



**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY  
MEETING  
Tuesday 14 May 2013 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Trinity Church of England Secondary School  
Taunton Road, London SE12**

**Record of Meeting**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, Introduction &amp; Format of meeting</b>	
	Cllr Pauline Beck welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the format of the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Update on the future of Lee Green Youth Club</b>	
	<p>Muhammad Rahmani from Lewisham Youth Service provided this update. Regular generic youth activities takes place at the community centre on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6.15pm to 8.45pm. Around 15 to 20 young people attends sessions regularly. Plans have already began to deliver the yearly youth summer activities for young people during the summer school break. Young people will have the opportunity to enjoy various activities over four to five weeks period.</p> <p>The processes to find savings within Lewisham Youth Service budget has began. The selection process for the reorganisation of staffing have now commenced. There would be a reduction in the number of youth provision across the borough. Lee Green Youth Club is not a statutory club and would be affected by the cut. Every effort is being made to find a voluntary organisation to take over the running of the Youth Club from beginning of October 2013 when it is proposed that Youth Service would be withdrawing their resources from this provision.</p> <p>It was reported that Youth Service have been protected against any cuts in previous years and it has become inevitable to make savings in this service area. The service is however making saving more than they need to in order to create a pot of funding which</p>	

	would go towards the provision of youth activities in areas where there are no youth clubs or centre. Lee Green would benefit from this opportunity provided that a management committee is created to take over the responsibilities for managing the youth provision.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Reporting back on Assembly funded project</b>	
	<p><b>Safe on our Street Drama Project</b></p> <p>Cllr Jim Mallory reported back on the youth project funded through the Assembly. The project was introduced as a direct response to support young people in the area following the murder of a youth outside Sainsbury in Lee Green. The project delivered by Greenwich &amp; Lewisham Youth Theatre ensured the participation of young people from the Lee Green youth club and Trinity Secondary School. Several performances were held in the Community Centre featuring officers from the Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Team and bystanders on Saturday 30 March 2013. It is proposed that clips of recording from the drama would be shown at future Assembly meeting. The clips would also be taken into schools in the ward for educational purposes.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Update on Leegate Redevelopment</b>	
	<p>References were made to the motion paper on the proposed Leegate Centre redevelopment plans passed at the last Assembly meeting held in February 2013. The Leegate working group has expressed their concerns about the floor size proposed for the ASDA store, in its proposal. The working group in their response to the proposal are asking St Modwens's to consider a reduction in the floor size allocated to ASDA, increase the number of housing facilities and open space and to give further consideration to the traffic implication that the development may bring to the area.</p> <p>It was reported that there has been no movement with regards to the meeting requested with ASDA. The meeting was postponed because ASDA had recently undergone restructuring of its management and the key manager who should have met with the group has been moved to another section within the organisation. A number of question and answer session followed this update.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Update on Older people priority / services at the Lee Green Community Centre</b>	
	<p>Amongst the activities run at the Community Centre is the exercise session to improve older people's mobility and fitness. The session was initially funded by the NHS. Around 8 to 10 elderly living with mobility problems benefit from the services. Funding was stopped by the NHS as part of their budget cuts early in the year. This prompted a charges being levied at the elderly people using this service to raise the cost for the instructor. Cllr Mallory has responded to this matter by raising this matter with the Council</p>	

	<p>Director for public Health at a meeting during the week. A commitment was secured that public health department will continue to provide funding to pay for the instructor as part of the preventing fall initiative for a few month until a review takes place.</p> <p>Other services also run at the community centre includes provision for people with learning disability and evening activities for young people.</p>	
<b>6)</b>	<b>Understanding Council budget</b>	
	<p>A brief overview of how the Council annual budget is spent was provided to the meeting. The annual budget that the Council receives from Central Government stands at just over a million pounds. Around £600 – 700,000 of this goes towards housing management and schools. The Council makes a decision on how the remaining £400,000 is spent amongst its other services. It was explained that around 40% of the £400,000 goes towards care for the elderly. In view of the ever growing older population, it is likely that this figure may increase to 60% in about 2 years time.</p>	
<b>7)</b>	<b>Parking &amp; CPZ</b>	
	<p>Some of the summary taken from the final recommendations from the parking review recently conducted by the Council was read out to the meeting as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report explains how implementation is decided and what percentage of turn out is required</li> <li>• Some flexibility will be imbedded into future consultation after it was found that the type of questions asked when consulting residents about parking previously restrict residents in getting what they wanted.</li> <li>• It was established that good progress has already been made in matters relating to charges. The working group unrelenting pressure on the Council has resulted in a three year freeze on annual parking permit charges until 2015. Residents would be consulted on any future increases.</li> <li>• A concessionary rate will be introduced to benefit owners of super efficient vehicles.</li> <li>• The weekly visitors has been reduced from £28 to £20. Ten 1hour stay visitors permit will now cost £10. Previously the cost of half an hour stay was £2.80.</li> <li>• A book of 1 hour 10 visitors permit will be provided free of charge to all household that currently holds at least one resident permit.</li> <li>• There are no plans to increase business permit for now.</li> <li>• Further consideration would be given for the implementation of 30mins short stay parking near business hubs. A longer duration of 1 hour may be considered in specific circumstances.</li> <li>• It is proposed that pay machine would be phased out over time in favour of a more cost effective and cashless parking. This</li> </ul>	

	<p>would be run alongside alternatives for people who do not have access to mobile phones or debit / credit card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An accessible report on parking related revenue will be produced annually.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Step</b></p> <p>The next step in this process would be the development of a questionnaire to survey resident on their parking needs across Lee Green Ward. A sample of a questionnaire used by the Ladywell Councillors for the same purposes has been adopted. The survey present an opportunity for resident to comment on whether they would prefer a reduced hours and what time of the day they would like to see the restriction implemented. Residents currently outside the CPZ can state whether they want one introduced in their area. The meeting is asked to comment on the draft and send their comments via email to Ade.</p> <p>Agreement would be sought from senior officer at the Council parking section before the questionnaire goes live.</p>	
<b>9)</b>	<b>Declaration of interest</b>	
	There were no interest declared at this meeting.	