



## Mayor and Cabinet

### **Resolution from Brockley Assembly regarding community space and plans for Brockley Social Club**

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** Brockley

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### **Outline and recommendations**

This report notes the concern expressed by the Brockley Local Assembly who believe that “there is a serious lack of community space in Brockley Ward and ask that Mayor and Cabinet to use their best endeavours to ensure there is more community space in the Brockley ward and, specifically, that the community space provided within the Brockley Social Club prior to its closure (including facilities for small and informal community uses as well as larger events) is not lost in any redevelopment.

*Recommendation(s):* That Mayor and Cabinet note the motion and pass to officers for a response at a future Mayor and Cabinet meeting.

### **Timeline of engagement and decision-making**

Motion raised at Brockley Local Assembly – 19th October 2023

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. The following resolution, brought by the Chair of the Brockley Society, was passed unanimously at Brockley Local Assembly held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023: “there is a serious lack of community space in Brockley Ward and that the “Club” was one of the few remaining community spaces in the borough. It’s always-open, quasi-pub character enabled various small community activities as well as bigger events such as parties and conferences.”
- 1.2. Brockley Local Assembly ask that Mayor and Cabinet to use their best endeavours to ensure there is more community space in the Brockley ward and, specifically, that the community space provided within the Brockley Social Club prior to its closure (including facilities for small and informal community uses as well as larger events) is not lost in any redevelopment.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet are asked to note the motion and for officers to provide a response at a future Mayor and Cabinet meeting.

## 3. Policy Context

- 3.1. This report aligns with Lewisham’s Corporate Priorities, as set out in the Council’s [Corporate Strategy \(2022-2026\)](#):
  - Cleaner and Greener
  - A Strong Local Economy
  - Quality Housing
  - Children and Young People
  - Safer Communities
  - Open Lewisham
  - Health and Wellbeing
- 3.2. In particular, this report is closely aligned to a Strong Local Economy; Open Lewisham and Health and Wellbeing, because it concerns access to community facilities which would enable residents to better participate in and contribute to community activity in their area.

## 4. Background

- 4.1. The Council Constitution provides for each local Ward Assembly to have the

opportunity to submit up to one motion per year to Mayor and Cabinet.

4.2. As detailed above, Brockley Local Assembly, together with councillors and other community members, have raised the issue of in-ward community facilities.

## **5. Financial implications**

5.1. There are no financial implications contained in this report.

## **6. Legal implications**

6.1. There are no specific legal implications contained in this report

## **7. Equalities implications**

7.1. This report in itself has no specific equalities implications.

## **8. Climate change and environmental implications**

8.1. There are no specific climate change or environmental implications in this report.

## **9. Crime and disorder implications**

9.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.

## **10. Health and wellbeing implications**

10.1. There are no specific wellbeing implications in this report.

## **11. Background papers**

11.1 Not applicable

## **Glossary**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Brockley Society	<p>Brockley Society is a community association open and free to everyone living in the Brockley Conservation area and anyone adjacent who is interested in the Society's aims. It was founded in 1974 and is run entirely by volunteers. Their primary aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To stimulate public interest in the London Borough of Lewisham</li><li>• To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the London Borough of Lewisham</li><li>• To secure the preservation, protection, development</li></ul>

Term	Definition
	and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

## 12. Report contact

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