

**LEE GREEN LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING**

Tuesday 7 October 2014 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Trinity Church of England Secondary School

Taunton Road, London SE12

Record of Meeting

	Item	Actions
1	Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting	
	Councillor Jim Mallory opened the meeting and introduced the agenda.	
2	Lee Green Safer Neighbourhood Update on Policing and Community Safety	
	<p>Two 17 year old youths have been charged with murder in the case of the recent fatal incident near the Leegate Centre. The have both been remanded in custody awaiting trial and will next appear in court later this month.</p> <p>With regards to the SNT priorities for the area, burglary is slightly down with 5 fewer offences recorded in the past 3 months. Sheds and bikes are being targeted and most offences are in the daytime. Theft from motor vehicle is also down with 19 fewer offences in past 3 months. Number plates are generally targeted in the area.</p> <p>On traffic matters, The team has received a lots of complaints around speeding in the 20mph zone. There is a lack of evidence in relation to the area being a "problem". A speed survey has been conducted in one of the roads to analyse the problem. A proportion of the team's time have been ringfenced around traffic matters in an attempt to combat this problem..</p>	
3	Lewisham Big Budget Challenge	
	<p>This item was introduced by Cllr Jim Mallory and presented by David Austin (LBL Head of Finance). The presentation explained current Council's spending, where the money comes from, cuts in income, when decisions would be made and how local people may influence those decisions.</p> <p>A brief overview of the overall budget challenges the council will be facing over the next four year was provided to the meeting. The Council needs to make a savings of £85m. This amount to a saving</p>	

	<p>of £1 in every £3 it spends. The Council spends a total of £1.2billion a year. Its net budget is £268m. Around half of the net budget is spent on care for the most vulnerable in the community covering the cost of Adult Social Care at £85m and Children Social Care at £45M.</p> <p>Where does the money come from Around £81m is acquired from Council tax, £85m from business rate and £102m from government revenue support grant in from of taxes. Although these cuts has to be made yearly, the borough remains to be one of the fastest growing areas in London. As a result, demands for services are rising. There is currently a projection of around £85m gap in the funding the Council receives from the government. The Council has introduced an online stimulator which gives people an insight into the sort of challenges facing the Mayor and Councillors as they try to balance the books. Attendees are urged to use the online stimulator to understand the complexity of the decisions that needs to be made .</p> <p>Decision Making Process The Council has begun a processes of consultation and a paper on potential areas of savings recommended by officers have been published. The proposal is currently undergoing scrutiny by Councillors and is due to be presented before Mayor and Cabinet by November. All service users and the public will be consulted before the end of the year. The Council will then sets its budget in February 2015.</p> <p>A session of group exercise followed this presentation where participants were tasked with identifying the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which Council services are most important to them and to the community in general b. Where they think Council spending can be reduced. 	
4	Assembly funding bids and voting	
	<p>A number of organisation seeking funding from the Lee Green Assembly grant presented their proposal to the meeting. A vote was taken by show of hands to agree all the bids. All the proposals received a seal of approval from the Assembly.</p>	
5	Community Updates and any other business	
a)	<p>Lee Health Centre The meeting received information about a new health initiative, Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT). The service is based at the Lee Health Centre on Handen Road and offers a range of support including free work shops. Therapist can attend group sessions on request to deliver advice on mental and emotional well-being. This is a free service through the NHS.</p>	
b)	<p>Parking Many people took part in the parking consultation over the Summer</p>	

<p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>months. There has been a slight delay in publishing the result. The Councillors have expressed their disappointment that the information was not available in time for the assembly meeting. Every efforts is being made to get the publication out in time before the Autumn Assembly meeting.</p> <p>Leegate Centre A public meeting about the redevelopment of the Centre is being planned for Tuesday 14 October from 7pm at Trinity Secondary School. This is held as a follow up to the Council meeting at which there were many questions raise on the subject from a number of local people. The deputy Mayor will be chairing the meeting.</p> <p>Assembly Website Work has progressed with the setting up of a Lee Green Assembly Community Website, one of the ideas suggested for progressing the Lee Green Local Plan. The URL site has been registered under the domain name, Leegreen.London. An email address has also been set up as follows: info@leegreen.london.</p> <p>The site will include a community notice board where people can cross referencing and find out what is happening locally. Local groups and organisation are urged to contribute to the site.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Declaration of interest</p>	
	<p>There were no interest declared at this meeting.</p>	