



## DOWNHAM ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

10.30am – 12.30pm

2 Wesley Halls Community Centre, Shroffold Road, Bromley BR1 5PE

### AGENDA

10:30	<b>Refreshments and Networking</b>	All
10:40	<b>Welcome, Introductions and House-keeping</b>	Timi and Paulette
10:45	<b>2015-16 Assembly Fund Priorities – What were they and what projects were funded to address them</b>	Timi and Paulette
10:50	<b>Presentations from 2015-16 funded projects – an overview of how projects met their aims</b> Downham Celebrates Academy Achievers Downham Football Project REAP Youth Club Academy Achievers Lewisham's Citizens Advice Bureau ALIZA – A Place to be Me	Joe Cobham Paulette Watson Kieran Connolly Fiona Calder Paulette Watson Rachel Braverman Marraine Cooke
11:20	<b>Break incorporating an exercise to determine this year's Assembly Fund priorities</b>	All
11:50	<b>Agree priorities – Launch Fund</b>	Timi and Paulette
11:55	<b>Making Council Business More Relevant to Residents - An invitation to experience a Council Committee Meeting</b>	Joe Cobham
12:05	<b>Community Safety Update</b>	Downham SNT
12:15	<b>AOB</b>	All
12:20	<b>Community Round Ups Co-group Membership</b>	All Paulette
12:25	<b>Date and Time of Next Assembly – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – 7.00pm – 9.00pm at REAP Centre 5 Oakridge Rd, Downham, BR1 5QW</b>	All
12:30	<b>Close of Meeting</b>	

***Please remember to complete the feedback form and hand it back to a member of staff at the end of the meeting***

**For Your Information – Current Council Consultations** <https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal>

**Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2017-18 - Consultation Closes 30.09.2016** - The Council is consulting on the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the financial year 2017/18. In April 2013, the Government abolished the national Council Tax Benefit scheme, which helped those people with low income to pay their Council Tax. In place of Council Tax Benefit each council had to introduce its own local Council Tax Reduction Scheme and agree it each year. The government also reduced the funding for the local Council Tax Reduction scheme in the first year by around 10% (£3.28m) and has continued to reduce the funding annually ever since. We want to make sure that we provide value for money for all our residents and we need your help to decide how we do this when delivering next year's Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The current Council Tax Reduction Scheme can be found on our website: [www.lewisham.gov.uk/ctrs](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/ctrs). Additional information on Lewisham's Council Tax Reduction Scheme can be found in the 'Supporting Documents' section of the consultation.

**Young Carers in Lewisham – Consultation Closes 05.10.2016** - This survey is to help us find out more about young carers in Lewisham, who are between the ages of 5-18 years old. We are not decreasing any funding to our young carers budget, but instead we are looking at ways we can deliver support better, and where it is most needed.

**Self-build & Custom-build Homes Registration Form – Consultation Closes 01.04.2020** - The Council has set up a Register for people who are interested in self-build or custom-build houses in the London Borough of Lewisham. Please note that registration does not guarantee that a suitable plot will be identified or become available. Subsequent applications for self-build and custom-build projects will require planning permission and will be assessed on their individual merits in line with the development plan. If you would like to register your details (as an individual or group of individuals) for a custom-build or self-build plot, please complete the Registration Form via the link to the survey.

**Lewisham Cycle Quietways – This is a READ ONLY document – you cannot comment on it** - Earlier this year Lewisham Council consulted on the proposal to upgrade an existing cycle route in Deptford and New Cross to a 'Cycle Quietway'. These Quietways aim to provide pleasant, low traffic routes for new and less confident cyclists. Many of the designs also aim to benefit pedestrians as well. Since this consultation the Quietway designs have been progressed and we are now consulting specifically on the changes we are proposing to make to the highway as part of the scheme. In the supporting document on the web-page you will find these designs organised by street name and also the Notice of Proposal that accompanies these designs which describes the changes we propose to make to the roads listed in it.

## **Interested in joining the Downham Assembly Coordinating Group?**

The coordinating group involves at least one ward councillor, one resident and one representative from the local third sector. The coordinating group is appointed from the wider assembly, and anyone who lives, works or learns in the ward can sit on the group. Additional members may be co-opted between appointments. Ideally the group should have between 6 and 12 members.

The group helps to plan and structure assembly meetings to ensure the smooth running of the meeting and to ensure there is a diverse attendance from all parts of the local community

### **Roles and responsibilities of coordinating group**

- Plan the agenda for each assembly meeting.
- Provide advice on how to make assembly agendas relevant to the different communities in your ward and make sure meetings are planned to make them accessible and enjoyable.
- Assist, where possible, in the practical delivery of assembly meetings.
- Consider approaches to be used by the assembly in recommending the allocation of Funds.
- Assess funding applications to ensure they meet the assembly's criteria.

