



**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING**

**Tuesday 12 February 2013 7.30pm – 9.30pm**

**Trinity Church of England Secondary School**

**Taunton Road, London SE12**

**Record of Meeting**

	Item	Actions
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Jim Mallory standing in for Cllr Sven Griesenbeck welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Government Green Deal Scheme</b>	
	<p>The meeting received information on the Government new energy saving scheme. The scheme ensures energy saving improvements to home and businesses without paying all cost of improvements up front through the Green Deal. Improvements work may include loft and wall insulation, central heating, double glazing and drought proofing.</p> <p><b>How does it work</b></p> <p>An assessor would be appointed to inspect property and discuss energy usage. You would then be issued with a Green Deal advise report explaining what improvements need to be made along with an estimate on how much savings could be made on energy bills. The Council is considering whether to become a provider of this scheme but first they wish to seek residents views before embarking upon this. A questionnaire is being handed out at the meeting and people are urged to complete this and hand them in during the course of the meeting.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Police Safer Neighbourhood Update</b>	
<b>a</b>	<b>New Policing Model</b> PC Ben Smith from the Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Team	

	<p>provided this update. He explained the new policing model due to be rolled out across the met. Currently the structure comprises of a team of response officers with responsibilities for responding to 999 emergency calls. There is also the safer neighbourhood team comprising of a team of dedicated officers at a ward level across the borough. Each ward would have a Sergeant, 2 Police Constable and 3 to 4 Police Community Support Officers. The current structure would be changing at the end of March.</p> <p>Under the new structure policing would be deliver in the community 7 days a week between the hours of 7am until 2am in the morning. Each area would have a dedicated team of 1 Police Constable and 2 Police Community Support Officers. This means that there would be one less officer in each ward. Those officers taken from each ward would be fed into a Central team supporting the neighbourhood team where assistance is required. Part of the role of the Central team would be patrolling crime hotspot areas across the borough within the designated hours. Further update on the scheme would be provided in the summer when the scheme becomes operational.</p> <p>b <b>Local Crime Figures</b></p> <p>The priorities for Lee Green remain unchanged. These are burglary, motor vehicle crime and anti social behaviour. The team has recorded a slight drop in reported cases of burglary in Lee Green recently. There are 4 fewer burglary in comparison with the same period last year. There were 30 cases of motor vehicle crime record in the last three months. This figure remains the same as last year. The team continue to provide regular crime prevention advice, door knock exercise and awareness of motor vehicle crime to the community, targeting areas that has been subjected to this offences. The team in collaboration with the Council's community safety team are holding a crime prevention advice day on 1<sup>st</sup> March on the Leybridge Estate between 10am and 2pm. Another session is also being held outside Hither Green Station on Staplehurst Road on 13 February and 15 February at the same time respectively.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Reshaping Youth Service in Lewisham</b>	
	<p>The head of Youth Service at Lewisham Council explained the changes proposed to the provision of services to young people in the borough. The service is required to find 23% savings from their annual budget to bring it in line with Council wide savings strategies. There are changes requires by the department for the improvement of services delivered to young people across the borough. The proposal for savings lays out priorities and outcomes of what Lewisham Youth Service wish to achieve for young people in the borough. It also outlines how resources can be targeted at those in most needs. Lewisham Youth Service has a statutory duty to facilitate the access to provision by young people across the borough and beyond.</p> <p>There are already a mixed economy of youth provision across the borough directly supplied by the Council, voluntary and community organisations. What is proposed as part of the savings is that the</p>	

	<p>Council reduces the number of full time staffed youth club building from 9 to 7. The decision on which youth provision is cut is dependent upon their performance and number of young people accessing their activities. The two youth club proposed for closure are Grove Park Youth Club and the Oakridge youth club in Downham. It is hoped that by taking this decision, funding spent on building and staffing can be released for commissioning for the provision of an improved activities for young people.</p> <p>What this new proposal would mean in practice to those youth provision which are not currently under Council management, like Lee Green Youth project, is that they would now have the freedom to bid for funding through commissioning to continue providing activities to young people uninterrupted. Young people would also have access to provision not just in Lewisham but across London wide and get the benefit of youth provision in its broadest range.</p> <p>It is proposed that the new change will take effect from the beginning of October 2013. Within that a commissioning process will begin in September 2013 with implementation in April 2014. The proposal is due for formal approval by the Mayor of Lewisham in February. A copy of the full proposal can be viewed on the council website.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Update on Downgrading Services at Lewisham Hospital</b>	
	<p>Cllr Jim Mallory standing in for the Council Executive Director for Community services provided this update. A 35,000 strong petition opposition to the downgrading of services at the hospital was submitted to the government. The outcome of a recent public consultation also overwhelmingly rejects the proposals of the administrators. Two rally marches of 15,000 and 25,000 people respectively has taken place.</p> <p>Some of the main points of the proposal were highlighted as follows: Anyone with a serious condition and women likely to experience complicated pregnancy would be directed to use services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Greenwich. It is envisaged that these two services would be run down over time and that two third of the current site would be sold.</p> <p>The main argument against the proposal highlights the difficulties of getting to the Greenwich hospital by public transport from Lewisham. It has also been noted that services at Queen Elizabeth hospital are already stretched and that the expectation of the transfers of services at Lewisham hospital there would create an even more overstretched situation and would impact upon the quality of services provided to the public.</p> <p>As a direct response to the situation, the Council has decided to launch a legal challenge against the secretary of state asking him to reverse its decision on this matter by 22 February. This challenge is based on the grounds that the Trust Special Administrators had no power under the relevant statutory regime to consider or make</p>	

	<p>recommendations about a service provided by the NHS trust. It was also noted that the plans proposed by the administrators were rejected by local people, hospital staff and local GPs.</p> <p>A local challenge fund has been set up by Lewisham Council to allow people in the community contribute to the cost of the action. In the course that court awards cost is in the Council's favour or if for any reason donations are no longer required, the Council pledges to donate all the fund acquired from this challenge to a local children charity "Children First Lewisham".</p>	
<b>6)</b>	<b>Updates on Assembly Priorities</b>	
a	<p><b>Leegate</b></p> <p>The meeting is informed of the postponement of the meeting with St Modwen's and with ASDA which was scheduled to take place in November 2012 and February 2013 respectively. The working group had expressed their concerns regarding this matter. The meeting with ASDA was postponed because ASDA had recently undergone restructuring and the key manager who should have met with the group has been moved to another section within the organisation.</p> <p>The working has also met with the Council planning officers to discuss the Council's Core Strategy Development Plan, and how this underpins the arguments advanced in the Position Paper prepared by the working group. The planners advised that if the group wishes to raise an objection to the proposed plans by way of petition they would need to state specifically how the plans contravene the Planning Policy under the Core Strategy Development plan. A motion was taken by the Assembly in support of the actions proposed by the working group.</p>	
b	<p><b>Parking and CPZ</b></p> <p>The meeting received updates on the result of the parking consultation conducted in September 2012. Representatives from the working group has attended the last two Council select Committee meeting where the recommendations developed following the consultation were discussed. It was mentioned that the hard work by the Assembly and the people of Lee Green generally had prompted a borough-wide review of parking. It was also noted that the response rate from Lee Green ward was higher than anywhere else in the borough.</p> <p>Some of the findings and recommendations proposed in the report was read out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The responses received for the consultation were quite low. This has prompted a discussion at the select committee meeting around what the required minimum turnout should be to progress with implementation.</li> <li>• It was recognised that greater consideration should be given to the publication of consultation to ensure it reaches a wider</li> </ul>	

	<p>audience. It was felt that many people were omitted from taking part in this exercise due to poor publicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee agreed that the current parking permit charges should be frozen until 2015/16 financial year. In terms of charging model, one of the consideration was to introduce a concessionary rate of £30 to permit holders with the most efficient vehicles.</li> <li>• There were some uncertainty around whether to maintain the current flat rate charging model of £120 or introduce a lower rate of £110 for the first resident permit and charge a higher rate for additional vehicles. The Mayor will decide on this.</li> <li>• It was recognised that there has been some achievement around offering additional support to those who rely on visitor parking permits. The cost of this permit will be reduced from £28 to £20 per week.</li> <li>• Carers parking permit would be free of any charges and an application process for acquiring disable bays will be established with set criteria to ensure these bays are necessary, safe and feasible.</li> <li>• The current charges for business parking permit would be maintained.</li> <li>• In future an annual review of parking zones would be conducted to establish what is needed in terms of parking</li> <li>• There would be an improvement and a transparency of parking related finances</li> <li>• It is proposed that all pay and display parking machine are to be phased out and replaced with more cost effective cashless parking payment alongside an alternative for people who do not have access to mobile phones or credit / debit cards.</li> <li>• All signs within existing CPZs will be reviewed to ensure they are consistence and clear.</li> </ul> <p>Attendees are directed to view the full report on the Council website.</p> <p>Having recognised that the parking consultation did not fully address parking needs of Lee Green, the Assembly is planning to conduct its own ward wide parking consultation to have a clearer idea of what the needs are in all the roads and create a decent choice for people. A representative from the working group is working on a draft questionnaire adopted from the Ladywell ward where they have undertaken similar process.</p>	
<b>7)</b>	<b>Community groups Update</b>	
a	<p><b>Women Institute</b></p> <p>The institute was formed in 1897 in Canada by a woman whose son had died from contaminated milk. The UK arm of the group was established in 1915 during the first world war. In 2003 the new urban style women's institute began in London. It was introduced in Lee Green in January 2012. The group meets once a month usually on the third Thursday of every month at Trinity Secondary School from 7.30pm. There is always a speaker or an activity lined up for</p>	

b	<p>attendees. Themes for speeches are focused around enjoyment and personal development.</p> <p>There is also a strong campaigning element to the group. The group was active in the lobbying towards the Council closure of 5 libraries and the recent march against the downgrading of services at Lewisham hospital. This year the group is planning on the campaign for high street improvement with the proposed redevelopment at Leegate being a big interest. The next meeting of the group will take place on Thursday 21 February at the Good Shepherd Church on Handen Road.</p> <p><b>Friends of Manor House Library</b></p> <p>A community group created to ensure the upkeep and safety of Manor House Gardens. A critical friend to Glendale the parks contractor and Lewisham Council ensuring that they do what is required of them. The group also ensures that the gardens is a useable place as a meeting point for the community.</p> <p>The group meets regularly and their next meeting is due to take place on 6 March 2013. All are welcomed to attend. This would be the group opportunity to highlight some successes including a recent bid won for the upgrading of play ground equipment . The group is planning to hold their annual community festival in the grounds of the gardens on Saturday 23 June 2013 at a time to be agreed.</p>	
<b>8)</b>	<b>Recycling in Lewisham</b>	
	<p>The meeting heard a presentation about recycling in Lewisham. The Council collects refuse and recycling items from 117, 500 properties weekly. This includes garden waste, batteries, light bulbs and textile materials. In addition to these, the team collects large items and there is also a free mattress recycling service. The main recycling plant is located at Landmann Way in Newcross.</p> <p>Materials can be collected from kerbside, flats above shops and from estates. Weekly collection are done on the same day as normal refuse collection. A list of recyclable objects and what they are turned into after processing was presented to the meeting. Since the change in contract there has been a big improvements in the rates of recycling from 15% in rejected contaminated materials to 5%. This performance the Council looks forward to improve on throughout the year.</p> <p>A list of what people can do to help the Council improve on its recycling rates was presented as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing the information you have received at the meeting with friends and family</li> <li>• Recycling as much as can possibly do</li> <li>• Giving your opinion on how you feel the Council is performing and how things can be improved further</li> <li>• Thinking about other items that can be recycled or reused to</li> </ul>	

	reduce waste	
<b>9)</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	No interest was declared at this meeting.	