



Report to Scrutiny

Item Number: **8**

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Subject of Report:	Acton Vale Community Centre
Meeting:	Scrutiny Panel Review Panel 2 – Community Centres 28 January 2016
Service report author:	See below
Scrutiny officer:	Anna-Marie Rattray, Scrutiny Review Officer RattrayA@ealing.gov.uk 0208 825 8227
Cabinet Responsibility:	Councillor Ranjit Dheer - Cabinet Member for Safety, Culture and Community Services and Deputy Leader
Director Responsibility:	Keith Townsend, Executive Director, Environment and Customer Services
Brief:	Paul Woodgate, Chair of Acton Vale Community Association will be attending the panel meeting to talk about the work of Acton Vale Community Centre.
Recommendations:	To consider the presentation and comment as appropriate.

1. Acton Vale Community Centre

1.1 There are 12 community centres based on council estates across the borough. Nine are managed directly by the council's resident involvement team and three by voluntary community groups.

1.2 The three community centres managed by community groups are:

- The Oaktree Community Centre in South Acton (managed by Acton Community Forum);
- The Golf Links Community Centre on the Golf Links estate, Southall (managed by the Ealing Pre-school learning alliance)
- The Acton Vale Community Centre on the Acton Vale estate (managed by the Acton Vale Community Association)

1.3 At its meeting on the 24 September 2015, the panel heard from Steve Flynn, Director of Acton Community Forum who spoke about the work of the forum in developing community capacity and empowering local residents.

1.4 At this meeting the panel will be hearing from Paul Woodgate, Chair of Acton Vale Community Association (AVCA). The Vale Community Centre has been managed by AVCA for over five years. The association were able to increase interest in the centre whilst maintaining strong relationships with many of existing community user groups. Assisted by a volunteer management committee the association has successfully made funding bids allowing them to employ local people in the development of the community centre as a viable business. The success of the community centre has been driven by a Community centre manager who has increased bookings, linked with local businesses and developed fledging user groups. The centre is now a hub of the community and used at over 80% capacity. AVCA have also been assisted by Acton Community Forum in payroll and other back office functions.

2. Legal Implications

2.1 None arising directly from this report, though in the event of recommendations being directed to a decision making body these would be accompanied with full legal implications.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 None arising directly from this report.

4. Other Implications

4.1 None

5. Background Papers

5.1 None

Pre-publication sign-off

Name	Department	Date sent	Date response received	Comments appear in report paragraph:
Internal				
Keith Fraser	Head of Scrutiny and Committees	19/01/16	19/01/16	

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