



DOWNHAM ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Little Gym Space
Downham Health & Leisure Centre
7-9 Moorside Road BR1 5EP

AGENDA

7.00pm	Welcome, Introductions and House-keeping	Cllr. Coral Howard
7.05pm	Downham Community Choir	Hannah Aina and the Downham Singers
7.15pm	Invitation to stroll around the Market Place	All
7.30pm	Food will be served – please continue to explore the Market Place and enjoy the opportunity to meet many of your local service providers	All
7.55pm	Please use the last five minutes of the break to select your priorities for the 2018-19 Downham Assembly Fund. The fund will be launched on Monday 24 th September 2018	All
8.00pm	Mayor's Question Time – Your opportunity to ask new Mayor Damien Egan a question	Mayor Damien Egan
8.55pm	Community Announcements	All
9.00	Close of Meeting	Thank you

Please remember to complete the feedback form at the end of the meeting

Have Your Say

Current Council Consultations

Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019- 2020

Closes 23 Sep 2018

Overview

In April 2013 the Government abolished the national Council Tax Reduction Scheme, which helped those on 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 has reduced the funding for the Scheme each year.

Following a detailed consultation in 2013 the Council introduced a Scheme that was based on the previous national Scheme but required people of working age to make a minimum contribution to cover the shortfall in Government funding. Following consultations each year the Council has continued this arrangement.

We want to consult you again on the options to deliver the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2019- 2020.

Please click on link below or enter https address into your browser to complete the survey.

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-resources/council-tax-reduction-scheme-2019-2020/>

Consultation on Alterations and Extension Supplementary Planning Document.

Closes 27 Sep 2018

Overview

A supplementary planning document (SPD) provides advice and guidance on the implementation of policies and proposals contained in Lewisham's development plan. SPDs form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

We want to ensure that the highest design quality is achieved in residential extensions and alterations within the Borough of Lewisham. To create a high quality proposal the design process must be carefully considered from the outset.



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<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/spd/>

Main Grants Programme

Closes 25 Oct 2018

Overview

This consultation is about the proposed approach to, and priorities for, Lewisham Council's main grants programme. We want to seek views on the proposed grants criteria and a number of questions relating to how we might allocate funding across the programme.

Lewisham's main grant programme was last fully let in 2015 following a full public consultation on the revised framework which was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) on 12 November 2014.

We now need to re-let the programme and as such we are undertaking this consultation to seek the views of residents and the sector regarding priorities and our proposed approach with a view to this informing our approach once overall budgets are decided.

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<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/joint-adults-commissioning/main-grants-programme/>

A New Strategy for Parks & Open Spaces In Lewisham (Autumn 2018) - Your Chance to Have Your Say

Closes 28 Oct 2018

Overview

The Council wants to ensure the borough's parks and open spaces meet the needs of Lewisham residents now and in the future. This survey is seeking your views on what the key priorities should be.

We will use the information we gather through this survey and other public engagement activities to influence the Council's new Local Plan and Parks & Open Spaces Strategy.



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Our intention is to consult on a draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy in late 2018/early 2019. Once the consultation is completed the Strategy will be presented to the appropriate committee for formal endorsement.

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<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/environment/newparks/>

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 the Assembly Fund

Assess funding applications to ensure they meet the assembly's criteria.



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