to achieve and which of the assembly priorities does it address?** |  
| To establish an annual arts event  
To enable all ages and cultures within the community to share a week of varied arts activities  
To provide opportunity to showcase local creative industry and culture  
To promote awareness and interest in the arts and creative industries as a volunteering or career opportunity.  
To enable those with disabilities to attend and participate in arts events  
To bring new audiences to existing and original arts productions, performances and exhibitions  
To strengthen social cohesion by bringing together diverse groups, organisations and individuals  
Workshops and performance events will encourage, develop and showcase youth arts talent  
To transform cafes, pubs and church halls and empty shops into vibrant new arts venues for the duration of the festival  
To raise the profile of local parks by staging free events  
It is also our intention that the Festival leave behind a legacy by creating, developing and expanding educational programmes relating to the arts. |

| How will the success of the project be measured? |  
| Success will be measured by the response of the community to the project – this will be gauged by ticket sales and attendance numbers at other events. Already many local residents have come forward to make the project a success by volunteering their professional skills. Others are expressing their interest by taking part in the festival as workshop leaders, event organisers and performers. We also intend to make an evaluation of Sydenham Arts Festival based on detailed audience feedback, questionnaires, public surveys and a proposed online website forum for comments, suggestions and reviews. |
## Budget breakdown for the project:

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Excess income over expenditure is for a legacy for the 2010 festival: £3000
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<td>Jonathan Kaufman</td>
<td>Sep – Dec 08</td>
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<td>Initial planning of events.</td>
<td>Geraldine Cox</td>
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<td>Tim Lund</td>
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<td>Form Company limited by guarantee.</td>
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<td>Initial marketing phase.</td>
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<td>5000 leaflets distributed.</td>
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<td>Booking artistes, venues and events.</td>
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<td>Arrange public liability insurance, health &amp; safety, performing licences and legal contracts</td>
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<td>Finalise festival programme</td>
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<td>Run Festival 3rd-12th July</td>
<td>Jonathan Kaufman et al.</td>
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<td>Collate takings.</td>
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<td>Begin accounting process.</td>
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### What impact will the project have on equalities within the ward?

A local community arts festival is for everyone and the ownership of such an event should belong to everybody. Our intention is that the festival will enable community involvement and its inclusion in the arts. It will provide an opportunity to showcase local creative industry and culture while at the same time promoting awareness and interest in the arts and creative industries as a volunteering or career opportunity.

Many of the events on offer will be free, and it is our intention to keep prices of ticketed events and workshops as affordable as possible, maximising accessibility to all. Where possible the festival will be accessible to those with disabilities and every effort will be made to encourage attendance and participation from those where such an experience is a new one.

### What else is happening that may impact on this project?

The International Music Festival, held in Sydenham for the last 10 years, will have
finished a few weeks before. This prestigious event can only generate enthusiasm for the Arts Festival that will follow.

Forest Hill Boys School will be holding a Forest Fest during the festival dates. We believe this will generate interest in other events in the area.

**What are the risks with this project?**

Lack of funds early on in the project to pay for printing, marketing, professional, legal and health & safety, together with lack of funds to pay professional artists who are prepared to take part in the festival.

To minimise our risks we have a professional Health & Safety expert who is preparing individual risk assessments for every event.

Inclement weather conditions may affect outdoor events.

**How will this project be delivered and how will individuals /organisations delivering the project be identified?**

A limited company was set up consisting of a steering committee and various sub-committees. Many individuals and groups proposed events for the festival. As news came out about the festival, we were inundated with offers of support and expertise from local residents. The festival has a base at Kirkdale Bookshop, which is a main contact point/meeting place for anybody to come in and find out about or help with the arts festival. Local business are offering to sponsor events and advertising material. Most venues are offering their spaces free of charge. A team of volunteers is being assembled to administrate / steward / distribute publicity etc. The Festival will leave behind a legacy of new arts practices in the area.
**Name of Assembly:** Sydenham  
**Name of Project:** Sydenham & Forest Hill Youth Forum

**Project Idea:**  
To create a website for young people, hosting all the up-to-date information on activities, training and advice as well as a social networking site for youth-led participation projects.

**What does the project want to achieve and which of the assembly priorities does it address?**  
The project wants to achieve a fully functioning website that will be part-maintained by young people, and be the recognisable website to go to when looking for anything youth-related in the area of Sydenham.

**How will the success of the project be measured?**  
By the existence of the website, as well as constant consultation from the users of the website, including those young people who will help maintain the website.

**Budget breakdown to be allocated to the project:**  
£3000

**% of overall Mayor’s Fund allocation to be used:**  
6%

**Budget breakdown for the project:**

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**Key stages in delivering the project:**

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<td>Create a competition involving young people to come up with a logo to represent the website and active youth-led participation.</td>
<td>M.Knight</td>
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<td>Create a flyer and deliver to as many young people in the local area as possible</td>
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about summer activities for young people in the area and build website

Launch website and allocate prize to winning logo at an awards ceremony  
M.Knight  
1st June 2009

What impact will the project have on equalities within the ward?
The website will be inclusive to all young people and host a diversity of activities that will be of interest to many young people. The social networking aspect to the site also means that young people will be able to liaise with each other as well as email the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum about gaps in provision and possible ideas about any new activities, training and advice needs they may have.

What else is happening that may impact on this project?
There are lots of other websites that young people can use, including the Lewisham Government website, and a new project based at Baseline youth club to build a website based on the positive activities for young people in Lewisham. Though the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum is an umbrella charitable organisation that includes close work with schools, police, youth services, faith groups, local assemblies and residents particular to the three wards of Forest Hill Perry Vale and Sydenham. Also the main aim is for the website to be the main place to introduce positive participation in local community building. Young people will be told about what is new in their area and about opportunities to take part in positive activities.

What are the risks with this project?
It is a long-term aim that the Forum becomes mostly sustainable after two years, relying on small monthly donations from residents and business, instead of burdening limited government resources. But it is vital to have kick-start funding to lift these projects from the ground.

The Forum has a very small amount of money in the bank and has already begun the website research and is currently running its logo competition. Unfortunately a funding bid to PAF to help start the participation projects has been rejected and so the Mayor’s Fund allocation is extremely important to the survival of the Forum.

The internet is the one place where most young people visit on a daily basis and the Forum are lucky to have expert volunteers and website designers at hand to boost this project by utilising their skills to tap into new technology to help us keep communicating with young people in ways they are familiar with. The team at hand at present are not going to be able to do this project later in the year, so it is vital that the website is made now while these volunteers and workers are available.

There is a risk young people will not use the website, however this website is born out of youth consultation and together with the hype from the logo competition and launch event, as well as the active contributions from local young people, it should be utilised by many in the local area.

As with all social networking sites there is a risk of online bullying and child protection issues. The site will be closely monitored for bullying, with everything published for all the public to see any unfair behaviour will see the young person removed from the site. In
terms of child protection, it is important that only reputable organisations can publish events, with providers needing to show they are fully insured and CRB checked. Most events will be through and schools, the police, Lewisham Youth Service. Those that are not will need to provide child protection information up front before advertising their events.

Where social networking may occur, young people will be advised not to meet up with anyone they do not know, especially alone. The Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum are revising existing policies from other sites such as MySpace, Bebo, and Facebook. These problems are being carefully examined, and you can find a full discussion in minutes of recent meetings by emailing melissaknight18@hotmail.com

Child Protection is of paramount importance and the Sydenham and Forest Hill Youth Forum will provide on the website a clear policy protecting its young members, including a code of lawful practice to all its users.

How will this project be delivered and how will individuals /organisations delivering the project be identified?

The lead worker for the Forum is Melissa Knight. Melissa is responsible for overseeing the website creation, including the logo competition and launch event on June 1st.

Melissa has already liaised with volunteers and paid workers to produce a competition flyer for the logo competition. Melissa has also begun research on the website, and planning the launch event. Melissa is also responsible for youth consultation, publicity and building a youth-led participation project. For a full report of the Forum’s participation plans please email melissaknight18@hotmail.com.

The website will be made by professional website designer Danny Blackman. Danny is responsible for getting all the collated information about youth activities, advice and training onto the site ready for July’s summer holidays, with as much of the site as possible ready for the launch event on June 1st. Danny (who is 23 years old) has already produced the flyer, and landing page where competition entrants can upload their logos (see below).

Melissa has been going to schools and youth clubs to promote the competition. To enter, young people will leave their email address and name, and from this information will be signed up to the website and receive regular news feeds about up and coming events.

On 1st June, when the young logo designer will be announced, young people will be invited to an event held at Sydenham School. The evening will run for about two hours, with a showcase of local talent as well as short films made by Melissa where a shortlist of five logo designers will talk through their ideas to camera. Each of the five short listed will get their work critiqued by a panel of graphic design experts who will give them feedback on developing their designs.

The final winner will be voted by the audience and announced at the end of the evening. The winner will be presented with a new MacBook laptop and design package and will see their logo used on all the Forum’s youth-led initiatives, including the website.

The evening will also give services for young people a platform to advertise as well as promoting the Assemblies who have supported the website.
It is hoped the website remains a useful site for young people and that it is maintained by a group of local young people interested in web design.

The website will also be the main communication vehicle used by the Forum to build up youth-led participation projects and advertise new and exciting activities to them on a regular basis.
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<th>Name of project:</th>
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**Project Idea:**
To develop a "local vision" for Leegate, reflecting local residents needs and aspirations for the future of the shopping centre. To that end, a Friends of Leegate would be formed to further the community's involvement in rehabilitating the area.

Leegate topped the Assembly's list of priorities, and all the ideas have come from the Assembly process, which ultimately overwhelmingly agreed the attached motion supporting the bid to the Mayor's Fund.

The plan would form a key element of the Master Plan needed in any future development of Leegate. It should involve the community, including local groups, Lewisham Council, St Modwen’s and Transport for London, and representatives of existing site tenants, plus secondary partners (listed elsewhere).

It could also kick-start any other public/private investment that might ultimately be required.

**What does the project want to achieve?**
- Establish Friends of Leegate, run and staffed by community.
- Residents & local retailers' survey, organised by Friends of Leegate
- Environmental improvements, including street furniture, green rest/recreation area, artwork in square, malls, carpark.
- Promotion plan, investigation of leasing conditions, shop start-ups.
- Develop one/two vacant units on no-cost/temporary lease for use by community - information centre, family-oriented coffee/tea shop with education, environmental exhibits, etc. Could include credit union.
- Regular events - crafts & farmers’ markets, fairs, music & arts festivals.

**How will the success of the project be measured?**
- Numbers & impact of Friends of Leegate
- Engagement of partners - Lewisham Council, St Modwen’s, Tfl, local retailers - other secondary partners.
- Improvement in local environment, supported by Council, St Modwens, Tfl.
- Renewed interest by retailers in locating in Leegate.
- Temporary use of shops, making community-based use of vacant premises.
- Activities & events contributing to sense that life coming back to centre.
- Extra funding drawn from partners and other bids to generate further activities

**Budget breakdown to be allocated to the project:**
£5000

**% of overall Mayor's Fund allocation to be used:**
10%
Budget breakdown for the project:

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Key stages in developing the project:

**Action:** Organise away day of signed-up Friends of Leegate to plan way forward, develop overall action plan.
**Lead:** Cllr Brian Robson, Jim Mallory (proposal mover), Adeyinka Joseph (Assemblies Team)
**Deadline:** May 2009
**Cost:** Up to £1000 (already met from Localities Fund)

**Action:** Establish Friends of Leegate, possibly as a registered charity, and initiate local survey of residents and other “stakeholders”.
**Lead:** Friends of Leegate
**Deadline:** July 2009
**Cost:** £1000

**Action:** Meeting with Lewisham Council, St Modwen’s, Lee Manor Society
**Lead:** Lewisham Council, Cllr Brian Robson, Jim Mallory
**Deadline:** June 2009
**Cost:** nil

**Action:** Develop promotion plan, including survey of environment
**Lead:** Friends of Leegate, Lewisham Council, St Modwen’s, TfL
**Deadline:** Autumn 2009
**Cost:** £500

**Action:** Establish plan for leasing/ funding options, use of vacant units
**Lead:** Friends of Leegate, Lewisham Council, St Modwen’s
**Deadline:** Autumn 2009
**Cost:** £2000

**Action:** Develop & implement plan for local activities
**Lead:** Friends of Leegate, Lewisham Council
**Deadline:** Autumn 2009
**Cost:** £1500

Summary

All of these ideas would be expected to generate extra funding, e.g., environmental improvements supported by statutory agencies, activities supported by arts & cultural organisations, use of shops could generate income as well as making use of money already spent as business.
rates. They would also contribute to a greater vibrancy in the area.

### What else is happening that may impact on this project?

St Modwen’s have requested that the Council include Leegate as a development site in the next round of consultation over the borough’s Local Development Framework, following meetings with the Council and local representatives. They have also appointed an architect to draw up plans for retail-led mixed development.

The recession has hit development plans everywhere and Leegate will be no exception. However, the Council reports that often would-be shop owners are born out of their previous hardship - using redundancy packages to start-up small businesses. However, the Government recently announced new measures to help stop high street shops from declining, including interim-use leases. These should involve planners, local groups and businesses working together.

Lee Manor Society, who support these proposals, have published Lee Green Crossroads, reflecting their concern for the built environment and the need to ensure any development complements the area’s historical legacy.

### What are the risks with this project?

The recession could possibly render much of the work unproductive.

Local enthusiasm could wane

### Who needs to be involved in delivering / supplying this project?

Friends of Leegate - local residents (including neighbouring wards), schools, tenants groups, anyone else with an interest in the area

Lewisham Council

St Modwen’s

Transport for London

Other statutory agencies - Greenwich Council, Lewisham PCT, Community Education Lewisham

Local retailers