

Cost of Living Alliance

Appendix 3 Barking & Dagenham



one borough; one community; no one left behind

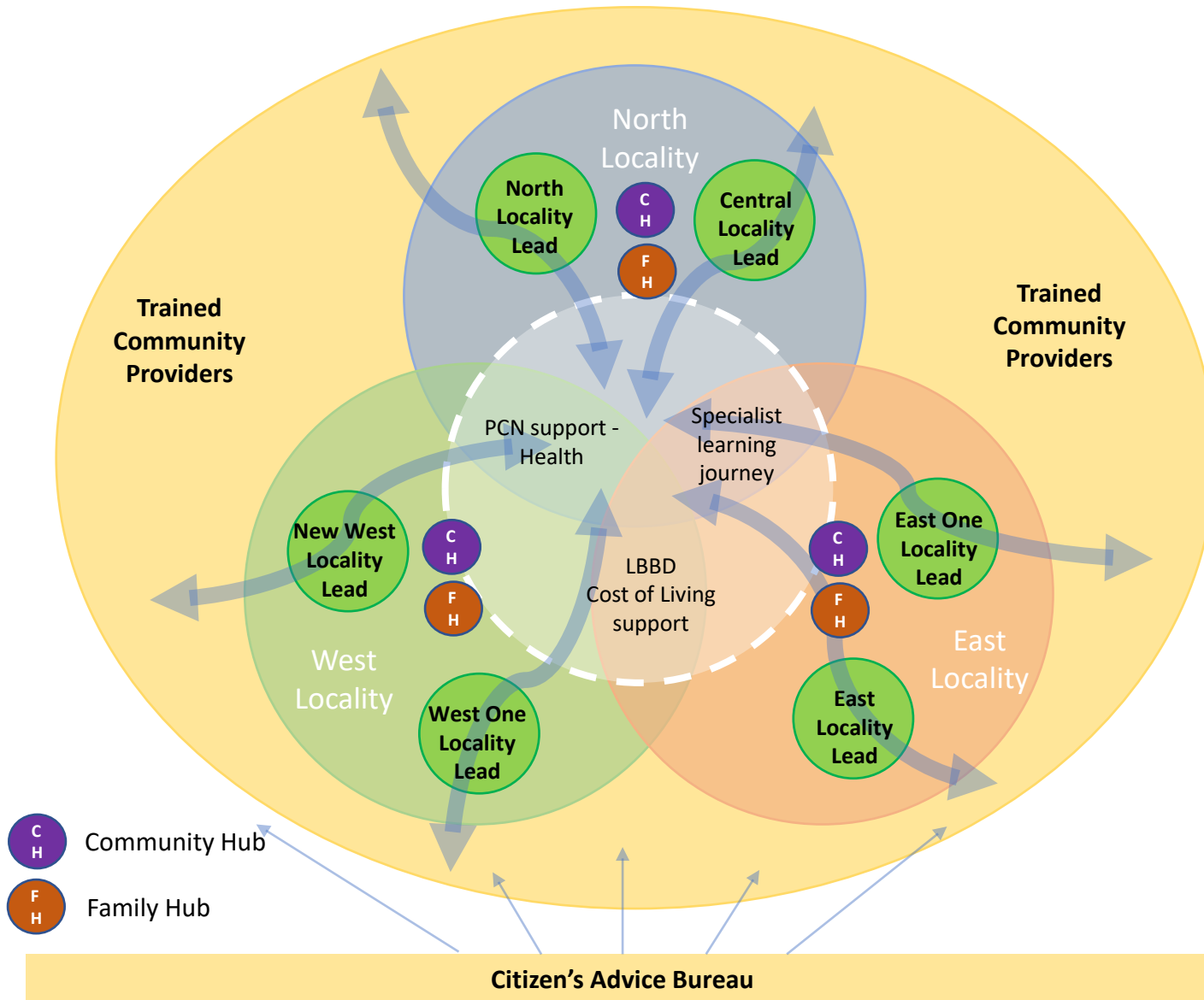
Summary of key engagement

- Held 2 Cost of Living Summits (June and October) - bringing partners in the voluntary sector, local charities, and community and faith groups together to explore how we best work together to support residents
- Launched the B&D Cost of Living Alliance – with organisations committing their support through pledges: [Cost of living Alliance sign up - B&D Money \(bdmoney.co.uk\)](#)
- Residents leaflet to every household on how to access help and support
- Ran a residents survey via Citizens Alliance Network to understand resident challenges and how the crisis is impacting – over 500 responses to shape our response
- Faith leaders events scheduled on 9 November
- Participated in Barking and Dagenham Placed-Based Partnership Winter Summit and NEL Cost of Living Workshop
- Established B&D Money as a one stop shop for help and support around money and related issues: <https://bdmoney.co.uk/>

Summary of key actions and support

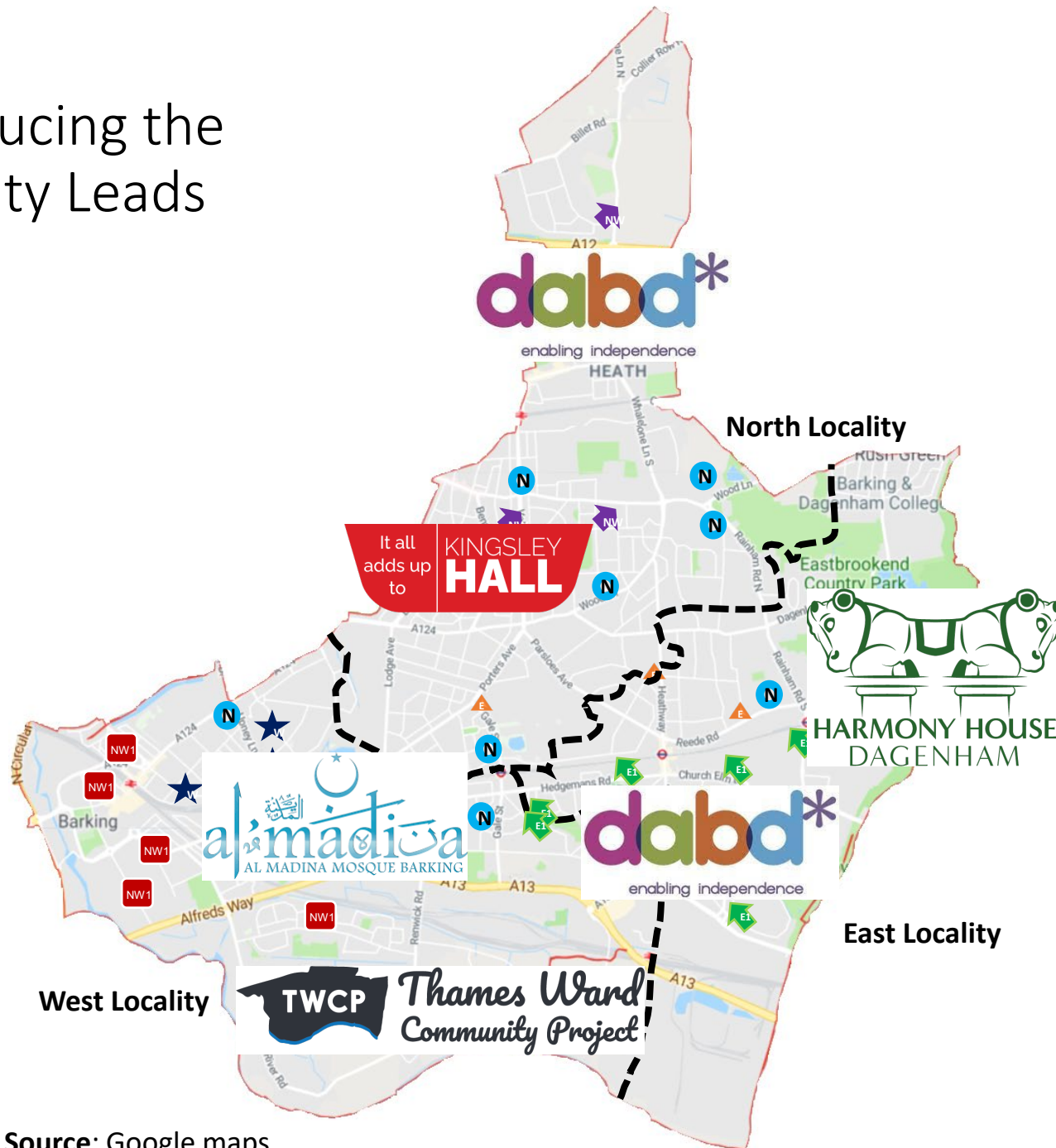
- Commissioned 6 community partners working across our 3 localities - enabling people to get the support they need in an effective way, discovering what's available, triage and support community providers
- Warm spaces network established – 13 initially, with more to follow, offering places for warmth, shelter and advice
- Between April and September this year, put aside more than £2.1million from our Household Support Fund to help families pay for food, utilities, clothing, white goods, boiler repairs and other essentials
- Identified further £3m to support wide range of welfare related initiatives across money, bills, food, jobs and other support
- Launched Credit Union Partnership with Leeds Credit Union - a collaboration that helps people who live and work in Barking & Dagenham access straight forward hassle-free savings accounts and affordable loans.
- Established B&D Money as a one stop shop for help and support around money and related issues
- Opened a new Library of Things Partnership in Barking Learning Centre – enabling residents to borrow everyday items at a minimum cost
- Extra measures to support the Borough's food network, keep food banks open and support new initiatives that tackle food insecurity and promote healthy eating and new 'good food growing schemes'
- Work with schools and other partners to expand school uniform and clothing exchange schemes in the Borough
- Additional funds available for more specialist support for vulnerable residents through existing commissioned providers

Locality Leads approach



- **Six locality leads in 3 localities:** experts in their locality - enabling people to get the support they need in an effective way, discovering what's available, triage and support community providers
- **Community providers in the localities:** training and monthly meetings, committing to sharing data, ensuring there's a safety net, doing what they already do to support.
- **Council staff/Health connecting in through localities and working with partners to develop effective routes**
- **Citizens' Advice Bureau taking the lead on formal advice and quality assurance/training.**
- **Links to other assets and resources e.g. community hubs**

Introducing the Locality Leads



North Primary Care Network; 8 practices List size 45,669	
Green Lane Surgery	3740
Dr S Z Haider & Partners	5704
Dr A K Sharma	9872
Dr A Arif	4533
Five Elms Medical Practice	4057
Gables Surgery	6876
Dr M Ehsan	3042
Dr B K Jaiswal	5415
Dr Prasad (Faircross Health Centre)	2430
Total	45,669

Central PCN; 3 practices List size 30,952	
Marks Gate Health Centre	4835
Tulasi Medical Centre	19485
Becontree Medical Centre	6632
Total	30952

West One Primary Care Network; 6 practices list size 37,607	
Drs Chibber & Gupta	4245
Drs Sharma & Rai	5226
Highgrove Surgery	7772
Dr Ansari & Ansari	7891
The Barking Medical Group Practice	9837
The John Smith Medical Centre	2635
Total	37,607

New West PCN: 4 practices List size 29,835	
Abbey Medical Centre	6146
Aurora Medicare	17,740
Victoria Medical Centre	4061
Shifa Medical Practice	1888
Total	29,835

East Primary Care Network; 4 Practices List size: 37,348	
Broad Street Medical Centre	6553
Porters Avenue (merged 01.04.2019 with Child & Family)	18477
Church Elm	6053
Halbutt Street Surgery	6265
Total	37,348

East ONE Primary Care Network; 7 Practices List size: 37,469	
Dr Alkaisy Surgery	5009
First Avenue Surgery	5401
Heathway Medical Centre	5021
Hedgemans rd	5056
Parkview	4549
St Albans Surgery	8242
The Surgery (Dr Ola)	3878
Total	37,469

Source: Google maps



We have partnered with Leeds Credit Union to increase access to more affordable credit and fairer financial services.

This will be available to all who live or work in the Borough.

In the last available statistics, over 20,000 households in LBBDD made use of high cost credit – leading to over £7.3m in interest payments. This partnership will help to support residents away from these high cost credit providers, building more financial resilience in the Borough.

Key Products include:

Savings

- Membership Account
- Young Saver Account
- Regular Saver account
- Christmas Club
- Loyalty Account

Loans (maximum APR for 42.6%)

- Standard Loan - Borrow from £250 to £20,000 - Loan repayments to suit you
- Family Loans

For more information on BD Money affordable loan and savings products, plus a range of money support tools and guidance visit www.bdmoney.org.uk.

WATCH THIS SPACE: A payroll deductions scheme is on the horizon, enabling those working in LBBDD to save directly from their pay.