

## KINGS NORTON SOUTH WARD FORUM MEETING – ACTION NOTES RECORDING

<b>WARD:</b> Kings Norton South	<b>DATE:</b> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>VENUE:</b> Hawksley Community Centre	<b>START/FINISH TIMES:</b> 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
<b>COUNCILLOR/S:</b> Rob Grant	<b>NOs OF ATTENDEES:</b> 16
<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b> ToF Islam – Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator, Stuart Cross – Kier Highways,	<b>VISITING SPEAKER(S):</b>

CURRENT WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Prosperous Kings Norton South</li> <li>A Inclusive Kings Norton South</li> <li>A Safe Kings Norton South</li> <li>A Healthy Kings Norton South</li> <li>A Green Kings Norton South</li> <li>A Local Kings Norton South</li> </ul>

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:
<p><b>1. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Notice of Recording</b></p> <p>Councillor Grant introduced himself and welcomed residents for attending the ward forum meeting and advised that members of the press/public may be present, could record and take photographs of the meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Local updates from the Councillor</b></p> <p>The Councillor addressed the situation surrounding the S114 notice being issued and an emergency meeting was held on 25th September. The Chief Executive, Deborah Cadman, has announced the council recovery plan and the commissioners now in place at Birmingham City Council. Statutory services will not be affected and will continue to run. More information about the S114 notice can be found on the following link <a href="#">FAQs — published 18 October 2023   Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about section 114   Birmingham City Council</a></p> <p>The Councillor did state that the current budget cuts may affect achieving some outcomes on the Ward Action Plan but there more clarity on funding</p>

over the coming weeks.

Residents reported of kids in a dark area at the Shannon Road Play Area, reports of ASB from children as young as 10 throwing stones, derelict buildings are causing issues such as squatters moving in. The Councillor updated residents that Arrow walk is the last building on the demolition list.

**3. Local updates from Kier**

Stuart from Highways explained the S114 issued does not affect them and their budget is separate. Some issues raised were Kerbside trees, tarmacking in Bells Lane (County border), Longdales Rd speed limit change requested.

**4. Ward Action Plan**

The Councillor explained that he was unsure of what he could progress with on the Ward Action Plan due to the current financial position of the city council and budget cuts however there will hopefully be more clarity on this over the coming weeks. Residents reported gates on Walkers Heath Park were in need of repair, ASB complaints and residents were keen with the community and the police to reduce ASB in the ward. Some work has started on a crossing on Edgewood Road.

**AOB:**

- A resident brought up the issue fly tipping increasing in the ward as the tips may close. The Councillor advised to check dates of the next Mobile Household Recycling Centre and he would include this in his next newsletter. (You can find more information about the MHRC's on the BCC website)
- Issues on Primrose Gardens were report. Councillor Grant said he would investigate and follow this up
- Issues were reported in the alleyway of Hawksley End and Old Line Gardens. Tof said he would follow up with Ron Lees on this.
- Housing is to be built on the L-shaped land near Aldi and Councillor Grant would have a look into any dates regarding this