

Report to Scrutiny

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Meeting:

Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2019/2020:
Active Citizenship
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Brief:

To consider the feedback from the recent site visits and agree the agenda items including external engagement for the next meeting.

Recommendations:

The Panel is asked to:

- receive and comment on the feedback from the site visits; and
- agree the agenda items and actions for the next meeting on 13 February 2019.

1.0 Panel Operations

- 1.1 The report presents the Member feedback from recent site visits in **Appendix 1** and an updated work programme in **Appendix 2**.

Feedback from Site Visits

1.2 **Ealing Street Pastors**

During the presentation from the Street Pastor at the last meeting, Members expressed an interest in observing some of their patrols in the borough.

- 1.3 The Panel has been invited to join some of their **Ealing Broadway patrols** which commence from the **Ealing Green Church, Ealing Green, Ealing, London, W5 5QT** at **10.30pm**. The patrols run in two sections with a break around 12.30am and end around 2.00-3.00am. You can join the first section until the break or carry on to the end.

- 1.4 Cllr Gary Malcolm joined the patrol on **Friday 25 October 2019**.

- 1.5 Two further patrols will take place on **Friday 29 November** (which Cllr Karanvir Dhadwal (Chair) and Cllr Seema Kumar (Vice Chair) will be attending) and **Friday 20 December 2019**.

Nishkam Sikh Welfare and Awareness Team – SWAT

- 1.6 During the presentation from Nishkam SWAT at the last meeting, Members expressed an interest in attending their nearby **outreach sessions**.

- 1.7 Cllr Seema Kumar (Vice Chair), Cllr Praveen Anand and Cllr Swaran Padda joined the Nishkam SWAT volunteers to observe and assist with their evening outreach session at 1 Mackenzie Street, **Slough, Berkshire**, SL1 1XQ (outside the Queensmere Shopping Mall by the Greggs store) on **Monday 4 November 2019**.

- 1.8 Panel Members can attend a further outreach session in **Strand/Charing Cross, London** in **mid-January 2020**. The details will be confirmed in due course.

Let's Go Southall

- 1.9 Panel Members have been invited to the project's summit which aims to bring together a range of people across the sectors in Southall to explore opportunities for boosting physical activity in the area.

- 1.10 Southall is a vibrant and energetic place but has one of the lowest rates of physical activity in London. Improving health and wellbeing in our neighbourhoods is of vital importance to the residents and physical activity is currently a top priority.

- 1.11 The event takes place from **10:00-14:30** on **Tuesday 12 November 2019** at the **Dominion Centre, 112 The Green, Southall, UB2 4BQ**.

All Member Workshop: Engagement with Residents and Involvement with Civic Democracy

- 1.12 To hear the feedback from the Democratic Society (DEMSOC) on their findings

of how the Council currently engages with its residents/communities and participate in the workshop on different models of local decision making to help develop the Ealing approach.

- 1.13 DEMSOC has interviewed various staff and councillors to establish the Council's present approach to resident engagement.
- 1.14 The event takes place from **18:30-20:30** on **Wednesday 13 November 2019** in the **Ealing Central Library, Mezzanine Meeting Room, First Floor, 103 Ealing Broadway Shopping Centre, The Broadway, London, W5 5JY**.
- 1.15 The Member feedback from some of the site visits is included in **Appendix 1** to the report. The Panel is asked to comment on the feedback (written and verbal) provided by Members and make recommendations accordingly.

Updated Work Programme

- 1.16 The updated work programme of Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2019/2020: Active Citizenship is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report for the Panel's consideration and agreement.
- 1.17 The forward plan identifies topics to be addressed at each meeting. It is a rolling programme of work that is amended throughout the period. Items can be addressed as and when they arise or come to the attention of the Panel.
- 1.18 An updated work programme is presented at each Panel meeting. This allows the Panel, officers and others to know well in advance the topics of enquiry that will be addressed throughout the year; schedule items into the work programme accordingly and track the progress of issues.

External Engagement

- 1.19 The Panel members are asked to consider how else they would like to engage local people and other key stakeholders in the next two main topics for consideration which are **Ealing Parks Foundation** (deferred from the last meeting due to insufficient progress in the project since the update at the first meeting) and **Resident Engagement**.
- 1.20 The Panel is requested to agree on which witnesses to invite to the meeting and suggest any other ways to seek views on this topic.

Guidance on Selecting Topics

- 1.21 General guidance on selecting a scrutiny topic is that it should be:
- specific (there is a clear remit/question to answer);
 - achievable (in the time given and the resources available);
 - likely to generate productive outcomes;
 - timely and relevant (a community or Council priority); and
 - of public interest.
- 1.22 The Panel is asked to consider and agree the agenda items and actions for the next meeting on **13 February 2019**.

2.0 Legal Implications

2.1 The general scrutiny functions and powers are set out in the Council Constitution.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to the Scrutiny Panel is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will come from having appropriate agenda items on the Work Programme that will help the Panel to achieve the key expected outcomes.

4.0 Other Implications

4.1 There are no other implications arising.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Ealing Council's Constitution, available at

http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200892/decision_making/597/council_constitution

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