

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**EDGBASTON DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER  
2016**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EDGBASTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD  
ON THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 1900 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6,  
COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors Deirdre Alden, Kate Booth, John Clancy, Des Flood, Jayne Francis, Matthew Gregson, Bruce Lines, John Lines, James McKay and Fergus Robinson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** -

Jonathan Antill - Senior Service Manager, Landlord Services, Place Directorate  
Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager, Place Directorate  
Sue Brookin - West Midlands Fire Service  
Keith Dugmore – Edgbaston District Lead  
Steve Harris – Operations Commander, Birmingham North Area  
Chris Jordan – Head of Service integration, Place directorate  
Liz Parkes – Library Manager, Place  
Mark Rodgers – Housing Manager, Place Directorate  
Errol Wilson - Committee Manager

(Councillor Bruce Lines in the Chair)

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

320 The District Committee were advised that the meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site and members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

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**APOLOGIES**

321 Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors John Alden and Matt Bennett. Apologies for lateness were submitted on behalf of Councillor John Clancy.

**MINUTES**

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**RESOLVED:** -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2016 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that Councillor Fergus Robinson should be recorded as present at the Edgbaston District Committee meeting in September 2016.

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**The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports was available for public inspection via the web-stream.**

**LIBRARY SERVICE CONSULTATION AND THE PROPOSAL FOR EDGBASTON DISTRICT**

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Chris Jordan, Head of Service Integration, Place Directorate and Liz Parkes library Manager presented the item.

(See document No. 1)

An extensive discussion took place and the following is a summary of the principal points made:-

- a. There would be overall support amongst the management structure to try and make those successful as possible. In addition to that they would put a 15 hour staffing resource into that library.
- b. There were 11 criteria that were used and all were given equal ranking. There was no weighting between these criteria. There were criteria that relates to the catchment area of the library – this was looking at Super Output areas. More than 3% of that Super Output area use library services. There was a catchment area drawn around Bartley Green Library and the population within that catchment area was one criterion – the number of people within that catchment area.
- c. Two further things linked to that catchment area data – the number of young people age 0-19 years old, a prioritisation around young people, equally there was a prioritisation around that catchment area for people who were aged over 65. There were criteria around the number of issues the library delivers, the number of visits that were made to the library, the number of attendances to the library for events/activities that were put on, there was a measure around the indices of multiple deprivation, one around the building criteria which was effectively the historic or need to invest in that facility.
- d. There was a criterion around the amount of hour's usage of computers. The cost per visit was a financial element. These were the criteria that were used and the libraries were effectively ranked against each other and they came up with an overall ranking from 1 – 37 across the city and a judgement was then made against the overall ranking. In terms of any ad hoc closures, these were not built in and perhaps this was something that could be considered.

- e. In relation to the total number of issues at Bartley Green Library was 15,446; the cost per issue was £4.20; total visits to Bartley Green Library over a year was 9,650; total number of computer hours within a full year was 1342; the total attendances figure for activities that were put on at Bartley Green Library was 3797 and the amount of population within the catchment area was 10,860 and within that 2,810 were young people aged between 0 – 19 criteria and the aged 65 criteria was 1864.
- f. All this information was within the Cabinet report and would be represented after the consultation process in the final Cabinet report. All this documentation was also on the Be Heard website. This was the consultation and there would be no decision until Cabinet makes that decision in February 2017.
- g. Libraries were a sensitive subject matter and the authority had to be absolutely sure that it goes through due process around consultation listening to the views of people having an appropriate process by which it assessed need. This was what had been done at this stage and they were out to consultation on both in relation to the methodology and if people came back concerning the methodology. They had to listen to everything that came back as they could easily be subject to a challenge in a number of routes around the high profile library service. They needed to take into account those things that they heard in the consultation process.
- h. The reason Bartley Green Library was in Tier 3, was that when the criteria was applied, Bartley Green came out 34<sup>th</sup> in the list of 37 libraries across the city. Looking at the overall amount of resource, the model they came back with had allocated a different service provision in relation to the libraries that were the first 19, the libraries that were the next 10 and then the following set of libraries. If there were solutions that came back that they could manage in that resource more appropriately and better solutions, then they had to be considered.
- i. In relation to the partners that they had spoken with, they had not spoken to any partners concerning Bartley Green prior to launching the consultation. Since the consultation had been launched, there had been one conversation with Newman University. This was a valid point that they needed to take away and look at when they had ad hoc closures of libraries across the city.

At this juncture, the Chairman highlighted the following: -

- Members were protective of the facilities in Bartley Green Ward for reasons discussed earlier. Bartley Green Library was one of the oldest libraries in the city as it had been in existence since 1905. They had already lost a lot of facilities within the Ward – Shenley Leisure Centre facilities; Bartley Green Leisure Centre facilities were at risk etc.
- The library had had to step up in certain ways and had become more than just a community library. It had become a place for signposting and where people went for advice. The library had been used by a number of local schools for a long period. In a number of primary schools, the libraries within those schools had become neglected for a number of reasons may it be technology or a lack

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of space so the community library becomes the provision for those children within those schools.

- The loss of a library when it comes to a child's literacy skills was immeasurable and the partnership between the community library and the school would be an immeasurable lost. He expressed concern that they would lose this within Bartley Green. It had been stated earlier that the figures that had been presented in relation to the library was not a true reflection of the uses the library had in the past. They had closures for the lack of staffing and other reasons, but there was a bigger issue. The disabled access at the library had not been useable for a number of years.
- Despite pressure from himself and officers from within the district to have it repaired, even finding the funding and emails that stated that the repairs would be done (going back a few years), this still had not been repaired. There were a number of classes within the local schools that were unable to use those facilities as one child could not gain access as it was not fair to take the rest of the pupils as one was not able to negotiate the stairs.
- People would not go to Harborne or find their way to Quinton as they were easily accessible but public transport from Bartley Green. These were all factors that were not being considered that needed to be taken on board. They were a bit sceptical as to why the repairs were not being done and why there had been so many closures over the past few years. It was obvious that something was not quite right.
- Looking at the District as a whole, of the libraries in Tier 1, there were some wasted opportunities. Harborne Library was an excellent library in a good location which was ranked 11. It was known that its usage was high, but there were opportunities there that could generate some income for the library service to support other library service within the District.
- These had been discussed (a few years) and suggestions put forward, but nothing had been done. There could be a degree of sub-letting in some of the space there which could then support Quinton and hopefully Bartley Green. He liked the principle of maximum coverage across the city, but you need those hours within those libraries to make it work.
- All three libraries were different buildings and different set up. Quinton Library was in a shared building which reflects the cost of running that facility and the staff that was required. The question was whether this was looked at in terms of sharing the service across the District. This issue needed to be revisited and for it to be looked at on a district wide basis as opposed to a citywide basis.

Mr Jordan then made the following comments: -

- i. They were open to try and work with everyone about what some of the solutions might be. As Members come forward with ideas, particularly about ways in which income could be generated in utilised space and how they might reinvest that money in certain locations, this was something that they would actively pursue. If they could bring more income into the service, this would allow them to do more things.

- ii. The earlier points concerning usage by schools and the disabled access etc., they can look at all this when they get the comments back. The question was whether the feedback they were getting was telling them that all the criteria they had used were the right ones or whether they needed to be amended. They had to wait to receive a number of things back. They were interested in where there were opportunities to maximise income.
- iii. The consultation documents were issued on the 26 October 2016 which was then a public document. As part of that the paper refers to they were willing to work with other partners/people. They had a response to that from Newman University.
- iv. Ms Parkes advised that they had one meeting with Newman University who were keen to place their student in the community to offer support. They were moving forward to consider how they could have discussions in a partnership relationship moving forward. They were keen as a placement opportunity to let some students into Bartley Green. They had only had one conversation to date concerning the issue.
- v. The intention was not to relocate Bartley Green Library; the intention was for someone who wanted to work with Bartley Green Library to continue delivering library service at Bartley Green Library and the Council would put in 15 hours of support. They were not at a point where Newman University wished to proceed.
- vi. At the moment, the university had stated that they might be interested in providing placement or some work experience type opportunities. If that were to be explored further, then some type of modelling work needed to be worked up.
- vii. The last figure that was reported through the financial monitoring system was either £1m/£1.1m. Mr Jordan undertook to issue the Committee with summary information with the statistics. This had gone out to Members but it was sent through the web-link.
- viii. For clarity, the data that was used in the report was for the financial year 2015/16. He was not stating that the issues that were experienced were not in 2015/16, but it was not in terms of any recent changes to the library service at Bartley Green.

The Chairman thanked Chris Jordan and Liz Parkes for attending the meeting and presenting the information and added that it was hoped that the above information forms part of the consultation.

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**HOUSING TRANSFORMATION BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1  
2016-17**

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The following performance report and performance narrative from the Service Director, Housing Transformation was submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

Jonathan Antill, Senior Service Manager, Landlord Services, Place Directorate introduced the item. He drew the Committee's attention to the information in the narrative, the report and the responses to the questions by Councillor Gregson circulated with the agenda.

In response to questions from Members, Mr Antill made the following statements: -

1. They had close links with Legal Services and when they instruct Legal Services to take a case, it was Housing's job to ensure that the case was *legal ready* so that they could instruct Legal Services to take the case to court. He was not aware of any cases being blocked by Legal Services, but this had happened in the past. This was something they were working on with Legal Services to ensure that any blockages were removed so that they could get those important cases into court quickly. They were happy to take on examples where this was not happening so that they could follow it through. Each case was taken on its own merits.
2. A case may be sent through to Legal Services and there may be a challenge from Legal Services about the proportionality etc. that they were looking to take. There might be issues with the conditions housing were seeking on the orders and there may be additional work that was required before they could get it to court stage. This was frustrating on all part as they wanted to get it to court as soon as possible as it was the victim who was suffering at the end of the day. They do learn from cases that had gone to court.
3. On a regular basis they had ASB meetings to learn best practice. They meet with the solicitors in terms of case law from around the country. Anything that had gone to court impact on what they do so they learn from that perspective. Through Austin Rodriguez, for the future they were looking to help train Members in the changes to legislations around ASB. They were also looking to do some further work from a legal perspective both in terms of ensuring that cases were legal ready and that they know what to produce to Legal Services to get the case to court in the quickest possible time.
4. In terms of the casework they go through the Community Safety Group meeting which was about cases and taking it round table. They had all the partner agencies that work on ASB which was about problem solving. They had this issue – how they could collectively deal with it and how they could take appropriate action which was not always enforcement action. Sometimes they could take action sometimes its support, but from a holistic perspective to ensure that they deal with all of that and for the long term. They had the Safety Community Group for that purpose.
5. With regard to residents being dissatisfied with the service, they were provided with and were approaching Members; they needed to hear about that. They offered an exit survey to everyone that reported ASB, so that they could learn from the experience to ascertain whether they had offered the residents the kind of service they had expected; whether they had achieved the action that residents wanted. This was reviewed on a monthly basis through the Performance Monitoring Group with the co-regulation part of the service.

6. They continuously look to improve the service and were doing supervisory case reviews on a monthly basis. There was also the mechanism through the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014, where residents could enact the *Community Trigger* if they were dissatisfied with the service that was provided. They also had their internal *Your View* process for complaints so that they could follow it through and could get an independent review of that case. If the ASB was still on-going, they could review it and resolve that problem in conjunction with their partners.

Members expressed concerns regarding the time it took for ASB cases to be resolved and that this should be resolved much quicker.

7. It was important from Housing's perspective that they did not just deal with the victims, but also the alleged perpetrators also. Some of their biggest problems were substance misuses and mental health problems. They work with their partners to try and resolve those issues and legal action and enforcements should be a last resort. They should try to resolve problems for the long term linking with Think Families etc.
8. It was frustrating that victims were asked to fill out diary booklets. He would like to hear about those cases as they should not be issued with diary booklets unless there were good reasons for doing so i.e. they were convinced that the case would go before the courts when they would be required to compile evidence accordingly.
9. For clarity, enforcement did not have to be the last resort. Sometimes in a serious situation, this should be the first action that they take. The most important part of the investigation was the initial contact when the victim/complainant contact Housing, a risk assessment would be undertaken to consider their health issues or whether there were any other issues that would impact on them to ensure that they were given the right level of service. Most importantly, they could not do this on their own and they had to rely on their partners and had to refer cases such as mental health or substance misuse issues etc.

At this juncture the Chairman commented that there were some interesting points and that it was true to say that this was a vicious circle where you have a community where there were persons who were causing serious ASB which was affecting individuals both mentally and physically. This could cause depression and could have a massive effect on communities. It appeared at times as thought this had not been given priority or the attention it deserved.

It was always about some people's rights and their right to Council property, but they did not look after the property, nor were they reminded of their responsibilities. This was what was heard all the time about a person's rights prevents action being taken against them, never mind everybody else and their rights in a quiet respectful neighbourhood. It appeared to be getting worse and Members wanted to see some action.

10. Mr Antill noted Members comments concerning the issue and advised that they were moving away from diary booklets and that the procedures for this would be changed. In relation to taking robust action at the earliest possible stage, he was agreeable to this being done where it was appropriate and

necessary in the most serious aggressive behaviours, hate crimes for example, they needed to take action immediately in these instances. Where there was a one on one dispute, where it was not clear who the aggressor was or who the victim was, it was crucial for a proper investigation to be undertaken. All accounts would be taken into consideration before they take action.

11. A number of actions were taken and they were visiting people, reminded people of their conditions of tenancy, issued them with warning letters; enforcement actions. What they needed to do better was to communicate this to Members and they were in the process of looking how to give Members quarterly updates on what happens on an ASB perspective to give Members some context about the actions being taken.
12. They could only take action where there was evidence and they do work with West Midlands Police on a regular basis concerning information sharing. They were considering different tactics that was not available to Housing, but were available to their partners. There were room for improvement and they needed to enforce the conditions of tenancy better and they were hoping to do this on a more consistent basis. If there were serious incidences and Members felt that no one was taking action, they needed to bring this to the attention of the Place Managers so that appropriate action could be taken.
13. They did not need to sit around a table to take action. The Community Safety Group was to share best practice and issues that were affecting the locality, example, gang issues across the area. Best practice was using examples from other parts of the city, example the mini motors from around the city which was a problem across most of Birmingham. They had learnt best practice from Solihull about the way they have tackled mini motors. It was important that if someone was doing something better that they learn from that and try to implement it.
14. They offer support and advice to Optima who had signed up to the Safer Estates Agreement. They attended the Safer Community Group to seek support and advice. Anything that affects the Council's tenants, they would get involved with this directly. It was optima's responsibility to consider the necessary action but they could offer advice and support to them to ensure that they go down the right route.
15. In terms of appointments made and kept concerning repairs (pages 51 – 52); Mr Antill undertook to get some more details from the Repair Service concerning the issue. Mr Antill advised that the information was from Quarter 1 and it may be worth requesting one of their repairs colleagues to attend the next District Committee concerning the issue. To date the Quarter 2 report had not yet been circulated as it had not yet been to the Housing Transformation Board for ratification.

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**Birmingham Council Housing Investment Programme Environmental Works Budget 2016/17**

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(See Document No.3)

Mark Rodgers, Housing Manager, Place Directorate introduced the item and drew the Committee's attention to the information contained in the report.

In response to questions and comments from Members, Mr Rodgers made the following statements: -

- a) The £500k was spent on the capital budget from last year. In the 3 – 4 years that this budget had been allocated to District Committees citywide, the level of underspend had gradually reduced. The reduction last year was not as great as previous years because of the ending of the improvement contracts and the demobilisation programme to close down the contract.
- b) Part of this was from January onwards they were not issuing work to the former contractors unless they were reasonable certain that it would be completed by the 31 March. This had largely contributed to the £500k overspend which had existed from 2015/16 to the current year. He stated that he was pleased to announced that the underspend was rolled forward and that none of the districts had lost out. They were making efforts to reduce the level of underspend again this year and to maximise the budget spend.
- c) The £90,400 that was allocated last year was capital funding which was within the £59m - £60M Capital Investment Budget the city had. The £500k slippage had been rolled forward onto those districts that had underspend and this was completed on various schemes that met the strict financial criteria for capital works which includes things such as replacing floorings, bollards, fencing, gating and security entry systems. This underspend was spent across the city.
- d) The capital funding did not pay for the Clean-up Day that happened last week and it could only be assumed that this was revenue funded. Councillor J Lines requested that details be provided concerning the issue. Mr Rodgers advised that the Clean-up Day was not paid for from the Capital Environmental budget.
- e) £90,400 was allocated to the Edgbaston District for capital improvements in 2015/16 and this included the carry forward of underspend from the previous year. Appendix 1 of the report listed all the jobs that were approved in 2015/16. He was pleased to inform the Committee that all work had now been completed. In relation to Appendix 2, 7 projects had been issued this year and were approved all of which were due to be completed by the end of December 2016. Three projects had been completed, but unfortunately, he needed to highlight the works for the trip rail at Romsley Road, Bartley Green.
- f) Regrettably, that work was not completed to the contract specification. There were some serious defects found to the work that had been carried out which was brought to the attention of the main contractors. The sub-contractors had been out on site and were rectifying those defects and would continue on site until that work was completed. Mr Rodgers offered his sincerest apology to the Elected Members for not getting this important job right first time. He

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assured the Committee that no payment would be made until all the work had been completed satisfactorily.

- g) On a positive note, concerning Appendix 3, the total budget for 2016/17 was £133,498 which included some slippage from the previous year. The total budget that had been committed was approximately £92k. They were awaiting prices on various projects across the District and taking an estimated value, there were more work in the pipeline than the available budget. He had every confidence that this would be fully spent by the end of the financial year.
- h) In terms of whether funding would continue, the capital budget was being worked up and a report was being prepared for Cabinet, but with all budgets they were set towards the financial year. He added that he was hopeful that the budget would continue, but will be a decision that he Cabinet would make in January 2017.

The Chairman thanked Jonathan Antill and Mark Rodgers for attending the meeting and presenting the information.

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### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP APPROACH**

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Steve Harris, Operations Commander, Birmingham North Area, West Midlands Fire Service and Sue Brookin, West Midlands Fire Service attended the meeting. They drew the attention of the Committee to the document circulated at the meeting

(See Document No.4)

Councillor Flood advised that the reason for invitation to Operations Commander Harris and Ms Brookin followed from his brief from the District Committee as the Crime and Community Safety Champion.

In response to questions and comments from Members, Mr Harris and Ms Brookin made the following statements: -

- I. Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) had four key priorities for the city which was in line with the Local Safety Partnership. Things such as terrorism prevention, crime in the community (within that were ASB), violence, victim support, vulnerability for young people and domestic abuse.
- II. It covers a number of things under the crime reduction partnership and was the key priority for the city which Edgbaston and Birmingham South Partnership all these priorities would meet with those key priorities but would have a local flavour to them.
- III. Mr Harris advised that the emerging threat of travellers were something that they had discussed at the BCSP meeting today. He stated that in his view they were vulnerable members of society and he would have to agree to disagree on the term invaders. He added the point was taken and undertook to come back with more information concerning the issue.

- IV. Ms Brookin advised that there were some issues concerning the travellers throughout the summer with some returning a number of times to each sites. Members may be aware that the City Council was looking at the protocol and consistency of the approach of how partners dealt with the travellers when they arrive and what legislation was used as there were some disparity and inconsistency.
- V. The City Council was looking at a permanent site where travellers could be directed. There was one site that was operational, but the Council was also looking at other sites. Ms Brookin undertook to get a full update to the Committee concerning the issue.
- VI. Mr Harris noted Councillor J Lines' comment and the residents' concerns regarding the lack of action by the local authority and advised that the issue was raised earlier today during the BCSP meeting. There was still some funding that they could allocate. In terms of the legislation he could not give a response from the Fire Service point of view, but was something that he would investigate.

The Chairman commented that they had not had many problems with travellers, but in recent years the invasion appears to be more regular. Quinton had had some experiences despite the fact that they had invested heavily in barriers to prevent the travellers invading the open spaces and parks. It seemed like madness when there were powers that could be used as a deterrent, but yet, the invasions were getting worst. Birmingham was seen as a soft touch by these groups of people and the question was what the reason was.

- VII. Ms Brookin stated that there was some difference in the way that the legislation was enforced. There needed to be what was termed as a proportionate response and this was discussed in meetings and agencies felt that they were using a proportionate response in the areas. She undertook to investigate what was happening centrally about the actual procedure that was being looked at for Birmingham as a consistent response and report back to the Committee.

Councillor D Alden expressed thank for the leaflets the officers were producing concerning parking in Edgbaston as these were helpful. Councillor Flood expressed thanks to Ms Brookin for the work she had done in the short amount of time she had been associated with the position which was an acting position.

The Chairman thanked Steve Harris and Sue Brookin for attending the meeting and presenting the information.

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#### **WARD BASED ACTION TRACKER**

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Lesley Bannister, Community Governance Manager, Place Directorate introduced the item. She advised that last September there had been changes in Ward Committees/Forums where formal minutes were discontinued, but actions were instead tracked. The original document that they had was an Excel spreadsheet and they soon became aware that after a few entries, they were not able to read the spreadsheets nor would the members of the public. It was decided to change from

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Excel to Access Database which enabled them to publish the actions for each Ward meetings onto Committee Management Information System (CMIS). Instead of just being able to track the action for each Ward they could now summarised the actions for the Wards and the Districts or on a particular topic such as ASB.

In response to a comment by Councillor Gregson, Ms Bannister advised that the information relates to Quarter 1. The actions for Quarter 2 was posted on CMIS as a number of meetings were held in September and October which they were in the process of loading onto CMIS.

The Chairman thanked Ms Bannister for attending the meeting and presenting the information.

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### **LOCAL INNOVATION FUND UPDATE**

328 Keith Dugmore, Edgbaston District Lead stated that all the Wards now had either had or arranged meetings concerning the Local Innovation Fund (LIF). One of the meetings that were thought of as Best Practice was the Best of Bartley Green which had a number of partners in attendance at the meeting. They were trying to arrange for many partners to attend these LIF meetings so that they could have some positive collaborative working. They also wanted to look at having 3 – 4 possible key areas for pockets of funding that they could make a big difference and have the £48k allocated to each Ward arranged for 3 - 4 key areas this would make a positive impact in the Wards.

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### **EDGBASTON DISTRICT COMMUNITY PLAN**

329 Keith Dugmore, Edgbaston District Lead introduced the item and advised that the Community Plan had now gone live. The key 8 District themes were the key priorities in keeping with the Council's plan. They were taking on a lot of work with those themes and they would be asking the Councillors who were the District Champions for those themes to report back at the District Committee meeting in January 2017 concerning the themes. Prior to this a meeting will be had with the Councillors and the District Champions to discuss the key areas and to support them in the future.

The document was a working on so they could make alterations to the document as they go on, but the 8 themes were really positive and were a positive step for Edgbaston District. He expressed thanks to all who had support the programme.

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### **DATE OF NEXT EDGBASTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

330 It was noted that the next Edgbaston District Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 19 January 2017, at 1900 hours, in Committee Room 6, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB.

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### **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Darul Uloom School

331 Councillor J Lines stated that at the last District Committee meeting Councillor Brigid Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools had attended the meeting regarding Nonsuch Primary School. Her scrutiny at the time was cut short and in a few days from that he had read in a newspaper article that Ofsted came to Birmingham and had stated that the pupils attending a school called Darul Uloom, their safety was at risk. He enquired whether this school was located in the Edgbaston District and whether the Cabinet Member had enquired as to the safety of these children.

The Chairman undertook to seek clarification on the issue and report back to the Committee.

The Chairman stated that given the issues that had been raised at the previous meeting concerning the Community Safety Partnership it was his intention to seek the District Committee Chairman Councillor John Alden's permission to invite the Police to the next District Committee meeting in January 2017 to give a report on not only the Community Safety Partnership and how the partnership was progressing, but also to highlight the changes towards policing the District, how this affects the District and how they would be working in the future. The Committee was in agreement for an invitation to be extended to the Police to attend the next meeting.

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**AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

332 **RESOLVED:** -

Chairman to move:-

"That in an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee."

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The meeting ended at 2045 hours.

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CHAIRMAN