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## **BOWES, SOUTHGATE AND SOUTHGATE GREEN AREA FORUM**

Tuesday 2 March at 7.30pm  
The Bourne Methodist Church  
The Bourne

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## **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING**

Ward Councillors for Bowes, Southgate and Southgate Green are:

Councillors : Robert Hayward (Chairman), Alan Barker, Yasemin Brett, Achilleas Georgiou, Henry Lamprecht, Jeff Rodin, Edward Smith, Terence Smith and Ann Zinkin

## **AGENDA – PART 1**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members of the Forum are invited to identify any personal or prejudicial interests relevant to items on the agenda.

### **3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10 December 2009.

### **4. UPDATE FROM POLICE**

To receive a brief update on local policing.

### **5. THE RELOCATION OF PALMERS GREEN LIBRARY**

To receive a presentation from the Council's Co Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure on the relocation of Palmers Green library.

**6. PROPOSED ENFIELD GREENWAYS NETWORK**

To receive a verbal presentation from Liam Mulrooney, Traffic and Transportation Section Manger on Enfield's proposed Greenways Network.

**7. PUBLIC SESSION**

- (i) Issues notified on the evening.
- (ii) Other issues from the floor.

**8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meeting dates for the 2010/11 municipal year to be advised following the Annual Council meeting on 26 May 2010.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOWES, SOUTHGATE AND SOUTHGATE  
GREEN AREA FORUM  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2009**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Yasemin Brett, Achilleas Georgiou, Henry Lamprecht, Edward Smith, Terence Smith and Ann Zinkin

**ABSENT** Alan Barker, Robert Hayward and Jeff Rodin

**OFFICERS:** Madeline Barratt (Libraries Strategy & Performance Manager), Jan Hickman (PE & Sport Strategy Manager), Bob Griffiths (Assistant Director of Planning & Environmental Protection), Sarah Moore (Environmental Crime Officer), Valerie Corrigan and Andrew Sissons (Strategic Housing Department), James Rolfe (Director of Finance & Corporate Resources).

**Also Attending:** Inspector David Sanders (Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team), and about 40 members of the public

**1****WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Councillor Brett welcomed everybody present to the meeting. She informed the Forum that she would be acting as Chair in the absence of Councillor Hayward.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barker, Hayward and Rodin.

**2****DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of the items set out on the agenda.

**3****MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Following a request from a local resident, the relocation of Palmers Green Library would be included as an agenda item at the next forum meeting.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

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**UPDATE FROM POLICE**

RECEIVED an update from Sergeant Vic Garnett, on local policing issues within the wards.

NOTED

**a) Bowes**

- There had been a drop in reported crime.
- Two speeding operations had been carried out.
- 'Micro-beats' had been introduced – the ward had been split up into smaller areas, each with a dedicated PCSO patrol.

**b) Southgate Green**

- High-visibility patrols were being carried out in the area, with particular attention paid to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in High St, N11
- ASB around Arnos Grove station was a particular concern – patrols had been increased in the area.
- The new police office by Arnos Grove would be open on Monday 14 December 09.

**c) Southgate**

- Micro-beats had been introduced to the area.
- Road safety operations had been carried out, with pupils from Walker Primary School 'telling off' drivers who had been using their mobile phones whilst driving.
- Gang members had been excluded from Southgate College.

**5**

**UPDATE ON OLYMPICS 2012**

RECEIVED an update on the 2012 Olympics from Jan Hickman - PE and Sport Strategy Manager.

NOTED

a) An Olympics strategy had been produced by the Council and was available on the Council's website.

b) One of the priorities was to improve leisure facilities across the borough to encourage both young and older residents to partake in physical activities.

c) There was a Government target stating that young people should partake in 2 hours of exercise per week. Enfield currently had 94% of young people meeting this target.

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d) A resident complained about the lack of cycle lanes and enquired as to whether there were any plans to increase the amount in the borough.

Councillor Lamprecht informed the attendees that cycle lanes had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Green Belt Forum and suggested that Steve Jaggard from the Traffic and Transportation team be invited to a future meeting of the forum to provide an update on cycle lanes.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

e) A resident enquired about the employment opportunities for young people in 2012. Jan Hickman responded that the employment opportunities were likely to be as part of Enfield's leisure centres, rather than directly linked with the Olympics.

**6**

**BUDGET CONSULTATION**

RECEIVED a presentation on the Council's budget for 2010/11 from James Rolfe, Director, Finance & Corporate Resources and Councillor Ertan Hurer, Cabinet Member for Finance. Copies of the presentation are available on request to the Democratic Services Team.

NOTED

- a) Results of the consultation would feed into the final budget meeting in January 2010, which members of the public were able to attend.
- b) Detailed consultation papers were provided to attendees.
- c) In response to a resident, James Rolfe confirmed that the reserves figure for March 2009 was c.£55m (down from £70m in 2008), the figure for 2010 was expected to be c.£40m and c.£28m in March 2011.
- d) A resident asked how much money was spent on utilities and what plans the Council had to reduce these bills in the future.

James Rolfe agreed to provide the correct figures for the minutes and stated that the Council were looking at a range of ways to reduce utility bills, such as a reduction in the number of office buildings and plans to reduce energy usage at the Civic Centre.

**ACTION: JAMES ROLFE**

**Post Meeting Note:** *Enfield Council spent around £8.2m on utilities (Gas, Electric, Fuel Oil & Water) in 2008/09. This figure includes Schools and the Housing Revenue Account. The Council has plans in place to reduce energy costs and has signed up to Phase 7 of the Carbon Trust's Energy Management Programme and has secured external funding to enable various projects and initiatives to be undertaken.*

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*Projects include replacing boilers with high efficiency ones, the use of high efficiency lighting, installation of smart meters and improving insulation in buildings, all of which will enable the Council to run its buildings more efficiently thus saving energy and reducing both costs and carbon emissions.*

*The Council is also introducing flexible working arrangements for staff which will reduce the need for office space, thereby saving energy.*

- e) With regards to the £1.1m cost burden to the North London Waste Alliance, a resident enquired if more could be done by way of recycling, in order to reduce this cost.

Councillor Hurer confirmed that all local authorities were facing this cost. James Rolfe added that the cost would be higher if it wasn't for the high amount of recycling carried out by resident in the borough.

**7**

**LADDERSWOOD ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS**

RECEIVED an update on the Ladderswood Estate developments from Valerie Corrigan and Andrew Sissons, Strategic Housing department.

NOTED

- a) Work had been carried out with residents of the Ladderswood Estate to come up with ideas and to develop proposals.
- b) A report had been provided to Cabinet with an outlined business case.
- c) The plan was to have a development of around 400 homes, which would include houses, flats, community facilities and play spaces.
- d) The OJEU notice to tender would be posted in early January and a report would be taken back to Cabinet to approve a developer.
- e) Talks had been carried out with tenants and leaseholders – tenants would be re-housed and leaseholders would be bought out.
- f) Councillor Georgiou commented on the relocation of the 18 industrial units and asked what plans there were for compensating those who would lose their jobs by moving units.

Andrew Sissons responded that monthly meetings were being held with the local businesses to discuss individual needs when relocating them. 40 people currently worked on site and the team were working to relocate them in industrial sites across the borough.

- g) The £190k contribution from the Council was to cover the loss of revenue which would usually come from rent.

## 8

### UPDATE ON LOCAL ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

RECEIVED an update on local environmental issues from Sarah Moore, Environmental Crime Officer.

#### NOTED

- a) Litter wardens continued to patrol the borough and carry out convictions to those littering.
- b) The graffiti team had removed 168 incidents of graffiti and responded to over 120 requests for service.
- c) Residents were alerted to telephone scams within the borough -
  - Calls had been received from 'telephone companies' requesting credit card details from the customer in order for essential upgrades to be carried out. Customers have been told that without their credit card details, the phone line would be disconnected.
  - Cards from a delivery service - PDS - had been posted through doors asking customers to call and rearrange delivery. This telephone number was not a genuine company, but a premium rate telephone number.
- d) A resident enquired as to when a zebra crossing would be painted in Brownlow Road, near York Road, as this was something that residents and local councillors had been campaigning for.

Bob Griffiths agreed to look into the issue and provide a response for the minutes.

#### **ACTION: BOB GRIFFITHS**

**Post Meeting Note:** *The Council has included for the provision of a zebra crossing on Brownlow Road by York Road within the traffic calming scheme for the Warwick Road area. However we are having great difficulty in identifying a site for the crossing that does not block the existing driveways of nearby homes or conflict with the adjacent bus stops. We have looked at moving the zebra crossing someway north or south of the junction with York Road, but this would be some distance away from where pedestrians want to cross Brownlow Road it was not felt this would not be beneficial. We are liaising with London Buses and the Traffic Police on this matter but have so far been unable to reach a resolution.*

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### PARKS STRATEGY - CONSULTATION

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No officer from the Parks department attended the meeting. However leaflets on the parks strategy were provided to attendees.

**10  
21ST CENTURY NETWORK**

RECEIVED a presentation from Mark Barrett on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Network.

NOTED

- a) The network used social networking sites to bring communities together. The next step for the network was to set up meetings in local areas.
- b) He asked for residents to propose ideas on how this could be arranged in Southgate.
- c) Flyers were provided to residents with details on how to get involved.
- d) Mark Barrett also put a question to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive and requested a response for the minutes. He wished to know whether they were committed to the idea of a localised political economy and how Enfield could be a leader in this area.

**ACTION: SECRETARY**

*Post Meeting Note: Enfield Council's aims and objectives include a commitment to build prosperous, sustainable communities. We are doing so through working with our partners to deliver Enfield's place shaping priorities; by promoting inward investment, enterprise and business support, and through effective community leadership which promotes active citizenship and involvement in decision making. This is the Council's chosen approach to stimulating a strong local economy.*

**11  
PUBLIC SESSION**

NOTED

- a) Residents raised concerns over the relocation of Palmers Green library to the Marks and Spencer site in Palmers Green High Road.

Madeline Barrett attended the forum to provide a brief update. She confirmed that consultation had been carried out as part of the borough-wide library strategy, with residents agreeing to the relocations of libraries to local high streets.

**AGREED** that a full update on the relocation of Palmers Green library would be provided at the next forum.

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- b) A resident asked how to dispose of low energy lightbulbs and batteries.

Bob Griffiths reported that batteries could be disposed of in battery banks in Enfield libraries and at the Civic Centre. He undertook to investigate how to dispose of low energy bulbs and provide an explanation in the minutes.

**ACTION: BOB GRIFFITHS**

**Post meeting note:** At present these bulbs can be taken to Barrowell Green and disposed of in a proper manner. Waste Services are looking into introducing a range of small banks for recycling lightbulbs at all main Council offices during 2010.

**12****DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The date of the next meeting would be on 2 March 2010.

**13****YELLOW CARD ISSUES FOR ACTION**

No	Issue Raised	Department to respond	Response and date
23 - 09/10	Litter/rubbish on pavement.  Overflowing commercial dustbin.	Environmental Crime Unit	An Environmental Crime Officer visited the site. It was identified that the litter and waste had come from Dipali Restaurant of Aldermans Hill.  The restaurant named in this enquiry, has been under investigation by the Council's ECU for similar litter and waste related offences since November 2009. Following enquiries made it was established that the restaurant had allowed waste generated from the business to escape their control. As a result of these enquiries made, a waste producer notice was served requiring the owner to produce records to show lawful waste transfer. This matter is currently under investigation.

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24 - 09/10	Damaged green cable box: Junction at Grovelands Road and Aldermans Hill.	Highways	A Highways Officer visited the site. No sign of damage was found. Photos taken.
25 - 09/10	Abandoned Vehicle	Environmental Crime Unit	Awaiting response.
26 - 09/10	Parking display post knocked over.	Highways	A Highways Officer visited the site. A make safe call was made (to remove and fill hole), and a Cat 1 repair actioned. 09.02.10
27 - 09/10	Flytipping: Weir Hall Road	Environmental Crime Unit	The site adjacent to Wilbury Way school was checked on 5 February 2010. It was found to be free of waste.