

Notice of Meeting of the

ASSEMBLY

**to be held on Wednesday, 31 January 2018
commencing at 7:00 pm in the
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barking**



To all Members of the Council of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

Date of publication: 23rd January 2018

Chris Naylor
Chief Executive

Councillors and senior officers are also invited to attend a presentation chaired by Cllr Maureen Worby, Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration and led by Joanne Tarbutt, Group Manager for Looked After Children, Adoption & Prevention Services on the subject of Corporate Parenting – Developments and Progress which will take place in the Council Chamber from 6.00 pm until 6.45 pm

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declaration of Members' Interests

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to declare any interest they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting.

3. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2018 (Pages 3 - 9)

4. Minutes of Joint JNC Salaries & Conditions and Appointments Panel held on 8 January 2018 (Page 11)

5. Leader's Statement

The Leader will present his statement.

6. Appointments

The Labour Group Secretary will announce any nominations to fill vacant positions on Council committees or other bodies.

7. BAD Youth Forum Annual Report 2017 (Pages 13 - 33)

8. Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19 (Pages 35 - 37)

9. Motions

No Motions have been received.

10. Questions With Notice

11. Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent

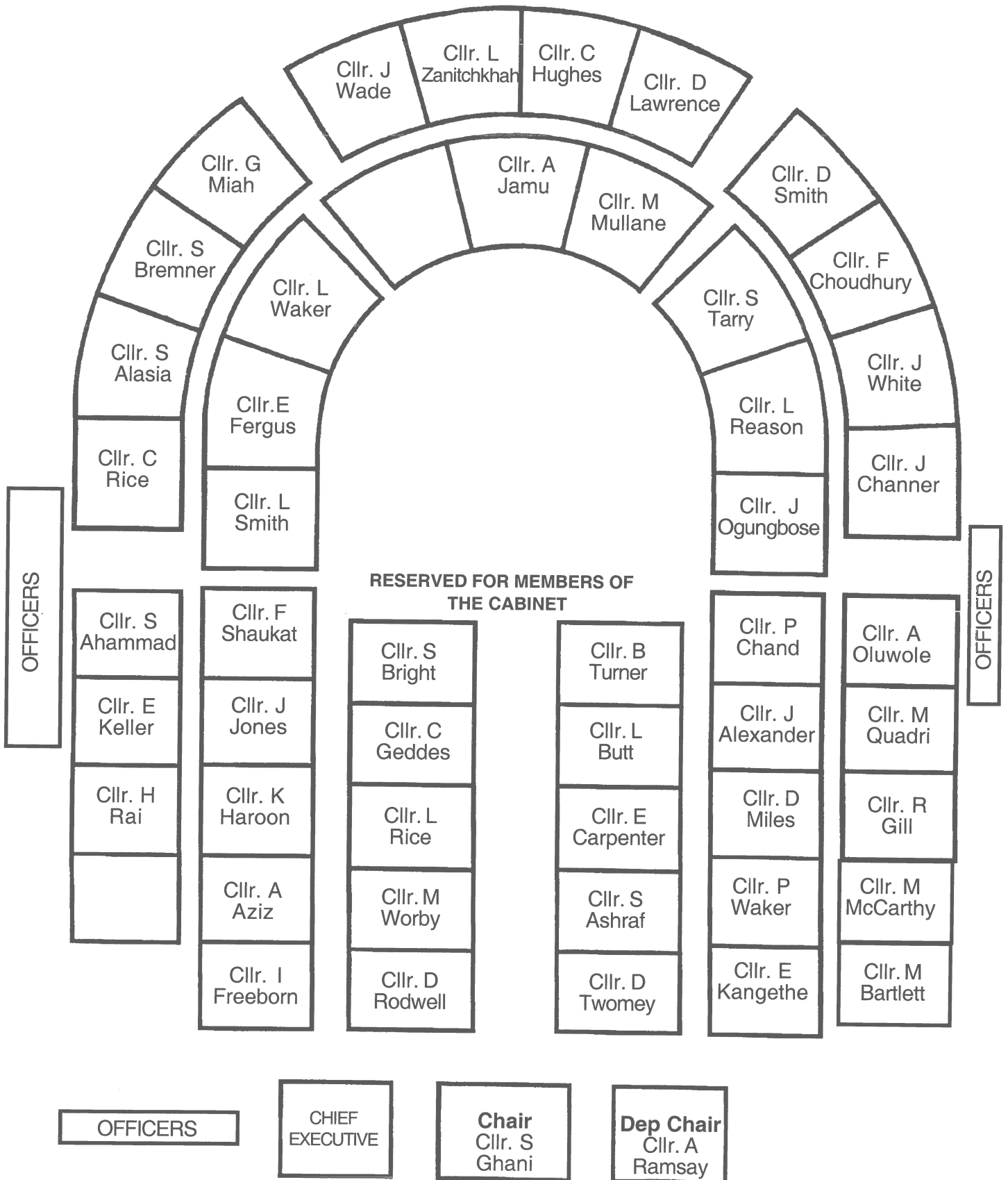
12. To consider whether it would be appropriate to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

Private Business

The public and press have a legal right to attend Council meetings such as the Assembly, except where business is confidential or certain other sensitive information is to be discussed. The list below shows why items are in the private part of the agenda, with reference to the relevant legislation (the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended). ***There are no such items at the time of preparing this agenda.***

- 13. Any confidential or exempt items which the Chair decides are urgent**

BARKING TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER



SEATING PLAN FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Our Vision for Barking and Dagenham

One borough; one community; London's growth opportunity

Our Priorities

Encouraging civic pride

- Build pride, respect and cohesion across our borough
- Promote a welcoming, safe, and resilient community
- Build civic responsibility and help residents shape their quality of life
- Promote and protect our green and public open spaces
- Narrow the gap in attainment and realise high aspirations for every child

Enabling social responsibility

- Support residents to take responsibility for themselves, their homes and their community
- Protect the most vulnerable, keeping adults and children healthy and safe
- Ensure everyone can access good quality healthcare when they need it
- Ensure children and young people are well-educated and realise their potential
- Fully integrate services for vulnerable children, young people and families

Growing the borough

- Build high quality homes and a sustainable community
- Develop a local, skilled workforce and improve employment opportunities
- Support investment in housing, leisure, the creative industries and public spaces to enhance our environment
- Work with London partners to deliver homes and jobs across our growth hubs
- Enhance the borough's image to attract investment and business growth

Well run organisation

- A digital Council, with appropriate services delivered online
- Promote equalities in the workforce and community
- Implement a smarter working programme, making best use of accommodation and IT
- Allow Members and staff to work flexibly to support the community
- Continue to manage finances efficiently, looking for ways to make savings and generate income
- Be innovative in service delivery

MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 22 November 2017
(7:05 - 9:16 pm)

PRESENT

Cllr Syed Ghani (Chair)
Cllr Tony Ramsay (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Syed Ahammad	Cllr Sanchia Alasia	Cllr Simon Bremner
Cllr Laila M. Butt	Cllr Evelyn Carpenter	Cllr Peter Chand
Cllr Faruk Choudhury	Cllr Edna Fergus	Cllr Irma Freeborn
Cllr Cameron Geddes	Cllr Rocky Gill	Cllr Kashif Haroon
Cllr Chris Hughes	Cllr Jane Jones	Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe
Cllr Mick McCarthy	Cllr Giasuddin Miah	Cllr Dave Miles
Cllr Margaret Mullane	Cllr James Ogungbose	Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole
Cllr Moin Quadri	Cllr Chris Rice	Cllr Lynda Rice
Cllr Darren Rodwell	Cllr Danielle Smith	Cllr Sam Tarry
Cllr Bill Turner	Cllr Dominic Twomey	Cllr Jeff Wade
Cllr Lee Waker	Cllr Phil Waker	Cllr John White
Cllr Maureen Worby		

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jeanne Alexander	Cllr Saima Ashraf	Cllr Sade Bright
Cllr Josephine Channer	Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu	Cllr Eileen Keller
Cllr Danielle Lawrence	Cllr Hardial Singh Rai	Cllr Faraaz Shaukat

28. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

29. Minutes (13 September 2017)

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 were confirmed as correct.

30. Minutes of Sub-Committees

The Assembly received and noted the minutes of the JNC Appointment Panel held on 19 September 2017 and the Joint JNC Salaries & Conditions and Appointments Panel held on 31 October 2017.

31. Leader's Statement

The Leader of the Council presented a verbal statement updating the Assembly on a range of matters since the last meeting including:

- The launch of the Borough of Culture bid;

- The saving of Dagenham Police Station from closure, albeit Barking Police Station was now under threat. The Council would again fight the proposed closure;
- The successful campaign to reinstate C2C train services previously withdrawn at Barking Station from December;
- The Mayor of London backing the Council's proposal to provide a brand-new film studio in Dagenham East;
- Securing a High Court injunction to prevent illegal Traveller encampments;
- The plans for London's first Youth Zone being approved;
- The Chancellor's Autumn Budget announcement, which did not address the housing crisis which London currently faced; and
- White Ribbon Week, in which the Leader would be taking part in various events including a sponsored silence and 'walking a mile in her shoes'.

The Chair then granted permission Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration to address the Assembly on health devolution.

The Cabinet Member advised that the London Devolution Deal on Health had been signed on 16 November 2017 by the Mayor of London, the Secretary of State for Health and organisations representing the health service and London local authorities, following two years of negotiation. The devolution deal would transfer responsibilities related to funding and commissioning to local authorities and GP's with arrangements agreed locally.

The Cabinet Member also advised on proposed changes to current payment incentives within the health sector as part of the devolution arrangements, as well as measures to reduce the pressures on local hospitals.

32. Appointments

The Assembly **resolved** to appoint:

- Councillor Moin Quadri as the Lead Member for the Safer and Stronger Community Select Committee; and
- Councillor Faruk Choudhury to the membership and position of Deputy Lead Member of the Safer and Stronger Community Select Committee.

33. Appointment of Director, Policy and Participation

Further to Minute 30 above, the Chief Executive introduced a report on the appointment of a Director, Policy and Participation following the changes to the senior management structure agreed at the Joint JNC Salaries & Conditions and Appointments Panel held on 31 October 2017.

The current Director of Strategy and Programmes, Tom Hook, held assimilation rights to the new post under the Council's "Managing Organisational Change – Restructuring and Redundancy Procedure (including Assimilation Process)". As the new post would form part of the Strategic Leadership team, the Assembly was responsible for the appointment.

The Assembly **resolved** to approve the assimilation of Tom Hook, Director of Strategy and Programmes, into the post of Director, Policy and Participation,

subject to the outcome of the formal consultation process.

34. Annual Safeguarding Reports 2016/2017

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration introduced a report on the Annual Safeguarding reports from the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and the Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children's Board (SCB).

Each year, the SAB and SCB produced reports detailing the vision, make-up, work and challenges of the past year. These reports had been presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Cabinet Member highlighted some of the key aspects from both reports. The SCB had learnt from the Serious Case Reviews that had been undertaken and had implemented a comprehensive training programme for staff to help prevent serious incidents in the future. Child Sexual Exploitation was also an increasing issue and the SCB was developing a week-long programme to increase awareness.

With reference to adults safeguarding, the SAB had identified that the issue often went under people's radar and there was a general lack of awareness of the work that was being undertaken. With that in mind, the SAB had also agreed to develop a campaign to raise awareness in the community.

Members thanked the Cabinet Member for bringing the reports to the Assembly and for raising the profile of children and adults' safeguarding.

The Assembly **resolved** to note the Annual Safeguarding reports.

35. Treasury Management 2017/18 Mid-Year Review

Further to Minute 61 (22 February 2017), the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Investment presented the mid-year progress report in respect of the Council's treasury management activities during the current financial year.

The Cabinet Member referred to the Bank of England's recent decision to increase the UK interest rate by 0.25% and advised that more information on the effect on the Council's investments and borrowing would be included in the February 2018 report. The future plans for the Borough relied heavily on the success of the Council's Investment and Acquisition Strategy and the Cabinet Member referred the revised net financing need for the year and Capital Financing Requirement as at 30 September 2017, set out at tables 3 and 4 in the report, which reflected that the Council continued to operate within the operational boundary limit for borrowing.

The Cabinet Member alluded to the Chancellor's Autumn Budget Statement, which had been made that day, and expressed his concerns that the budget lacked substance and did not address issues such as additional social care funding.

The Assembly **resolved** to:

- (i) Note the approval of a loan of up to £595,000 for Barking & Dagenham Trading Partnership, as detailed in paragraph 6.5 of the report; and

- (ii) Note the delegated authority to the Chief Operating Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Investment, to agree contractual terms, including the rate, duration and security as part of the loan agreements to Barking & Dagenham Trading Partnership;
- (iii) Note the Treasury Management Strategy Statement Mid-Year Review 2017/18;
- (iv) Note that in the first half of the 2017/18 financial year the Council complied with all 2017/18 treasury management indicators;
- (v) Note the value of investments at 30 September 2017 totalled £250.5 million;
- (vi) Note the value of long term borrowing at 30 September 2017 totalled £502.2m, comprising market, PWLB and EIB loans;
- (vii) Note the value of short term borrowing at 30 September 2017 totalled £70.0m; and
- (viii) Agree the revised Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement in Appendix 1;

36. 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan Funding Submission

The Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Development introduced a report on the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

The LIP was the Council's transport strategy and delivery plan for improvements to the transport network in the borough. Ahead of the development of the Mayor of London's new Transport Strategy in 2018, the Council was required to submit a transitional 1-year spending plan to Transport for London (TfL) for funding for local transport schemes for implementation in 2018/19.

The proposed programme of investment focused on:

- Tackling various road safety, congestion and accessibility issues in Gale Street and River Road;
- Continuing the programme of public realm improvements in Barking Town Centre;
- Funding for road safety education and schemes across the borough, including plans for improvements outside borough schools;
- Funding for cycle training and school travel planning;
- Studies to inform future LIP schemes at the Ripple Road gyratory, St Pauls Road roundabout and the 'Lighted Lady' roundabout in Barking Town Centre.

The Assembly **resolved** to approve the Council's 2018/19 Local Implementation Plan funding submission to Transport for London, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

37. Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2017-2020

The Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety introduced a report on the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2017 – 2020.

The Council, as local licensing authority for gaming and betting, was required under the Gambling Act 2005 to have in place a policy setting out how it would carry out its licensing responsibilities and to review that policy every three years.

On 25 April 2017, the Cabinet approved a draft policy for the purposes of public consultation. That consultation took place between July and September and the responses taken into account in the development of the revised draft policy.

The Cabinet Member advised that the revised draft policy reflected the Council's serious concerns over the impact that any further increase in the number of gambling premises may have for the most vulnerable and 'at risk' areas of the borough. The Council would, therefore, seek to strictly control the number of gambling establishments in those areas in accordance with the licensing objectives.

The Assembly **resolved** to adopt the Barking and Dagenham Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2017 – 2020, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

38. Motions

(Standing Order 7.1 (Chapter 3, Part 2 of the Council Constitution) was suspended at this juncture to enable the meeting to continue beyond the 9.00pm threshold.)

There were none.

39. Questions With Notice

Question 1

From Councillor Choudhury

“Will the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration provide a progress update on the installation of a new 50 metre swimming pool at Becontree Leisure Centre?”

Response

The Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health Integration advised that hoardings were due to go up around the site shortly with groundworks starting before Christmas. The pool development was on track to be completed in June 2018.

Question 2

From Councillor Freeborn

“Will the relevant Cabinet Member update the Assembly on what progress

is being made to stop illegal Traveller encampments from blighting our borough?”

Response

Following on from the Leader’s comments earlier in the meeting, the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety advised that as part of the Councils ongoing efforts to promote civic pride and social responsibility, it had successfully obtained an injunction at the High Court to prevent illegal encampment of 140 named sites in the borough and against 23 named individuals preventing them from setting up an illegal encampment anywhere in the borough.

The injunction was for an indefinite period and combined two powers, the power of arrest and contempt of court.

Question 3

From Councillor Haroon

“Can the relevant Cabinet Member explain how the Council’s customer service performance is being monitored to ensure our residents receive better quality responses?”

Response

The Cabinet Member for Economic and Social Development advised that customers were surveyed when calling the Contact Centre and when visiting the One Stop Shop. The latest data for October gave a satisfaction level of 89% against the target level of 85%. Satisfaction levels were also monitored through complaints and Members’ casework.

Supplementary Question

In response to Councillor Haroon’s follow-up enquiry, the Cabinet Member advised that the monitoring process was last revised approximately 18 months ago.

Question 4

From Councillor Miah

“Can the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement tell the Assembly how much money has been raised for good causes in the borough through the new Barking and Dagenham Lottery?”

Response

The Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement advised that sales for the B&D Lottery had already reached 849 tickets a week. Based on that number, the B&D Lottery would raise £26,488.80 for good causes by October 2018, which would be distributed amongst the 23

approved 'good causes' groups currently registered.

Question 5

From Councillor Haroon

“Can the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety outline what the Council is doing to reduce the number of acid attacks in the borough?”

Response

The Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety expressed concern that London, and in particular the east of the City, had emerged as a hot spot for acid attacks and confirmed that the Council had actively lobbied the Government to ban the sale of corrosive substances to under 18's. The Home Secretary subsequently announced the Government's intentions to implement new controls.

The Cabinet Member also confirmed that Council was working with the Police to bring offenders to justice and was considering what action could be taken against perpetrators who were Council tenants.

Supplementary Question

Councillor Haroon enquired as to what other initiatives the Council and Police were undertaking.

The Cabinet Member advised that other key initiatives included extra training for officers, acid crime now being incorporated within the current remit for Police knife crime operations, improvements to first aid equipment carried in Police vehicles and work in schools to explain the consequences of using corrosive substances as a weapon.

Question 6

From Councillor Freeborn

“Will the relevant Cabinet Member update the Assembly on the Council's plans to develop London's first Youth Zone?”

Response

The Leader advised that there had been a delay due to the complexities of the planning application, however those issues had now been addressed and work was due to start at the beginning of January 2018, with an expectation that the Youth Zone would be open around February 2019.

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MINUTES OF JOINT JNC SALARIES & CONDITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS PANEL

Monday, 8 January 2018
(1:30 - 5:00 pm)

Present: Cllr Darren Rodwell (Chair), Cllr Saima Ashraf, Cllr Eileen Keller, Cllr Dominic Twomey, Cllr Phil Waker and Cllr Maureen Worby

16. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

17. Private Business

It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the nature of the business to be discussed which included information exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

18. Appointment of Operational Director, Adults' Care and Support

The Panel considered the papers that had been submitted in advance of the meeting, which included the job description and person specification for the post together with the candidates' CVs.

The Panel reviewed and agreed the presentation topic as well as the interview questions to be asked of the candidates.

Following the interview, Members discussed the presentation and responses to the questions and reached a unanimous decision.

The Panel **resolved** to appoint Stephan Liebrecht to the post of Operational Director: Adults' Care and Support, subject to satisfactory references, other employment checks and usual terms and conditions.

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ASSEMBLY

31 January 2018

Title: Barking and Dagenham (BAD) Youth Forum Annual Report 2017	
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Strategic Director	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: None	Key Decision: No
Report Author: Sally Allen-Clarke, Senior Youth Worker	Contact Details: Tel: 020 227 3297 E-mail: sally.allen-clarke@lbbd.gov.uk
Accountable Director: Jane Hargreaves, Commissioning Director for Education	
Accountable Strategic Director: Anne Bristow, Deputy Chief Executive & Strategic Director for Service Development and Integration	
<p>Summary</p> <p>The report at Appendix 1 encapsulates the work of the Barking and Dagenham (BAD) Youth Forum and Young Mayor for 2017. The report includes details about each of the Forum's sub-groups; their aims, achievements and the impact their work has made.</p> <p>The BAD Youth Forum is an inclusive programme which offers young people the opportunity to express their views, discuss local issues and ultimately take action and bring about change that positively impacts on the borough and its residents. Through annual democratic elections in schools, the project attracts a diverse group of young people with differing needs, backgrounds, views and experiences. The election process gives young people the chance to nominate themselves, complete a manifesto and experience the excitement of the election day itself. All Secondary Schools participated in the election process in 2017, with the exception of ELUTEC. Trinity School elect members through a more appropriate internal system, which has been the case since the school began working in partnership with the BAD Youth Forum in 2009. From the election process 60 new young people were elected to the forum.</p> <p>For the second year running, the Young Mayor was democratically elected by Youth Forum members and worked alongside a sub-group to secure adequate support from young people and workers to facilitate and host a range of fundraising events for their chosen charity. In 2017 this included various bucket shakes, non-uniform days, cake sales, activities at the Youth Parade, a Young Mayor sponsored event, and movie nights.</p> <p>At the start of the year, many issues were discussed as potential projects/campaigns to focus on by the campaigns sub-group of the Forum. These included issues such as health, crime, safety, equality and education. In 2017, young people made a decision that health and safety were of paramount concern. After further discussion the group engaged with Barnardo's and chose to focus their work on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and raising awareness about the grooming process. The aim of this work was to educate</p>	

young people of the dangers of CSE and where to find help if you are a victim. The group made an engaging and informative film that explains the grooming process, how to identify it (as opposed to a healthy relationship) and what help you can get if you are affected by CSE. The Forum plan to disseminate the film to school and the wider community via the Council's Youtube channel.

Since 2014, the Young Inspectors initiative has been a part of the BAD Youth Forum. The Young Inspectors are commissioned by Public Health to inspect pharmacies that offer the Come Correct Condom Distribution Scheme and improve the quality of the service delivered. To date (13 November 2017) 150 inspections have been completed in 2017. This year, inspection framework has been improved and a more strategic approach has been taken to ensure that underperforming pharmacies are assessed more regularly and those pharmacies that are good, continue to be good. LBBB C-Card scheme performance remains top in London for condom registrations and repeats and the scheme is seen as a 'best practice' example across London. The quality assurance visits that Young Inspectors complete are integral to the continued improvement the service has seen. In addition, it is important to note that teenage pregnancy figures continue to decline in the borough.

Recommendation(s)

The Assembly is asked to note the Barking and Dagenham Youth Forum and Young Mayor report for 2017 and to ensure support for its work.

Reason(s)

The Barking and Dagenham Youth Forum acts as the council's youth parliament and enables the council to fulfil its duties to listen to the views of young people as set out in the Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities on Services and Activities to Improve Young People's Well-being (2012). First established in 2001, the Forum works with secondary schools to annually democratically elect representatives that serve the borough via the Forum's campaigns, consultations and social action projects. The work of the forum supports the councils aim to encourage civic pride and enable social responsibility.

1. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: David Folorunso (Principal Accountant)

- 1.1 The expenditure for Barking and Dagenham Youth Forum is currently met from the General fund budget allocated to the Integrated Youth Services. The service expenditure for 2017-18 is within the allocated budget and there are no additional financial implications resulting from this report.

2. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Lucinda Bell (Education Lawyer)

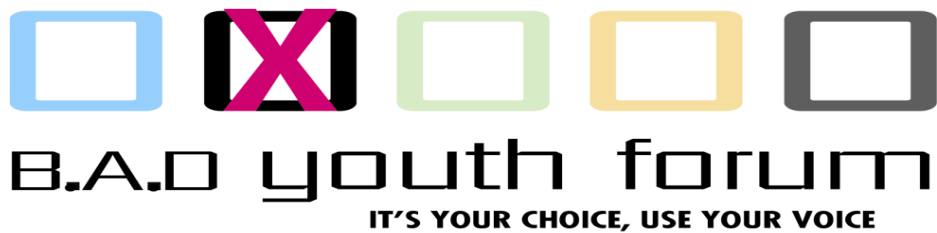
- 2.1 Legal Services note that the report is for information only and that no decisions are required. There are therefore no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices:

- Appendix 1: BAD Youth Forum – Overview 2017

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Overview 2017

Introduction and background

- The BAD Youth Forum first began in 2001.
- In 2017 60 young people were democratically elected representing each secondary school (except ELUTEC), including Trinity, who opt to use an adapted form of the election process to suit their pupils needs.
- Up to 3 female and 3 male representatives are elected from each school, aged 13-19 or 25 with a disability).
- At the start of the year the BAD Youth Forum held a Full Forum meeting aimed at educating them about local, regional and national

politics. In addition to this young people also discussed current youth issues. These included: Child Sexual Exploitation, education, facilities for young people, LGBT issues, bullying, opportunities for young people and health.



First Full Forum meeting photo (February 2017)



First Full Forum meeting photo (February 2017)

Team building day

FEBRUARY 2017

At the start of every BAD Youth Forum year we hold a team building event.

In 2017 the event was held at the Vibe Youth Centre.

Young people participated in a range of games to encourage them to get to know each other better and start to build relationships.

The day was attended by 45 of the newly elected members.



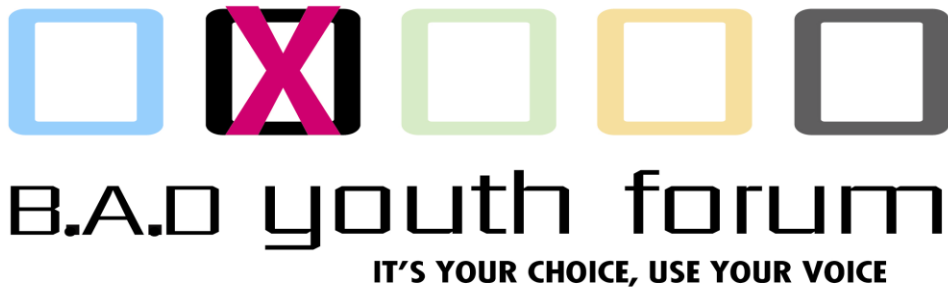
Election of the 2017 Young Mayor

Following our initial meetings the BAD Youth Forum came together again to elect our new Young Mayor for 2017.

6 young people put themselves forward to become the next Young Mayor, with only returning Forum members being eligible.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to present a short speech about why they should be elected.

Following this a democratic election was held and **Vaisaly Gnanapandithan** was elected.



Young Mayor sub-group achievements 2017

Introduction and background

For the second successive year, the Barking and Dagenham Young Mayor was elected from the democratically elected BAD Youth Forum membership. 6 candidates put themselves forward.

In 2017 Vaisaly Gnanapandithan was elected as the third Barking and Dagenham Young Mayor. Vaisaly was extremely pleased to be elected and vowed to commit 100% to her role.

The responsibility of the Young Mayor is to work in partnership with a BAD Youth Forum sub-group to decide their charity appeal for the year and arrange social action projects to raise money, as well as attending key events as an ambassador of young people.

Once the Young Mayor sub- group had formed, the group started working on their first task; choosing a local youth charity to fundraise for. The group carried out extensive research in to the possibilities and within the group voted to reduce it to 3 options. This was then taken to a public youth vote amongst wider forum members and their peers.

Having consulted with more than 200 young people the group collated the responses and Carers of Barking and Dagenham’s Young Carers project was confirmed as the Young Mayor’s charity for 2017.



Vaisaly Gnanapandithan, Barking and Dagenham’s third Young Mayor

Charity appeal 2017

Barking and Dagenham Young Carers charity supports young people who may live in a family where someone is affected by a long term illness, disability, mental health issue, alcohol or substance misuse or HIV. The Young Carers service works with young people aged 8-18.

Recently the service have found that children under the age of 8 are also caring for relatives, but due to their age have not been able to access support from Young Carers as they are not funded to provide this.

Young Carers made a commitment to working with

these children, with agreement from our group that this should be funded from the money raised by the Young Mayor BAD Youth Forum sub-group.

One of the Young Mayor sub-group members is also a Young Carer so this made the charity particularly special to the group.



QUOTE FROM SHARON (YOUNG CARERS FAMILY SERVICES MGR)

"BEING NOMINATED BY THE YOUNG MAYOR'S CHOSEN CHARITY MADE US FEEL VERY PROUD THAT YOUNG PEOPLE RECOGNISED THE IMPACT THAT CARING HAD ON YOUNG CARERS IN THE BOROUGH"



Setting up fundraising events

A fundraising target of £3000 was set. At the start of the year, the group had to consider which events they thought would raise the most amount of money for the charity as well as raising people's awareness of what the charity does locally.

Some group members were part of the Young Mayor group from 2016, and they brought a wealth of knowledge about what kinds of events are successful or not.

After careful consideration the group chose a range of events which included bucket shaking at borough events, a charity cricket match (arranged by James from Trinity School), a series of cake sales at different venues, non-uniform days in schools, movie nights, a charity football match (arranged by Tedy, Deputy Chair of the forum) and a sponsored canoeing event organised and completed by the Young Mayor herself.

FUNDRAISING 2017



Cake sale

Vaisaly and Anna held a cake sale and raffle at Barking Town Hall raising a total of £85



NCS Cake sales

We held 2 cake sales with NCS raising a total of £39

BUCKET SHAKING AT ONE BOROUGH DAY



Charity Football match held at Barking abbey 3G pitches in August 2017. The event raised £115

Non-uniform days in schools:



raised £457



raised £364



raised £684

Vaisaly's achievements as Young Mayor

Completing a 50-mile canoeing challenge

Vaisaly set up a Just Giving page and successfully raised £1174

LIST OF EVENTS ATTENDED BY VAISALY IN 2017

- Women's Empowerment Month launch
- Women's Empowerment Month Awards
- Valence House Exhibition
- Mayor's Inauguration
- Young Carers Prom
- 3 NCS Dragons Den style events, supporting local young people
- One Borough Day
- African Showcase Event in Barking
- Witten Onion Festival Event, accompanying the Mayor
- Houses of Parliament visit
- Mayor of London Question Time event at Jo Richardson
- First Give social action project (JRCS)



“2017 has been a successful year. I've made great connection with many people, I wish the next young mayor all the best luck. My role as a young mayor, has brought my attention to many positives and negatives of the borough, which I look forward to taking action on, in the near future”. *Vaisaly (November 2017)*

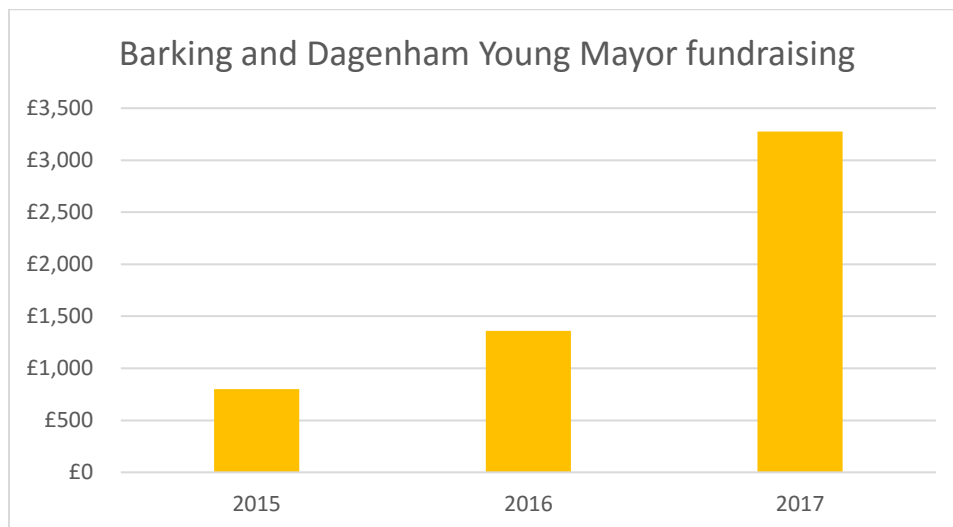


Total amount raised

£3482

(target was £3000)

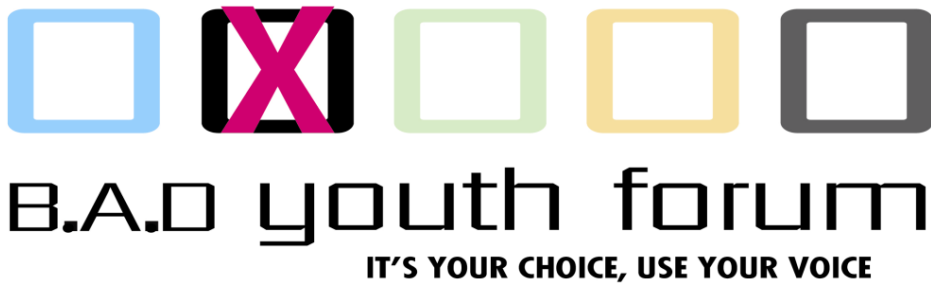
This was raised across 15 events in total and represents a large increase in the amount raised by the Barking and Dagenham Young Mayor, year on year, as shown in the chart below:



“At the end of this journey we feel very proud of the Young Mayor and the BAD Youth Forum and how they worked in real partnership with staff and Young Carers within our organisation to raise funds. We would like to thank the staff in the Integrated Youth Services who have supported the fundraising with real passion and commitment. Bringing funds to enable us to raise awareness and support Young Carers from the age of 5 to 8 years has all been enabled by the Young Mayor and the BAD Youth Forum fundraising.

What amazing young people LBBB have living in the borough both those with caring roles and those who have supported them.”

Sharon Cumberbatch, Family Services Manager, Young Carers



Child Sexual Exploitation Sub-group achievements 2017

Introduction and background

Following initial discussions about what campaigns the sub-group should focus on for the year the sub-group met with a representative from Barnardo's who is currently working in the borough focusing on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The group were interested to find out more about CSE and how it affects young people locally. Young people quickly realised what an important issue this is and chose to focus on CSE for 2017.

Young people discussed CSE at length, most notably the grooming process. Young people felt that prior to their meetings, they had little or no knowledge about the grooming process. After speaking to their peers, young

people decided grooming would be the area they would focus on.

The group discussed many ways of sharing this important message with young people. One member of the group felt very passionately about this subject, she independently wrote a spoken word piece about the grooming process and highlighting the dangers to young people.

The group voted to use this piece as a basis for a short film to raise awareness around the grooming process.



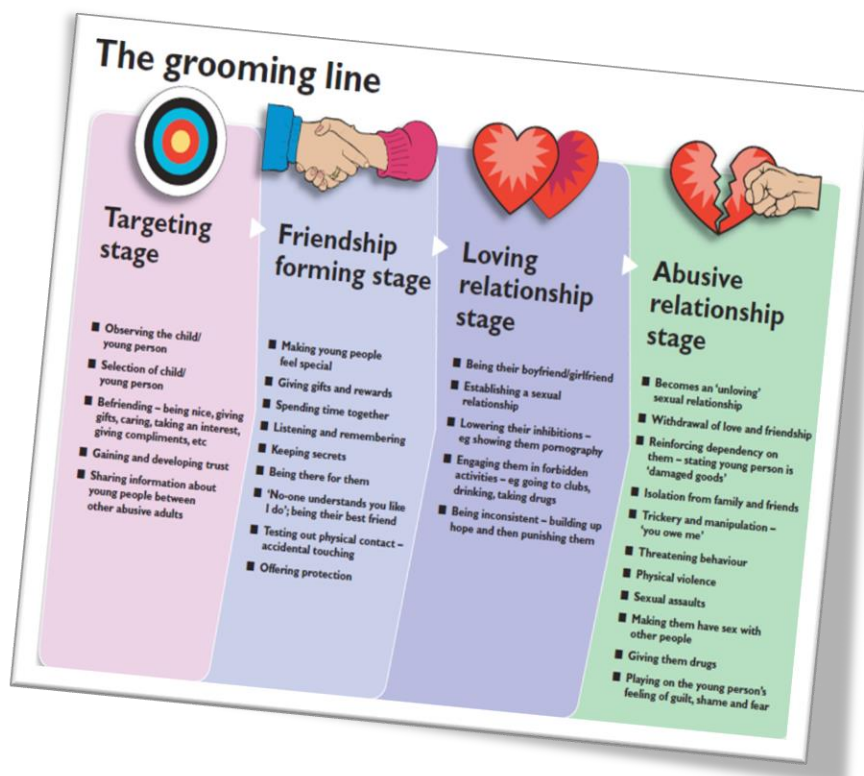
A total of 15 young people have been involved in the project, some of them are pictured above.

Safeguarding

The aim of the film is to address the issue of CSE in our borough. The group wanted to do this by:

- Promoting what a healthy relationship should be like;
- Reinforcing the vital message that the blame for CSE does not sit with the victim;
- Educating young people about where to get help if they, or someone they know, needs help;
- Most importantly, raising young people's level of understanding about what grooming is, what it looks and feels like and the ways in which it can affect young people.

The aspiration for the film is that it is shared amongst schools, colleges, alternative education settings, youth clubs, and all other appropriate organisations,



in order to share the message with as many young people as possible. It will also be utilized by the borough's CSE Co-ordinator during CSE awareness week and at a forthcoming LSCB meeting, as well as in training professionals.

OUR MESSAGE

Child Sexual Exploitation is NOT your fault, there are people you can speak to for help. If you have a better understanding of CSE, you have knowledge that will help you to protect yourself and others.

Health

During the course of this piece of work, young people gained a greater depth of knowledge about how CSE affects young people with regards to their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

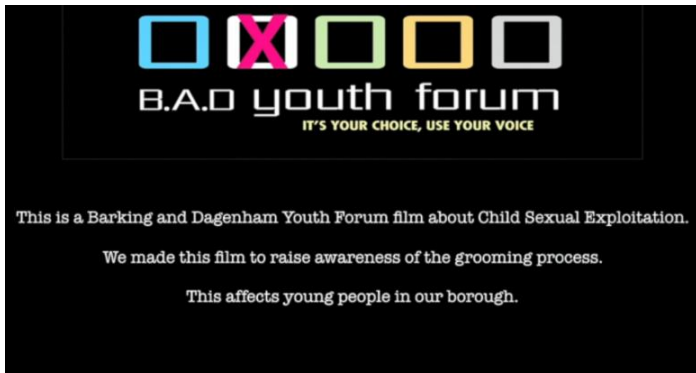
5 members of the group were trained to become CSE ambassadors, enabling them to speak to other young people about CSE and raise awareness.

Crime and disorder

Vital messages at the end of the film reassure victims that they are NOT responsible for the crime that has been committed.

It aims to educate young people about the change to the long standing, historical approach taken by police when dealing with victims of CSE who have been coerced in to committing crimes. Young people need to know they will be listened to and supported.

Stills from the CSE film



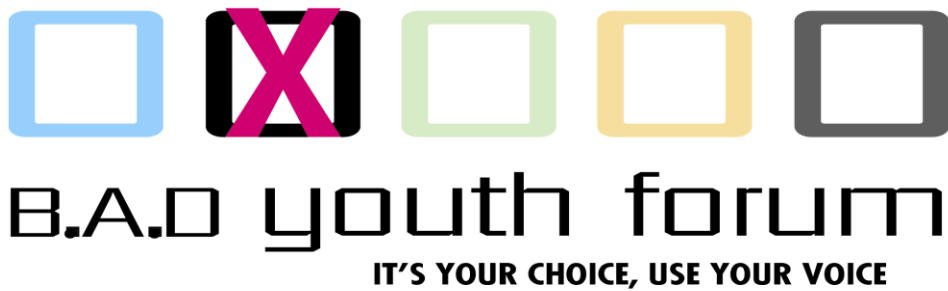
To view the film please visit the LBBB One Borough live page at

<http://oneboroughlive.co.uk/videos/awareness-spot-signs-child-sexual-exploitation/>

Quotes from participating forum members:

"The forum provided new information I didn't know in to serious subjects and was still exciting and interesting at the same time. A great experience overall" *Paige, 14*

"I enjoyed meeting new people and having the chance to give back to the community" Celine, 14



Young Inspectors

Sub-group achievements

2017

Introduction and background

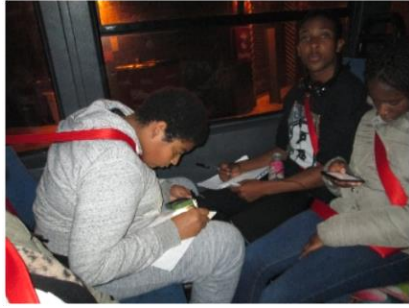
At the start of 2017, 18 young people chose to join the Young Inspectors sub-group. The group are funded by Public Health to carry out mystery shop inspections of the Come Correct Condom Distribution (C-Card) Scheme.

After the group was formed, young people participated in training led by Youth Workers. The training equipped young people with the essential skills to assess a C-Card registration process, as part of a mystery shop inspection.

Young people learnt about each of the elements that should be included in the registration process and were given opportunities to participate in role plays. These role plays enabled young people to experience the process first hand and alleviate any embarrassment they are feeling about the process.

Following the extensive training Young Inspectors completed a series of practice inspections. During these inspections new members to the group were mentored by experienced members, this helped to boost young people's confidence.

During this part of their training young people also learnt how to complete an effective report detailing their findings and any recommendations they would like to make. This part of the process is key to ensuring pharmacies are able to improve their service based on young people's experiences.



Young Inspectors group

This picture was taken during inspections out on our mini-bus.



Report writing

After EVERY inspection each Young Inspector completes a report about their findings, paying particular attention to the recommendations of how the service could improve in the future.

Health:

Young Inspectors' impact

There are a total of 26 pharmacies in Barking and Dagenham that offer the Come Correct Condom Distribution scheme.

During the course of 2017, Young Inspectors completed 150 inspections, across all pharmacies.

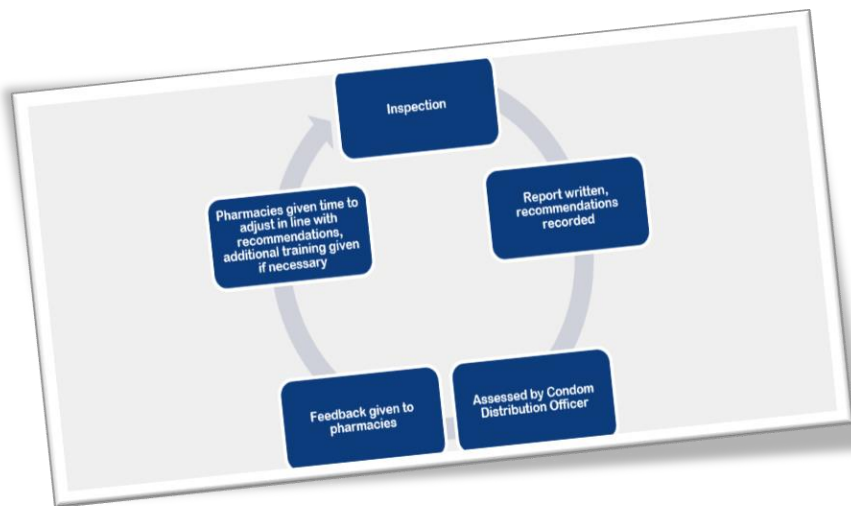
Each pharmacy was visited on numerous occasions, ranging from 3 visits for the better performing pharmacies to 6 visits for pharmacies in need of improvement.

Youth workers took responsibility for ensuring inspections were planned based on previous performance to ensure adequate monitoring of each pharmacy.

In order to share outcomes from each inspection, the Young Inspectors have a close relationship with the borough's Condom Distribution Officer, Heather McKelvey. Each report is sent to Heather as soon as it is completed, Heather then shares both the positive and negative outcomes of



the inspection with the pharmacy lead. The response from each pharmacy is then shared with Young Inspectors and the next round of inspections are planned. This year, the level of quality assurance has resulted in an improvement in **18** pharmacies in the borough. This is the greatest level of impact Young Inspectors have seen to date.



Recent Teenage Pregnancy figures show that Barking and Dagenham's teenage pregnancy conceptions for young women aged under 18 are the lowest they've ever been. It is hoped that the success of the Young Inspectors' programme is contributing to this.

This approach to quality assuring the condom distribution service has helped to place Barking and Dagenham top in London for young people being registered to the scheme and repeat encounters ('top ups'). Barking and Dagenham is seen as a best practice example across London.

To give an understanding of how successful the C-card scheme in Barking and Dagenham is, please see figures from quarter 1 and quarter 2 below:

1345 young people were registered to the scheme,

2866 repeat encounters were recorded and

35,102 condoms were distributed.

Example of a registered Young Inspectors inspections report



Young Inspectors Come Correct Inspection

Name of Pharmacy: _____ Time: _____
 Name of Young Inspector: _____
 Date: _____ If yes, what ID?: _____
 Card number: _____
 Were you asked for ID? YES/NO

Section A: Please grade each section 1-5 and then explain why you gave that mark.

1. How friendly was the staff member towards you?

1	2	3	4	5
Awful really bad	More bad than good	ok	lots of good but some bad	Amazing Everything perfect

Please explain why: _____

2. How comfortable did they make you feel?

1	2	3	4	5
Awful really bad	More bad than good	ok	lots of good but some bad	Amazing Everything perfect

Please explain why: _____

SCORE:

TOTAL SCORE:

Section B: Did they give you the correct information for the following questions: Please answer YES or NO

1	Were you advised to make sure there was an air bubble in the condom packaging?	YES	NO
2	Were you told to look for a kite mark?		
3	Were you told to look for a tell by date?		
4	Were you told how to open the condom packaging correctly?		
5	Was it explained how to use water based lube correctly?		
6	Was it mentioned to leave a gap in the top of the condom for the semen to go into?		
7	Was it explained how to remove the condom and dispose of it properly?		
8	Were you told to roll it all the way down to the bottom of the condom for the semen to go into?		
9	Was it explained how to remove the condom and dispose of it properly?		
10	Were you advised to wash body parts after to remove any trace of live sperm?		

Additional comments: _____

TOTALS:

Total Score:

Section C: Did they give you the correct information for the following questions: Please answer YES or NO

1	Were you taken into a confidential space for the registration process?	YES	NO
2	Were you told the 4 sites to go to get STI testing done?		
3	Were you told a female can use the emergency contraceptive pill up to 72 hours after having unprotected sex?		
4	Were you told if you think you are at risk of contracting HIV, you have up to 72 hours after having unprotected sex to be assessed at a GUM clinic or A&E for PEP?		
5	Were you told you have to wait 3 weeks after having unprotected sex, before you can test for chlamydia?		
6	Were you told you have to wait 3 months after having unprotected sex, before you can test for screening?		
7	Were you told about the confidentiality statement, or was a copy on the wall?		

Additional comments: _____

TOTALS:

Total Score:

Section D:

Were Fraser guidelines mentioned if you are under 16 years of age? YES NO OVER 16

What recommendations do you have to improve the service of this pharmacy?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Name or Description of Staff Member Name?

Or

Male/female:

Hair colour:

Ethnicity:

Glasses?

Age approx. 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's?: (drag circle over)

Example of a non-registered Young Inspectors inspections report

 Young Inspectors Come Correct Inspection

Name of Pharmacy: _____ Time: _____

Name of Inspector: _____

Date: _____ If yes, what ID?: _____

Were you asked for ID?: YES/NO

Section A: Please grade each section 1-5 and then explain why you gave that mark

1. How friendly was the staff member towards you?

1 Awful Really bad	2 More bad than good	3 ok	4 Lots of good but some bad	5 Amazing Everything perfect
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Please explain why?: _____

2. How comfortable did they make you feel?

1 Awful Really bad	2 More bad than good	3 ok	4 Lots of good but some bad	5 Amazing Everything perfect
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Please explain why?: _____

SCORE

TOTAL SCORE

Section B: What was the reason why you weren't registered for a Come Correct card?

1	No staff available to do the sign up	
2	No forms available	
3	Had run out of condoms	
4	Shop was closing early	
5	Had run out of cards	
6	Other: (Please explain)	

tick

Section C:

Were you sign posted to another pharmacy? YES NO

If YES, which one? _____

Section D:

What recommendations do you have to improve the service of this pharmacy?

1. _____

2. _____

Name or Description of Staff Member Name: _____

Or

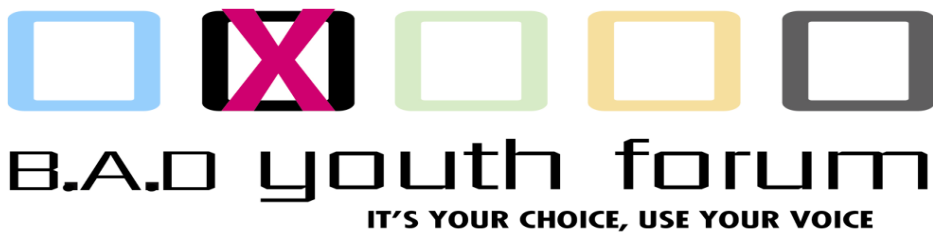
Male/female: _____

Hair colour: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Classes: _____

Age groups: 20's 30's 40's 50's? (drag circle over)



Additional forum activities 2017

Engagement and Participation

In 2017 members of the BAD Youth Forum participated in various meetings and events, representing the forum.

These include:

- Patient Engagement Forum;
- Children’s Services Select Committee (CSSC) meetings;
- Hosting an anti-terrorism meeting to discuss youth involvement and how to tackle radicalization;
- Attended the annual Youth Parade
- Attended a visit to the Houses of Parliament with a Question and Answer session hosted by Jon Cruddas MP

Another feature of the BAD Youth Forum work plan is consultations. The Forum is approached throughout the year by the council and other agencies asking for their views on a range of topics. In 2017, the forum participated in 11 consultations, ranging from topics such as crime and policing to Drugs and Alcohol misuse service commissioning. Young people represented the forum well, giving valuable insight in to discussions.

See below for more information about consultations conducted in 2017.



Question Time with Jon Cruddas MP

Young people enjoyed having the opportunity to ask questions. Issues included education, radicalism, free school meals and Brexit.



Trinity School representative

One representative from Trinity Special School quizzed his MP about fairer accessibility for young people with SEN and Disabilities when attempting to pass their driving theory test.

Consultations

Here is a list of consultations the Forum actively participated in during 2017:

- A consultation looking at work experience, apprentices and links with business for the Children's Services Select Committee;
- A consultation aimed at generating ideas for the Children's Services Select Committee workplan, all ideas were presented to the committee and supporting officers for consideration in the future.
- A Parsloes Park facilities consultation, looking at the usage of the park and what can be done to encourage more young people to use the facilities on offer
- A Drugs and Alcohol misuse service commissioning consultation led by the council's commissioning team. The consultation challenged young people to think about their needs and the needs of other for this service. All comments were taken in to consideration as part of the service commissioning process.
- A Brexit debate, led by representatives from My Life, My Say; feedback from the debate was fed back to

the All Party Parliamentary Group in April, outlining young people's feelings about the Brexit process and how they anticipate this will affect them.

- A condom designing competition consultation, asking young people to submit ideas for future campaigns in order to encourage more young people to practice safe sex.
- A consultation focusing on the borough's Great Weight Debate. The young people were consulted by colleagues from the borough's Health Improvement Team. Young people answered a range of questions about what affects their eating habits and designed campaigns and ideas to help to tackle the obesity issue among children and young people in the borough.
- A Community Solutions consultation looking at the brand and potential name for the service. The consultation raised awareness of what Community Solutions is and how it might affect young people and their families in the future.
- A consultation about what can be done locally to attract young people to continue



their education in Year 12 and 13 in Barking and Dagenham.

- A Police consultation looking at the potential to set up a Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG) in B & D. The YIAG would give young people a direct route to influencing policing initiatives and where resources should be focused locally. Some members put their name forward to join the YIAG once established. Two representatives attended Waltham Forest YIAG to observe their meeting.
- Finally, a CSE consultation with wider forum members educating young people about the dangers of CSE and how to identify when you are the victim of CSE and what to do.

YOUTH PARADE



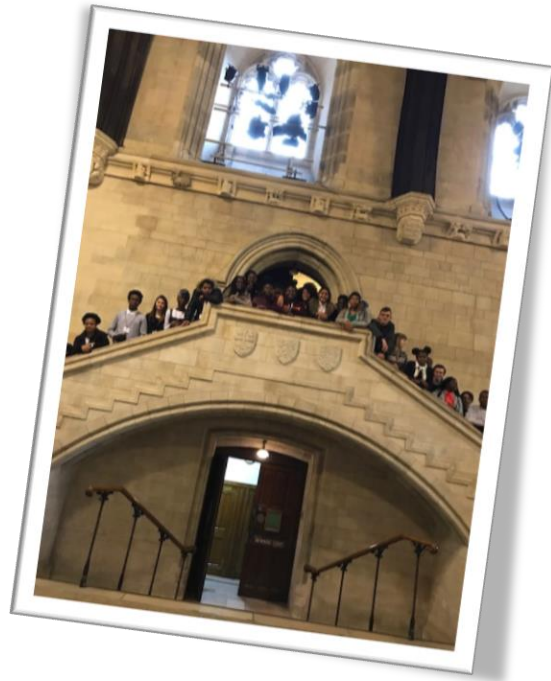
Young Carer and BAD Youth Forum member

Young people paraded through Barking proudly displaying project signs as part of the annual youth parade.



BAD Youth Forum members with Barking and Dagenham Mayor

Young people organised a fundraising stall as part of their work to raise money for Young Carers.



Stubbers trip 2017

Forum members participated in a trip to Stubbers, participating in a range of activities including canoeing, high ropes and climbing. The young people enjoyed the opportunity to try new activities and challenge themselves.

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ASSEMBLY**31 January 2018**

Title: Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19	
Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance, Growth and Investment	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: Yes
Report Author: Donna Radley, Head of Benefits	Contact Details: E-mail: donna.radley@elevateeastlondon.co.uk
Accountable Director: Kathy Freeman, Finance Director	
Accountable Strategic Director: Claire Symonds, Chief Operating Officer	
Summary	
<p>The Council has a statutory duty to consider annually whether to revise its Local Council Tax Support Scheme (CTSS) or replace it with another scheme. This report recommends keeping the current scheme for use in 2018/19. The Assembly has a legal duty to approve the CTSS by 31 January 2018.</p> <p>The Cabinet is to consider this report at its meeting on 23 January 2018. Any issues arising from the Cabinet's consideration will be reported at the meeting.</p>	
Recommendation(s)	
<p>The Assembly is recommended to resolve that the Council Tax Support Scheme implemented for 2017/18 be retained for 2018/19.</p>	
Reason	
<p>It is proposed that the Council continues with the scheme it implemented last year to avoid further financial pressures and an increase in its budget gap.</p>	

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1. As part of the 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Government announced that it would localise support for Council Tax from April 2013. The proposals are part of a wider policy of localism which aims to give local authorities increased financial autonomy and be part of the reform of the Welfare System to improve incentives to work whilst protecting the most vulnerable in society.
- 1.2. The Welfare Reform Act in 2012 abolished Council Tax Benefit (CTB) from April 2013 and, in its place, support took the form of a local Council Tax Support Scheme (CTSS). The scheme is now in its second year and helps low income households by reducing the amount of Council Tax that they have to pay.

- 1.3. CTSS has been funded by a fixed grant for the years 2013/14 and 2014/15. The funding has been based on expenditure in 2012/13 but with a factored reduction of 10%.
- 1.4. The Local Government Finance Act 2012 contains provisions for the setting up of local support schemes. The current scheme in Barking and Dagenham has been based on the Default Council Tax Reduction Scheme and was previously approved by Assembly. The scheme has included and replicated annual uprating of social security rates for Housing Benefit. This will continue in 2018/19.
- 1.5. The current scheme in operation ensures that:
 - The scheme is means tested
 - Pensioners are protected, i.e. they must be able to receive up to a 100% reduction (a provision of the national pension age scheme).
 - Everyone of working age contributes something towards their Council Tax. A “minimum payment” of 25%. There is a 75% maximum on which any entitlement to CTSS is based.
 - Those who are not pensioners and with capital in excess of £6,000 are not eligible for a Council Tax reduction under this scheme.

2. Proposals and Issues

- 2.1. Like many local authorities, the Council has faced unprecedented financial challenges and it is proposed to continue with the scheme implemented last year to avoid any additional financial pressures.

3. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Lance Porteous, Finance Business Partner (Corporate Finance)

- 3.1. Keeping the Council Tax Support Scheme will have no impact on the amount of collectable Council Tax.
- 3.2. The Council has set aside a discretionary fund for those in circumstances of exceptional hardship of £50,000. This is monitored and reviewed quarterly, although case law does suggest that if exceptional hardship is shown the Council must grant a discretionary reduction and cannot refuse due to a “depleted budget”. Therefore, a clear policy has been implemented with the Council setting its own criteria of who qualifies for a discretionary reduction. The cost of the discretionary fund will reduce the overall Council Tax collected by £50,000.

4. Legal Implications

Implications completed by Dr. Paul Feild, Senior Governance Lawyer

- 4.1 The CTSS is a continuation of the scheme as approved by the Assembly last year following consultations as required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012. Maintaining the current scheme will bring no specific legal implications.

5. Other Implications

- 5.1 **Risk Management** - It is considered likely that keeping the current scheme will continue to make it difficult to collect Council Tax from those entitled to a reduction under the scheme. Presently there are 74,877 properties with a Council Tax Charge in this borough, as of 30th November 2016, and 18,212 Council Tax Support claims against these properties.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report: None

List of appendices: None

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