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## MINUTES FOR THE CANONBURY WARD PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC MEETING

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**Date and time** : 19:00-21:00, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**Present:**

Alex Diner Canonbury Ward Councillor  
Nick Wayne Canonbury Ward Councillor  
Alastair Hannah Canonbury Ward Partnership Co-ordinator

**Apologies:**

Clare Jeapes Canonbury Ward Councillor

**Agenda Items**

Item	Subject
1.	<b>Local Initiative Fund update</b>
	LIF is money to be used for local benefits, to support organisations and enable small projects to get off the ground in the community. The application needs to have been discussed with a councillor prior to being sent in. A committee has the final say on whether the application is approved and provides oversight of the spending. We are currently on the third round of funding this year.
2.	<b>Ward Improvement Plan update</b>
	<p>The funding for proposals on WIPs comes from the Community Infrastructure Levy, previously Section 106 money, which is money levied on businesses and developers when there are large developments. In Canonbury there has previously been little CIL money as a result of the nature of the ward, however, there is currently CIL money which can be spent on proposals as part of the WIP.</p> <p>The Councillors urge residents and organisations to get in touch with ideas, which can be submitted here: <a href="https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/ward-partnerships/canonbury-ward">https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/ward-partnerships/canonbury-ward</a></p> <p>In order to cost up proposals and discuss at the next meeting, please get suggestions in <b>one month before</b> the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October.</p>

3.	<p><b>Rosemary Gardens</b></p> <p>Rosemary Gardens had become a gathering spot and the site of ASB. It had also therefore become an area of priority for the Council and the Police.</p> <p>The Police carried out an Environmental Visual Audit to ascertain why crime is taking place in the area to see if things can be done to improve sightlines, lighting, etc. All the recommendations that arose as part of the EVA have either been carried out or are underway.</p> <p>There are supposed to be 3 dedicated ward officers and 1 PCSO on the ward. Due to staffing shortages the numbers are currently lower, so whilst there are 2 officers and they are able to flexibly respond to issues, there is not currently 24/7 coverage. These staffing issues should be resolved shortly.</p> <p>The response to the situation in Rosemary Gardens has been a positive example of partnership working between organisations.</p>
4.	<p><b>Partners update</b></p> <p>No partners were in attendance today, but further efforts will be undertaken to engage with partners and seek representatives for the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p><b>Next meeting details</b></p> <p>The next meeting is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 19:00-21:00 at the Walter Sickert Centre. Details here: <a href="https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/ward-partnerships/canonbury-ward">https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/ward-partnerships/canonbury-ward</a></p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One resident expressed the view that this forum should not be considered a political one</li> <li>• The Councillors took a moment to express that all of our thoughts are with the victims of the Grenfell fire disaster. A statement from the Council can be found here: <a href="http://www.islington.media/r/19957/statement_-_grenfell_tower_fire">http://www.islington.media/r/19957/statement_-_grenfell_tower_fire</a></li> <li>• The Council and Executive’s senior leadership are taking a serious and careful look in order to put a comprehensive plan and response in place.</li> <li>• There was a discussion around the importance of Tenant and Resident Associations for these meetings and for expressing tenant voices, especially in relation to housing safety.</li> <li>• One resident questioned whether the Council would be in touch to reassure and communicate safety procedures.</li> <li>• Councillors urged residents to get in touch with them regarding housing concerns, so that they may provide a voice and outlet to get in touch with Council colleagues, partners, etc.</li> <li>• There was a discussion around the accessibility of these evening meetings for parents. This possibility has been discussed before, and though the next meeting is already organised, this will be looked at again next calendar year in order to ensure the best attendance and accessibility.</li> <li>• There was an update from the Islington Sea Cadets, whose building is currently being refurbished and will be completed by the end of this year or early next year. The outcome will be that cadets can once again be trained at the building and it could be a great resource for the ward.</li> <li>• St Pauls Steiner School will be gaining access to a new hall space, which in the future could be offered as a space for meetings and other events.</li> </ul>

**7. Update regarding Children's Centres in Islington**

Due to the length of the statement, this has been included as a further agenda point.

Bright Start Islington:

The transformation will see the co-ordination and delivery of children's centre services organised across three areas of the borough. Work is underway to identify suitable alternative venues in each area, such as libraries and community centres, where activities (such as stay and play, Chatterpillars, Little Leaps etc.) can be held. This will help make services more accessible to families we are not currently reaching, while helping to create space to expand childcare provision in some children's centres.

Three Bright Start Islington area teams will work in partnership with children's centres, other providers of early education and childcare, and partners in health and other services, to plan and deliver services which meet the needs of families in their area. The process of reorganisation to create the area teams is currently underway.

Professionals across the early childhood workforce will work more closely together. Health visiting and early years teams will be co-located, supporting early identification of families who are struggling.