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RE: COCKFOSTERS, GRANGE AND HIGHLANDS AREA FORUM WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2009

The next meeting of the Cockfosters, Grange and Highlands Area Forum will be held on Wednesday 9 December 2009, 7.30pm at the **Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA**. The forum will be led by your Ward Councillors as detailed below.

Cockfosters

Councillors Gregory Antoniou, Michael Lavender and Paul McCannah.

Grange

Councillors Chris Joannides, Terence Neville and Glynis Vince.

Highlands

Councillors Don Delman, Anne Marie Pearce and Jon Kaye.

Please find enclosed a copy of the notes from the meeting held on the 8 September 2009 and an agenda for the meeting.

A part of the meeting will be set-aside for the public to raise issues of local interest. Please phone or email me on the contact details above if you wish to give advance notice of your question. You are however, able to raise issues on the evening. When the public item is considered, the Chairman of the Forum will ask the person who has given notice, to speak. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes.

Yellow cards will also be available on the night for you to raise issues with the Council if you do not wish to speak at the Forum. These may for example be issues affecting individuals which are better dealt with outside of the Forum meeting.

These cards will be taken away from the meeting and followed up. The issues will be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the name at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES TEAM

**COCKFOSTERS, GRANGE AND
HIGHLANDS AREA FORUM**
Wednesday, 9 December 2009 at 7.30 pm
Venue: **Civic Centre**, Silver Street, Enfield,
EN1 3XA

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PLEASE NOTE THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE MEETING

Ward Councillors for Cockfosters, Grange and Highlands are:

Councillors : Gregory Antoniou, Don Delman, Chris Joannides, Jon Kaye,
Michael Lavender, Paul McCannah, Terence Neville OBE JP, Anne-Marie Pearce
and Glynis Vince

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2009** (Pages 1 - 8)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009.

5. **UPDATE FROM THE POLICE**

To receive a brief update on local policing issues.

6. **CONSULTATION ON THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD'S
2010/11 BUDGET CONSULTATION (PAPERS TO FOLLOW)**

James Rolfe, Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, will present the Council's budget document.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

To receive an update on general environmental issues across the Cockfosters, Grange and Highlands Wards.

8. PUBLIC SESSION

8.1 advance notice issues

8.2 issues notified this evening

8.3 other issues from the floor

9. FEEDBACK ON THIS MEETING / FUTURE ITEMS

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 25 March 2010

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COCKFOSTERS, GRANGE AND HIGHLANDS
AREA FORUM
HELD ON TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2009****COUNCILLORS**

PRESENT Jon Kaye, Michael Lavender, Anne-Marie Pearce and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Gregory Antoniou, Dogan Delman, Chris Joannides, Paul McCannah and Terence Neville OBE JP

OFFICERS: John Austin (AD Corporate Governance) Jane Middleton – Albooye (Legal Representative), Neil Isaac (AD Waste Management) David Dollemore, (Enviro Crime Unit) Ann Redondo and Jane Creer (Democratic Services)

Also Attending: Inspector George and approximately 25 members of the public.

1**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Councillor Pearce welcomed all those present, especially 'new' attendees. She explained that it was hoped that the venues for the Forum would change for each meeting, to encourage residents to attend from all the three wards in the borough.

2**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dogan Delman, Paul McCannah and Terence Neville.

3**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

4**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JUNE 2009**

AGREED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 June 2009 be confirmed as a correct record with the following amendments:

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UPDATE FROM THE POLICE

Inspector George gave a brief update on policing issues in the three wards, highlighting:

1. Highlands Ward

- There had been a significant reduction in burglary, achieved by high visibility patrols during peak times and around areas of high vulnerability, such as old people's flats;
- Several prolific burglars have been arrested and charged across the whole of the borough;
- In partnership with the Council, the 'Safe as Houses' project was deployed to Bycullah Road and Chase Green Avenue. Security devices and crime prevention advice was offered to residents;
- Since the demolition of the old Library in Enfield Road there have been no further calls regarding ASB;
- Monitoring of inconsiderate behaviour / ASB by children attending Highlands School will continue;
- The brothel at 95 Dunraven has been closed down;
- PS Peter Eldridge has taken charge of the SNT, and with the experience he has to offer, will have a positive impact on policing issues in the Ward.

A short question and answer session followed on Highlands Ward:

Q. Would it be possible to have a 'factual' report on convictions / crime figures be brought to the Forum?

A. Inspector George said that he would his back and produce facts and figures at a future meeting.

Action: Inspector George

Q. Why has Highlands Ward had a reduction in SNT staff?

A. The Borough Commander made a decision to remove personnel from some wards across to Edmonton, where he felt extra policing was needed due to high crime levels.

Councillor Pearce said that it was reassuring that Highlands Ward had the least amount of crime across the Metropolitan area, but, it must be maintained at that level. She suggested that the Borough Commander could respond to residents concerns over SNT staffing levels when he attends the Forum.

2. Grange Ward

- Three ward priorities were set in June 2009 were ASB, Cheynne Walk, Youth ASB, Enfield Town and robbery in Cecil Road;
- The ASB in and around the open space at Cheynne Walk has now been resolved by to increasing patrols, contacting the parents of youths stopped by police and a test purchase exercise at the local off licence. The SNT were now concentrating on other priorities;

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- The main concerns, reported by the public in Enfield Town is youth ASB in Palace Gardens / Palace Exchange. Complaints centre on after school disorderly behaviour at many bus stops around the town. The SNT are working closely with the newly formed Transport Team and high visibility patrols have been increased. Screening arches have been used in Palace Exchange and Enfield Town BR station;
- An increase in robberies in Enfield Town and the park have been reported, including Cecil Road. Increased patrols, plain clothes operations and increased use of the Council's CCTV, have helped reduce the number of robberies;
- Grange SNT hold a drop in centre at the Grange Park Methodist Church, Park Drive, N21. The next sessions are due to be held on Wednesday 9 September 2009, 2pm – 3 pm and Wednesday 14 October 2009 , 2pm – 3pm;

A short question and answer session followed on Grange Ward:

Q. A resident asked why there was such a delay in responding to certain types of crime in the Ward, ie: car vandalism. He said that after futile attempts to get a police response, a letter was eventually sent to him stating that the case (s) had been 'closed down' due to 'a lack of evidence'.

He added that car vandalism had occurred on a number occasions in the retirement complex where he lived, and all cases were 'closed down'.

A. Inspector George said that to identify suspects relied on various processes carried out by the Crime Management Unit. In the case of a lack of 'leads', evidence etc. it is not feasible to pursue these types of crime. Inspector George acknowledged that the SNT should have responded and perhaps been able to get fingerprints. He would report this back to PS Thomason. A resident who attends the local CAPE meeting and a member of the Grange Park Residents Association advised the resident that the incidents should also have been reported to the CAPE and the residents' association, so they can also follow up on these types of concerns. He would speak with the resident concerned and PS Thomason.

3) Cockfosters Ward

- Following a CAPE meeting in May 2009, burglary prevention was identified as a priority;
- The last residential burglary was reported on 27 July 2009, and none had been reported in August 2009, which was welcome news;
- Speeding in Prince George Avenue has been a regular concern. The SNT has concentrated all of their 'speed gun' initiatives in the road and offenders were warned or received a fixed penalty ticket. The SNT commissioned a full Traffic Speed Survey and

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the findings will be presented to the Traffic Management Unit at Enfield Council for their consideration;

- ASB in the area between Oakwood Underground Station and South Lodge Drive has been identified as a 'hotspot'. The main problems are at the end of the school day, regular patrols by the SNT and full support from local shopkeepers has seen this greatly reduced. The patrols would continue.
- Forthcoming work included : Area sweeps re: Operation Blunt, working with the Councils Road Safety Team and local schools and 'Blue Badge' initiative with the Council

A short question and answer session on Cockfosters Ward followed:

- Q. Councillor Lavender queried the interpretation of ASB. He felt that perhaps in some cases ASB, may be merely boisterous behaviour and was a little concerned that police resources were being used inappropriately in some situations.
- A. Inspector George said that the SNT get daily calls from elderly residents that have been intimidated by 3 or 4 school children yelling screaming at them. Although ASB is not automatically thought of in this sort of incident , it is perceived by the victims as intimidation and it does need a response from the SNT.

Councillor Vince reported that the Council had contacted TfL, with a request to increase the number buses at the end of the school day to help eradicate the problems associated with large numbers of children at bus stops.

Councillor Pearce welcomed the initiative with the 'Blue Badge' scheme as she was aware that a lot of holders of the badge had been having problems.

Councillor Pearce thanked Inspector George for his informative updates.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

RECEIVED a presentation from John Austin (AD Corporate Governance), on the implications of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

NOTED the contents of the consultation document attached to the agenda, with the following highlights:

- Consultations were taking place, under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to seek the views of residents on changes to be made in current governance arrangements.

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- Currently Enfield operates a Cabinet and Leader model of decision making.
- The options within the proposals are a Cabinet and Leader or Directly elected Mayor and Cabinet. The Cabinet and Leader option is similar to the current arrangements, but, the Leader would have a four year term rather than being elected annually.
- The Council's preferred option is Leader and Cabinet with cross-party agreement supporting this.
- A directly elected Mayor would work on a full time basis.
Post meeting note: John Austin would obtain the information regarding the salary scale that a directly elected Mayor would command. **Response:** The salary scale would be in the region of £77 – 79, 000.
- Full discussions took place on the options and John Austin responded to all questions raised.
- Residents were urged to fill in the questionnaire submitting their preferred option and the results would be considered at a full Council meeting to be held on 11 November 2009. A Freepost address was detailed on the questionnaire.

Councillor Pearce thanked John Austin for his very informative presentation.

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PUBLIC SESSION

7.1 Advanced Notice Issues

There had been one advanced question which had been responded to direct to the resident.

7.2 Issues notified this evening.

a) Provision of a roundabout at Hadley Road / The Ridgeway

A resident asked whether there was any update on the provision of a roundabout at Hadley Road / The Ridgeway. Councillor Pearce said that she had recently spoken with David Taylor (Planning &Transportation), and an action plan was being prepared to utilise the Section 106 Agreement monies to fund the roundabout. Councillor Pearce would provide an update.

Action: Councillor Pearce

b) Consultations on the Future of Primary Care in Enfield

A resident raised his concerns over the apparent lack of publicity surrounding the consultations taking place by NHS Enfield. He said that the proposals was to downgrade Chase Farm Hospital and provide four polyclinics which would include 'walk-in ' centres.

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The resident urged all those present to attend the final consultation details can be found on the following website :

<http://www.enfield.nhs.uk/publications/consultations.shtm>

Councillor Pearce advised that she had received a message from David Burrowes M.P. that a meeting had been arranged with Stephen Conroy, Chief Executive of the P.C.T. on Tuesday 22 September 2009 at the Gladys Child Theatre, Southgate College.

c) Manhole Cover outside Merryhills School

A resident referred to the action / response sheet that had been provided at the meeting on response to concerns raised at the previous Forum meeting. He felt that the response, which included 'not dangerous at present' was not accurate and felt that more should have been done than 'referred to Thames Water via email'.

Councillor Lavender was equally dismayed at the response and felt that a more pro active approach should be taken on these types of concerns and not just 'referred to Thames Water via email'. He asked the Democratic Services secretary to report this back.

Action: Democratic Services Secretary

d) Enfield Road

A resident reported that water had been flowing along the roadside where the parade of shops were situated for at least 10 years and asked that a response be provided in the action / response sheet for the next meeting. Councillor Pearce asked that this be reported back. She thanked Councillor Lavender for his original request for an action / response sheet to be provided, enabling a much clearer tracking system of concerns raised at meetings.

Action: Democratic Services Secretary

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UPDATES FROM COUNCILLORS

- a) Councillor Kaye reported that the trees at Bincote Road should now be cut back. The Millfield Theatre had now been refurbished, and would re-open in October 2009. He also mentioned the 'Mayor's Fun Run' that was taking place on Sunday 13 September at Forty Hill, he alongside Councillor Vince would be taking part in the 3k race. He hoped many residents would turn up and support the event.
- b) Councillor Vince told residents that in the wake of the Baby Peter scandal, the Ofsted inspectors were making unannounced visits to Councils'. Enfield had been recently expected and received 'a glowing report' on how effectively vulnerable children were being cared for.
- c) Councillor Lavender referred to the piloting of wheelie bins in various parts of the borough. He said that landfill was no longer a viable option to get rid of waste and the pilot scheme was part of the methodology

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looking at all the options of recycling. Councillor Lavender said that all responses / concerns from residents' would be taken into consideration, prior to a decision being made on how the Council would deal with waste in the future. He emphasised that the wheelie bin exercise was 'a pilot'.

- d) Councillor Pearce said that the Health Scrutiny Panel would be looking at the new health centres at Evergreen and Forest Road. She said that the PCT had been looking at the provision of a new centre to be situated in the centre of Enfield. She had been assured by the PCT that the Primary Care Strategy would be up and running prior to any services would be taken from Chase Farm Hospital. Councillor Pearce advised that the Parkinsons nurse in place in the borough was a great help to those people in need of the service, and that other boroughs were seeking advice on arranging a similar service for their residents'.

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FEEDBACK ON THIS MEETING / FUTURE ITEMS

Councillor Pearce urged residents to fill in the feedback forms as the comments and ideas for future items were taken seriously and would help shape the meetings.

The Borough Commander would be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Pearce / Democratic Services Secretary.

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Wednesday 9 December 2009

Thursday 25 March 2010.

The venues would be advised. (A suggestion was made that perhaps the Civic Centre could be used).

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LACK OF ROVING MICROPHONE

A resident asked the Democratic Services Secretary to report back how upset she and other residents were, that, as the roving microphone was not working they could not follow the meeting.

Action: Democratic Services Secretary

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