

HANDSWORTH WOOD WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Wood Ward	DATE: 24 th January 2019
VENUE: Hamstead Pavilion	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR'S : Atwal and Kooner	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 24
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Neil De-Costa and Lesley Bannister	VISITING SPEAKER(S):

WARD PRIORITIES: - Workshop idea's from this meeting

1. **Housing** - HMOs, affordable Housing ,supported Housing and sustainable Neighbourhoods
2. **Crime and the Perception of Crime** - ASB, safer streets and crime prevention.
3. **Traffic and Highways Issues** – Speeding, road safety and inconsiderate parking .
4. **Debate and be consulted in policy making**
5. **Environment issues** - fly tipping and Littering .
6. **Adults Service** - Loneliness in the elderly
7. **Children and young people** – Mother and toddler groups

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

Introductions and notice of recording – Cllr Atwal

Ward Plan workshop - Neil De Costa briefly recapped on the process for the residents who had received all the relevant documentation prior to the meeting by email ,he reiterated that the Ward plan should be resident lead and involve stakeholder.

Neil posed three questions to the residents firstly “What are this Ward priorities”, secondly “Who needs to be involved “and thirdly “ what are the positives?”

The residents worked in four groups which resulted in the following outcomes.

Outcomes from group discussions

What are this Ward priorities ?

Table one

- Traffic and Highway issues - Traffic flow, parking, speeding ,road safety ,pavements in dis repair, poor carriage ways ,pollution
- Fly tipping and litter
- Crime – Drugs problems on all roads ,parking with total disregard to others and the general standard of driving
- Housing – HMO's, supporting people in HMO's and affordable Housing
- Youth Work – Area has a young demographic but they are getting less support
- Elderly Support
- Education
- Loneliness and mental health

Table Two

- City wide forum to share experiences
- Meeting of elected reps from the forums with cabinet members
- Feedback at Ward forums
- Development of policy agreed by cabinet members
- Integration of HMO issue it Handsworth wood ward plan
- HMO's – Audit of concentration of supported housing
- Focus interlinking issues (city wide) – HMO'S ,ASB, rubbish and litter
- Link with Housing first for best practise

Table Three

- Parking up: drinking /smoking then driving off effects are litter, intimidation and risk to residents
- Sustainability of Handsworth Wood as a residential area :Badly managed rental properties. Conversions before planning permission granted.
- We great schools where value needs to be added and enhance inclusion of our community.

Table Four

- Sustainable solutions
- Crime is a priority – Enforcement ,what are the barriers ? need community participation
- Housing – Priority HMO’S and landlords
- Road safety – Speeding and parking
- Education and Health

Who should be involved ? –

- 4-6 people from the Ward Forum to go with Ward Councillors to a meeting with Councillor Sharon Thompson and Cllr Paulette Hamilton to discuss a way forward with HMO’S and supported housing for people with complex needs .
- The Authorities, Voluntary agencies ,Councillors, Residents ,M.P, Faith groups ,Schools and CCG.
- Streetwatch, residents groups and University of the third age

Positives themes in the Ward

- Good Schools
- Good Community groups for example The Scouts.
- Street Watch
- Our PCSO
- Community Hubs
- The grass root community

Ward Priorities – The groups came together to discuss each groups points , seven potential priorities were established Housing ,Crime and the Perception of Crime ,Traffic and Highways Issues ,Debate and be consulted in policy making, Environment issues , Adults Service and Children and young people . After the discussion the residents felt they needed another meeting before the 28th March to discuss these priorities further and give more local residents the opportunity to contribute to this process. Therefore it was agreed that the residents would meet on or around the 21st February at Hamstead Pavilion as a group of residents with no officers in attendance.

A.O.B

1. Fire Service update -Paul Kitchen said that during the last quarter there had been only 12 incidents which included four road traffic accidents and four false alarms .Paul added that he had listened to the debate on the Ward Plan and from a fire service perspective there were no littering/rubbish issues in the Ward based in the fact that there were no incidents of rubbish fires in Handsworth Wood for the whole of the last quarter.
2. Future meeting to be held on – The NEXT WARD FORUM MEETING will be on the 28th March 7.00pm at Hamstead Pavilion, additional meeting to be organised by residents for Ward Planning to be held on or around the 21st February 2019 .

ACTION –	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Additional residents meeting to discuss the Ward Planning to fed actions into the next Ward Forum, meeting on the 28 th March 2019	Richard Hatcher	On or around the 21 st February 2019
2. The Ward to seek a meeting with Cabinet members Sharon Thompson and Paulette Hamilton with regard HMO'S and supported housing for people with complex needs.	Cllr Kooner	

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):