

**LEWISHAM CENTRAL LOCAL ASSEMBLY
MEETING
Saturday 25 February 2017 12pm – 2pm
Hither Green Baptist Church Hall
Theodore Road, London SE13**

Record of Meeting

| | Item | Actions |
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| 1 | Welcome, Introduction & Format of meeting | |
| | <p>Cllr Stella Jeffrey welcomed everyone and went through the format of the meeting.</p> | |
| 2 | Police Safer neighbourhood update | |
| | <p>An overview of the works of the SNT were presented to the meeting. There has been some recent changes within the team. The team now has a new Sargent and PC. The SNT priorities for the area were presented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglaries • Robbery • Motor vehicle offences and • Antisocial behaviour <p>Some statistics of offences over a 12 weeks period along with actions taken to address them were listed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The team next ward panel meeting will take place from 7pm onward on 26th April at Lewisham Police Station. • The team are holding a series of community engagement initiatives across the ward known as “coffee with a copper”. The first of this session will take place on Thursday 16th March at the Glassmill Leisure Centre between 12pm and 2pm. Another is also planned for Friday 31st March at the same time at the Café of Good Hope in Hither Green. • As part of its collaboration work with faith institutions across the borough, a faith walk is planned for Sunday 21st May • The team are working with Lewisham Hospital, Lewisham Council and various Housing Associations to deal with issues around antisocial behaviour across the borough • A Crime Prevention Stall will be set up within Lewisham Shopping Centre and Lewisham Hospital where people can raise issues they may have with the team • The team is also looking to visit local schools and after school clubs to build a better relationship with local children. <p>You can contact the team at Lewishamcentral.snt@met.police.uk or on Twitter @MPSLewishamCntl.</p> | |
| 3 | Latest on the Gateway Development | |

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| | <p>The representative from the PR company attached to the Gateway Development was in attendance and gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first phase of the regeneration scheme is now complete. The scheme has so far delivered 193 new homes in two buildings. • Part of the ground floor will hold retail spaces • The improvements and reconfiguring of roads around the development is now completed. This work involved the removal of the huge roundabout and replacing this with a new highway system. • Two new access to the Ravensbourne and Quaggy Rivers have been created. This would form a space for a new urban park for Confluence Place. • The team have consulted on a proposal to amend the planning permission approved for the second phase of the development. Changes proposed will include areas of public space, uses of the building and the height and size. <p>A number of concerns was raised by people at the meeting about the new road layout, the proposed height of the buildings in phase 2 and the recent changes to public transport. The rep re-affirms the commitment of the Gateway Development in engaging local people and promised to make every effort to get a TFL official to the next Assembly meeting to answer the questions raised about transport matters.</p> | |
| 4. | Assembly priority – Greening Lewisham project | |
| <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> | <p>The following updates were provided on the progress made with the various aspects of the Assembly chosen themed priority – Greening Lewisham Project.</p> <p><u>Loampit Vale</u></p> <p>Several hundreds of spring bulbs and wildflower seeds have been planted in the empty beds opposite the Glassmill Leisure Centre. An artist has been engaged and asked to come up with a branding logo in areas cleaned up through this project. The design once ready will be circulated.</p> <p><u>Pine Tree Way / Elmira Street</u></p> <p>A session took place to improve the neglected bed surrounding the tree at the junction of Pine Tree Way and Elmira Street on 12th December. Working with volunteers from Good Gym Lewisham a variety of plants were planted including tulip, bulbs and wildflower seeds.</p> <p><u>Lewisham Market pavement deep cleaning</u></p> <p>The assembly responded to the complaint from shoppers and traders about the filthy state of Lewisham High Street, especially around the market. Comments about the state of the pavement were also echoed at previous assembly meeting and on social</p> | |

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| | <p>media. Using funding allocated by the assembly and match funding from Lewisham Market Traders fund, cleaning of the pavement and surrounding areas were done just before Christmas. The pavement are now noticeably cleaner.</p> <p><u>Glassmill Leisure plant beds</u></p> <p>4.4 Working with runners of Good Gym, the dead beds at the front and rear of the Glassmill were transformed. The dead yews has been replaced with over a thousand bulbs, daffodils, tulips donated by Taylor’s bulbs through the Metropolitan Garden Association.</p> <p><u>River Ravensbourne clean up</u></p> <p>4.5 A great community event in central Lewisham working with Thames 21 and Good Gym Lewisham to clean up the riverbed and riverbank of build up litter.</p> <p><u>Future planned projects</u></p> <p>4.6 There are plans to bid for some section 106 funding to improve the hard standing area by the market square directly in front of the main entrance to the shopping centre as a short term measure. The longer term designs for the area are currently being drawn up as part of a master plan for the regeneration of Lewisham Town Centre.</p> <p>Meetings has be held with officers from the Council’s Highway department to draw a plan for the improvement of the hard standing area by the entrance to Lewisham Shopping Centre. If the application for section 106 is successful, a contractor would be engaged to deliver a flat black asphalt hard standing suitable for Market vehicles and pedestrian traffic. This is schedule to begin in April / May if funding is secured. The provision of new seating will follow.</p> | |
| 5. | Reviving Ladywell Playtower | |
| | <p>The Council has begun to take steps to restore Ladywel Playtower in order to bring it back to use. A proposal has been formally inviting bids to try and find a restoration partner for the scheme. This went out in January 2017 and officers from the Council spent 3 Fridays showing around 60 groups and consortium who wish to take a look at the building around. Following this event about 24 expression of interest was received. Those responses are currently being evaluated by officers at the Council. The idea is to shortlist around five best proposals out of the 24 interests received.</p> <p>Some of the areas to consider for the final shortlist will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose use of the building in its grade 2 competition • Will it preserve the things that are important, especially given the key location to the conservation area • How will they fund that restoration i.e. private finance etc. • Sustainability – Its business plan, checking the organisation track record • Is there a model that will work for the local area | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How it will benefits the community • Experience and track record of organisation in tackling a project of this scale <p>It is hope that the Council will announce the successful bidders who makes the shortlist in April. The idea is that they would be set some pro-test to complete and carry out some investigative search on what they have listed in their proposal before they put in their final submission. The final submission is expected by end of May.</p> <p>An idea was proposed to perhaps have a joint session where the Lewisham Central and Ladywell Assembly can meet with bidders. A dragon den style session might take place following a short presentation on the ideas proposed by bidders. This way the Council can gather some feedback from residents which can be included in the final report about the process. The proposal will go to the Mayor in the summer recess including all the details of all the submissions asking him to select a restoration partner.</p> <p>The Council is also looking at the future of the wider Ladywell area. The area comprising of the old site of the Ladywell Bath demolished in 2014 which is currently occupied by the Place Ladywell temporary housing units with consent granted for the building till 2020. A piece of work has begun to look at the wider area. The Council is holding a series of drop in session at local venues to try and seek wider views from residents and businesses in the area about ideas for improving and enhancing key assets to make the most of them in the long term to meet needs. Details of the remaining public drop in sessions were shared with the meeting. Thoughts are also being given to the potential of new transport infrastructure and how this might support sustainable growth in the borough</p> <p>People were encouraged to come along and share their knowledge and views to help the Council scope out the ambitions for the area.</p> | |
| 6. | Current situation in the NHS | |
| | <p>There was an appeal from the Save Our Lewisham Hospital Campaign seeking the Assembly support in its latest resistance to a new government health transformation plan (Sustainability and Transformation Plan – (STP). STPs are five year plans covering all aspects of NHS spending. The proposal involves NHS organisations and local authorities in different parts of the country working together to develop place-based plans for the future of health and care services in their area. It is a financial cut exercise. A summary paper wish sets out a critical assessment of the Government’s current plan to: reorganise the NHS, reduce funding by £22b by 2020 and enforced the sell-off of NHS building and land was circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>Many pressure and focus groups across the country have expressed concerns about the impact of this proposal on patient safety and the boom era this proposal would be providing for private hospitals.</p> | |

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| | Councillors Update & Any other business | |
| | The meeting were updated on a number of information items happening around the area and within the Council by the 3 Lewisham Central Councillors. | |
| | Declaration of interest | |
| | There were no interest declared at this meeting | |