

HANDSWORTH WOOD WARD MEETING ACTION NOTES

WARD: Handsworth Wood Ward	DATE: 18 th February 2020
VENUE: Hamstead Pavilion	START/FINISH TIMES: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
COUNCILLOR'S : Atwal and Kooner	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 12
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lesley Bannister,Karl Randall,Deborah Moseley and Stewart Donohue	VISITING SPEAKER(S): Chris Richards Amey

WARD PRIORITIES: -

1. **Housing** - HMOs, affordable Housing ,supported Housing and sustainable Neighbourhoods
2. **Aspiration to set up City Ward forums for issues that affect different Ward for example H.M.O**
3. **Crime and the Perception of Crime** - ASB, safer streets and crime prevention.
4. **Traffic and Highways Issues** – Speeding, road safety and inconsiderate parking.
5. **Debate and be consulted in policy making** – With the aim of establishing City wide forums on key issues to help shape policy
6. **Environment issues** - fly tipping and Littering.
7. **Adults Service** - Loneliness in the elderly
8. **Children and young people** – Mother and toddler groups

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. **Introductions and notice of recording** – Cllr Councillor Kooner
2. **Apologies** - Police Sgt.Mc Garth ,Neil De Costa and Ken Brown
3. **Ward Plan** – Cllr Kooner reviewed the information contained within the draft ward plan with the residents present at the meeting which had previously been collated, it was agreed that the document would be emailed out to residents for their comments .It was broadly agreed that the priority's established last year were still poignant .It was also agreed that at the next ward meeting the action plan would be discussed and completed, enabling both the Ward and Action plans to be both signed off. **Action Lesley Bannister to forward the draft documents out to residents and to collate responses in time for the next Ward Meeting.**
4. **Highways issues-** Karl Randall Senior Highways Engineer for Erdington, Perry Barr and Sutton Coldfield introduced himself and the work that his team carry out within the constituency of Perry Barr .This included the Ward minor measures budget and traffic calming measures then going on to give an update on 20 is plenty .The residents were keen to know more about the rollout of 20 is plenty across the city and within Handsworth Wood Ward ,Karl explained that as yet there were no plans to roll this out within the ward going on to say that there was a cost implication but adding this didn't stop 20 is plenty happening by other means. Karl went on to explain how the wards could unlock funding that could then be allocated to local school,s enabling the establishment of safe routes to schools which come with civil enforcement powers. Karl then took a number of questions from local residents around historic highway issues within the ward which Karl answered .Chris Richards from Amey gave a ward update with regards to current highways maintenance as well as an update on the changes to the highways maintenance contractor Chris said that the new contractor would be KIER and would take effect from the 1st of April for 14 months.

5. **HMO - with Deborah Mosley from the private Rented sector team and Stewart Donohue from planning.** Both officers went over the work of both their offices with regard to HMO'S and took questions from residents within the ward, which included the definition of exempt accommodation; what is the single household; what is the single persons allowance; the number of exempt properties within Birmingham and the problems that local residents encounter .Stewart gave a full explanation on the article 4 directive which comes into force on the 8th of June. Deborah Mosley said that she hoped that in the future that the topic of HMOs could be addressed at a Constituency meeting as a single topic. Both officers then took further questions from the residents noting individual problems that they were having with HMOs in the locality.
6. **Residents issues** Residents voiced their concerns with regard to the increased number of young men in cars sitting drinking alcohol and taking drugs and then driving off, one resident provided a map that he had collated .**Action send a copy of the map to Sgt McGrath for investigation.** Residents also raise the issue of the volume of rubbish that was linked to buy to let properties within the ward.
7. **Future Meetings** – Next meeting on 12th March details to tbc possible agenda items Policing and the Ward Plan and Action Plan

Councillors (s) Signed:

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