NORTH ROMFORD AREA COMMITTEE (Mawneys and Havering Park Wards) AGENDA

7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 18 October 2007

Bower Park School Havering Road Chase Cross, Romford RM1 4HR

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Sandra Binion (C)

Geoffrey Starns (VC) Robby Misir

Peter Gardner Melvin Wallace

NB: HAVERING STREETCARE STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE FROM 7:00pm TO RESPOND TO GENERAL QUERIES

Andrew Mann

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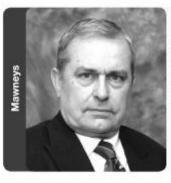
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Although members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and its Committees, they have no right to speak at them. Seating for the public might on some occasions be limited and the Council cannot guarantee that everyone who wants to be present in the meeting room can be accommodated. At Area Committees, there is a public question time.

At all other times, the Chairman of the meeting has discretion to invite members of the public to ask questions or to respond to points raised by Members. Those who wish to do that may find it helpful to advise the Committee Officer before the meeting so that the Chairman is aware that someone wishes to ask a question.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY REQUIRE ANYONE WHO ACTS IN A DISRUPTIVE MANNER TO LEAVE THE MEETING AND THAT THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED IF NECESSARY WHILE THAT IS ARRANGED.

If you need to leave the meeting before its end, please remember that others present have the right to listen to the proceedings without disruption. Please leave quietly and do not engage others in conversation until you have left the meeting room.

Welcome to this Area Committee Meeting....

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Area Committee?

It is a formal meeting of all of the Councillors who sit for wards within the Area. Councillors are members of the Committee automatically; they are not appointed because they belong to any particular political party or group, or indeed to none.

What can it do?

The main purpose of an Area Committee is to enable local Councillors to meet with local people to deal with matters of local concern. Committees and other meetings at the Town Hall tend to deal with matters of borough-wide concern.

How many are there?

There are nine Area Committees, between them covering the whole of the borough. They are:

Area Constituent wards

North Romford Havering Park and Mawneys

Harold Hill Heaton and Gooshays

Romford Brooklands and Romford Town
Gidea Park Pettits and Squirrels Heath

Emerson Park and Harold Wood Harold Wood and Emerson Park

Upminster Upminster and Cranham Hornchurch Hacton and St Andrews Elm Park and Hylands Elm Park and Hylands

South Hornchurch and Rainham Rainham & Wennington and South

Hornchurch

Each has six Members, three from each of its constituent wards.

Where does it meet?

Each Area Committee meets four times a year at a venue within its area, which it uses regularly for its meetings. Details for the coming meeting are usually published in "Living in Havering" or can be found out by asking Democratic Services at the Town Hall.

What will be on the agenda?

Generally, Area Committee agendas comprise five parts:

- The formalities of the meeting, including minutes of the last meeting
- A "surgery" at which the public can raise issues with Committee Members, representatives of StreetCare and of other services
- Reports on highways and other environmental issues
- Information report on issues of current local concern; and
- Future business and meetings.

The precise agenda will vary from meeting to meeting, depending on what needs to be dealt with at any particular time.

A major component of the current issues is schemes for improving the use of the public highway.

Who runs the meeting?

The Committee each year elects one of its Members as Chairman and he or she will be in control. There is a Vice-Chairman who will take charge if the Chairman is absent for any reason.

A member of Democratic Services staff is also present: his or her job is to assist the Chairman with the smooth running of the meeting, to take the Committee's minutes and to deal with any issues that cannot be dealt with by any one else.

Who can attend?

By law, Area Committee meetings are open to anyone.

Who will attend?

- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Members and the designated Democratic Services Officer
- Officers from StreetCare, and from other departments that have reports that the Area Committee will be dealing with
- Representatives of other official agencies, such as the police, are also often in attendance.

How can I raise an issue?

There are two ways you can raise an issue:

- Before the meeting: contact the Chairman, or the Democratic Services officer who deals with the Area Committee
- At the meeting: raise the issue during the public question time period (which usually lasts 30 minutes but, at the Chairman's discretion if there is time, can last longer)

RULES AND CONVENTIONS FOR AREA COMMITTEES

- 1. Area Committee meetings will be treated as just one element of community engagement and be used as a means by which community engagement can be promoted.
- 2. Area Committees will be constituted under the Local Government Act 1972 and will have the purpose set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
- 3. There will be nine Area Committees, each covering two electoral wards as set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
- Each Area Committee will decide the fixed venue where it will hold its meetings except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chairman. Additional meetings would ordinarily be held at the same venue.
- 5. Ordinary Area Committee meetings will start at 7.30pm.
- 6. Area Committees will meet four times a year, but will have the facility for holding special meetings. The Chairman may also arrange informal meetings of the Area Committee, alone or jointly with others, where to do so is conducive to dealing with particular items of business.
- 7. Area Committees should and can -
 - (a) consult the public to inform the decision makers;
 - (b) be used for the Council to inform the public;
 - (c) be used for non-Council agencies to inform or consult;
 - (d) be entitled to specifically invite appropriate people or organisations to meetings.
- 8. Area Committee Chairmen
 - (a) operate under the Job Description, as agreed from time to time by the Governance Committee;
 - (b) take the role of steering committee and collective Member activity, and
 - (c) be required to report to each area committee meeting on their activities since the last meeting as well as an annual report to be submitted to the last ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Municipal Year.
- 9. In respect of Public Question Time -
 - (a) 30 minutes be allocated for questions from the public at each ordinary meeting, with the Chairman having discretion to modify that length of time, as the second part of the Agenda;
 - (b) Area Committee Chairman be responsible for dealing with questions and co-ordinate their replies.
- 10. Area Committee Members appointed to area-specific bodies on behalf of the Area Committee by the Governance Committee be required to report to the Area Committee at least once a year on their activities.
- 11. Area Committees shall -
 - (a) make decisions in respect of traffic matters or (the parameters to be defined) from time to time by the Governance Committee to be recommendation-makers to those taking the decisions:
 - (b) be allocated a budget of £5,000 and be delegated authority to spend on minor locally-focused environmental initiatives (on the basis of criteria established by the Governance Committee from time to time).
 - (c) be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet, such bid to be accompanied by a business case.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman or a member of staff on their behalf will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

The Chairman will remind members of the public present, that Councillors have to make decisions on the basis of the facts before them. The Chairman will also remind members of the public that the decisions may not always be popular, but they should respect the need for Councillors to take decisions that will stand up to external scrutiny for accountability.

PART 1

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (If any) – to receive

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. (Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter).

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 July 2007, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

PART 2

5. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY (30 minutes)

Ward Councillors and possibly other Council services and the Local Police where the Area Chairman has arranged, will be in attendance to give the chance for residents to raise issues with staff, the Police (if present) or Members.

PART 3

6. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS - PRESENTATION

There will be a presentation by the Police.

7. STRATEGY REGARDING EMPTY PROPERTIES - PRESENTATION

There will be a presentation from the Environmental Health Service.

8. SUSTRANS CONNECT 2 PROJECT – VERBAL REPORT

There will be an oral report from Technical Services.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman will present her report to the Committee.

10. AREA COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROJECTS – Report attached

To consider a report giving details of spend to date and bids for the environmental capital schemes.

PART 4

There are no traffic reports for this meeting to consider.

PART 5

11. FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman items they would like to see on future agendas.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 31 January 2008**, venue to be confirmed.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

Other business can be considered at the meeting if the Chairman agrees that circumstances justify consideration on grounds of urgency. The reasons why the matters were considered will be recorded in the minutes.

CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NORTH ROMFORD AREA COMMITTEE Bower Park School, Havering Road, Romford

Thursday 12 July 2007 (7.30pm – 9.35pm)

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Sandra Binion (Chairman), Geoffrey Starns (Vice Chairman) (for part of the meeting), Peter Gardner, Andrew Mann and Robby Misir.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Melvin Wallace.

A representative of the press and approximately 15 members of the public were present.

All decisions were taken with no Member voting against.

There were no declarations of interest.

The clerk, on behalf of the Chairman advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Hall becoming necessary.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were sought for the office of Chairman of the Committee. Only Councillor Sandra Binion was nominated.

Councillor Sandra Binion was declared duly elected and took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman sought nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Only Councillor Geoffrey Starns was nominated and he was, therefore, declared duly elected in his absence.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 COMMUNITY AND POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP (CPCG)

The Committee nominated Councillor Robbie Misir to represent it on the CPCG.

5 **PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY**

Representatives from the Council's Street Care Service were present to respond to questions on Service issues. Issues raised by Members of the public present are set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented her Report.

- Work was due to commence 16 July on the construction of a fence along Kilnwood/St Johns Road which had been promised for some time and it would be a metal fence. The style would not be an impediment to wildlife, but would deter bike riders.
- 2. Arrangements had been made to install seats into Gobions as well as other parks in the area. A meeting was to take place with a member of the regeneration team in order to determine where best to site them.
- 3. A meeting had taken place between Friends of Havering Park and the police to tackle the problem with motor-cyclists. Prosecutions were pending. Action against illegal bike riding was also taking place in Bedfords Park.
 - In answer to a question from the public, the Chairman stated that notices could be served on both bikes and riders for the first offence, but that in subsequent offences, bikes could be confiscated and even destroyed.
- 4. With regard to the problems concerning the safety scheme equipment along Havering Road, the Council was no longer dealing with the company which supplied it. A member of the Technical Services explained that there were around 90 signs across the borough and that around 10% were faulty. Such were the problems with getting the company to fulfil its maintenance obligations, that the matter was likely to be escalated to Legal Services. New signs, from the new source would be installed in due course. The Committee was then informed by a member of the public, that the speed warning sign along Chase Cross Road near Lawns Way, was also not functioning.
- 5. The Chairman announced her intention to set up a working party in order to fully review the issues concerning the River Rom. This would commence looking into the maintenance of the environment of the river itself and the

area surrounding it once further reports had been considered. Membership would include Councillor Mann.

The Area Committee **resolved** to note the Chairman's report.

7 LODGE LANE AND CARTER DRIVE – Local Safety Scheme

The Committee received a report from Technical Services

The Lodge Lane and Carter Drive Local Safety Scheme was one of the schemes approved by Transport for London for funding. A feasibility study had been carried out to identify accident remedial measures along these roads and the following measures were proposed:

- Speed cushions
- Red and anti-skid surfacing
- Centre line hatched and slow road markings

The Committee was informed that of the total 8 personal injury accidents (PIA)s, two were serious and the remaining were slight injury accidents. Of the eight PIAs, three were speed related and nine PIAs occurred at the Lodge Lane / Collier Row Road junction.

The majority of the proposals including speed cushions, red surfacing, anti-skid surfacing, centreline hatch and slow markings were proposed to reduce these accidents. It was considered that the proposed measures would help to reduce accidents along Lodge Lane and Carter Drive. It was therefore recommended that the proposed measures should be approved in principle.

There were a number of observations from members of the public concerning the appropriateness of centre hatching and enquiring about whether the road surface would improved at the same time.

The Area Committee **resolved** to accept the following recommendations in principle to:

- (a) Agree the speed cushions, red surfacing, anti-skid surfacing, centre hatched and slow markings along Lodge Lane and Carter Drive
- (b) Authorise the preparation and advertising of the traffic notices necessary to provide speed cushions.
- (c) Authorise staff to carry out a public consultation on the above proposals.
- (d) Delegate the approval process to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee, if changes are required to the proposals before going to public consultation.
- (e) Delegate the approval of the final scheme in the light of the results of the public consultation to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee.

The Area Committee noted that the estimated cost of £70,000 was to be met from the Transport for London's (TfL) 2007/08 financial year allocation to Havering for Local Safety Schemes.

8 THE LICENSING OF GAMBLING ACTIVITY

The Licensing Divisional Manager gave a short presentation on licensing functions carried out by council officers.

The Committee was advised that since November 2005 it had been the responsibility of the Council to carry out licensing activities under the Licensing Act 2003 instead of the local Magistrates Court as had previously happened. Members noted that the four principal concerns the legislation dealt with were

- (i) The prevention of crime and disorder
- (ii) Public safety
- (iii) Prevention of public nuisance
- (iv) The protection of children from harm

The Committee was advised that licensable activities were

- (i) The sale by retail of alcohol
- (ii) The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club
- (iii) The provision of (regulated) entertainment
- (iv) The provision of late night refreshment (between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00)

The Committee was advised that the act dealt with two specific areas firstly Premises Licences; these were required for any place offering regulated entertainment (including cinemas & theatres), refreshment at night and or alcohol. The other area was Personal Licences these were issued to individuals allowing them to sell and supply alcohol for consumption on or off the premises.

Members were advised that a review could be initiated with problem premises. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities and local residents (but not the licensing authority) if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

The Committee was informed that the Council would assume responsibility for licensing gambling premises from September 2007. The premises which would be regulated were casino's, bingo halls, lotteries, betting shops, tracks and arcades.

The Gambling Act 2005 contained three principal objectives:

- (i) Prevent gambling being a source of, or associated with, crime and disorder
- (ii) Ensure gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- (iii) Protect children and vulnerable adults from gambling

Similarly to the Licensing Act, the Gambling Act allowed for the request of a review of a premises license. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities (including the licensing authority) and local residents if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

The Committee was advised that if there were any specific queries these could be raised with the licensing team directly.

The Area Committee **resolved** to note the Report

9 REVIEW OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Strategy & Commissioning, outlining proposals for the re–organisation and investment in Havering's primary schools, which had been considered and agreed by Cabinet on 1 May 2007.

Members noted that there was a long standing issue with the quality of the Council's school building estate which would need approximately £100 million to bring up to an acceptable standard. It was proposed to commence with the modernisation of some primary schools by the investment of £20 million in building new schools and the improvement of others.

Members noted that currently some schools had surplus places in excess of 25% of the school's quota and that the modernisation programme aimed to deliver a surplus target of between 5% and 8%. It was advised that schools received their funding based on pupil numbers and that if a school had a surplus of places then its funding would be lower

Members were advised that several mergers and closures were proposed to allow the building and modernisation of other schools.

Members of the public observed that there was a considerable amount of building going on across this part of the borough (the Gobions School site was referred to) and there was a degree of incredulity that the Education Service could make its predictions to reduce, close or merge schools when in a few years there would clearly be an increased need and the infrastructure would not be there to support it.

Councillor Mann in particular (as a Governor of Pinewoods School) was particularly concerned at the news that Pinewoods was to have its entry level cut. Although given assurances that, in the event of an increase in need in the north

of the Ward, Pinewoods intake could be reviewed, he doubted whether this would be realistic as the school would lose funding, not be able to maintain staff or facilities and in effect was being left whilst other schools were having their facilities and entry levels increased.

In response, the Committee was advised that the Education Service was following trends – not dictating them. One thing it could not do, was leave undercapacity unaddressed. The overall impression was that the public were underwhelmed by the proposals and resigned to further primary school place reductions in North Romford.

The Area Committee **resolved** to Note the Report.

10 FUTURE AGENDAS

As previously agreed- and reiterated earlier in the meeting, a report on the River Rom would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that, if possible, the next meeting would be held on **Thursday 18 October 2007** (if possible) at **Clockhouse Infant/Junior School**.

APPENDIX 1

ISSUES RAISED WITH COUNCILLORS, COUNCIL OFFICERS AND POLICE

ISSUE	RAISED WITH	ACTION PROPOSED/ COMMENT
Concerns were raised that a report on the River Rom had still not been provided.	Chairman	A meeting had taken place – on the basis of the Chairman acquainting herself with the background. The Chairman stated that she would arrange for an informal Group to be set up which would include Councillor Mann and that a report would be presented at the next Area Committee.
Epping Close: Footpath parking.	Technical Services	Restrictions to be installed in the "hammer-head" at each end of the turning.
Possible installation of gates at Orchard Road and Elm Road (Lincoln Avenue)	Chairman	To report back
Riverdale Road	Chairman	To report on whether an enforcement notice has been served
Brockley Crescent. Footpath parking. Residents were asking for this facility as it was difficult to park and manœver.	Cllr Misir	To report
Melville Road. On one side, the pavement was cracking due to a heavy lorry being parked. Could bollards be installed? It was explained that it was not Council policy to erect bollards.	Cllr Misir	To investigate the issues and problems and report.
Mawney Road. The highway trees are in need of pruning. StreetCare have a four year cycle. Claims that the trees have not been pruned in 23 years. Problems outside numbers 280 and 377, where cherry trees were causing a hazard by shedding their fruit.	Cllr Misir	To investigate and report.
Carter Drive. Sewage problems caused by recent heavy rains. Drains/gullies need cleaning to clear silt – but not Council liability.	Cllr Starns	To verify whether the drains/gullies were being cleaned regularly and if not to determine why and report the action that was to be taken to ensure the drains could cope in the future.

ISSUE	RAISED WITH	ACTION PROPOSED/ COMMENT
Abbotts Close footpath is uneven. Accidents have been reported.	Cllrs: Gardner, Misir	To view extent of the problem and report
There were also issues with the right of way.	and Wallace	action to be taken.
Epping Close/Mawney Road alleyway. Problems with trees overhanging from private gardens. Streetlight obscured and roots cause damage to the footpath	Cllr Misir	To investigate and report
Ghost markings at the roundabout in Collier Row Clockhouse Lane exit) needs some additional marking to ensure safety	Technical Services	To review the situation
The chicane signs in North Road are obscured by unpruned trees and shrubs.	Chairman/StreetCare	To add to work programme if not already scheduled.
Concerns about the Council depot being relocated to King George Playing Fields	Cllr Starns	Totally unfounded.
Concerns were expressed about parking at the junctions of Lynton Road and Hulse Avenue with Collier Row Lane	Cllr Starns	These were not restricted junctions (no road markings) which meant that apart from the guidance to leave 10m (Highway Code), if motorists chose to risk parking there, there was no authority to prevent them. Members however fully supported the request for road markings to be placed as a safety measure. Would be looked at.
Venue for next meeting	Chairman	To try and arrange the venue at Clockhouse School
Date for next meeting	Clerk	The scheduled date (16 October) would mean a number of Members could not attend. The clerk was asked if it was possible to find an alternative date.



MEETING DATE ITEM

North Romford Area Committee

Thursday 18 October 2007

10

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Area Committee Capital Projects

WARD: Havering Park and Mawneys

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the current position regarding the Area Committee Capital spend projects for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the report and progress schedule be noted.
- 2. Those Area Committees that have not made decisions on their projects are requested to do so.

REPORT DETAIL

On 15 November 2005 Governance Committee agreed that there be a "local environmental improvement budget (for) expenditure on capital projects, for the well being of the local community. It is proposed that this initially be £5,000 per Area Committee. Additionally, subject to the compilation of a business case, Committees will be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet."

The Council later adopted the recommendations of the Governance Committee for the administration of the scheme. The funds are held by Public Realm.

Every Area Committee made bids against their own allocation in 2006/07 and these bids were approved via Area Committee Chairs decision. A report on the progress of these bids is attached as Appendix 2. Different Area Committee submitted bids for the corporate pot at different times. This resulted in decisions not being made until March 2007.

A Form A was signed by Council Ramsey on 14 March 2007agreeing the allocation of the corporate pot. At that time it became clear that the bids submitted exceeded the £45,000 provision for the Corporate Pot and that even though Upminster Area had waived their Area spend to support the Upminster Park toilet refurbishment there was still a shortfall of some £3,230. Given the desirability of these competing bids the lead Member for Environment & Technical services agreed to meet the shortfall and vire money to the Corporate pot from the Parks Capital Programme to enable them to proceed.

The approval of these Environmental Improvements bids needs to be made in the year in which the budget is allocated. This means that decisions are needed this cycle to enable the work to be programmed and delivered on time.

Area Committees which have not made decisions on the allocation of the £5,000 are requested to do so. The current bids for the corporate pot are being progressed.

Financial Implications and risks:

The sums involved in this scheme are relatively minor but are allocated and spent within the existing framework for spending capital. There are risks to the Councils reputation if, having made a commitment to spend capital on small local projects these do not proceed due to lack of input by Members. .

Legal Implications and risks:

There are none.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

There are none.

Environmental implications

This scheme addresses some of those local environmental issues that concern residents and councillors and will assist in the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the local environment.

Equalities implications:

Many of the schemes approved and implemented last year made our services and facilities more accessible and welcoming to those members of the community who had previously not used them.

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CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

Background Papers List

Minutes of Governance Committee 21 November 2006.

Area Committee capital spend 2007/08. £5000 per area

	Bid Submitted	Current situation
Elm Park & Hylands	None	
Emerson Park & Harold Wood	None	
Gidea Park	No bid will be submitted as budget already allocated to parking scheme approved last year	
Harold Hill	None	
Hornchurch	None	
North Romford	Donation to Metropolitan Police for purchase of police tactical bikes, one each in Mawneys and Havering Park	
Romford	None	
South Horn. & Rainham	None	
Upminster	None	

Corporate Pot - £45,000 in total		
Bid made by	Bid submitted	Amount bid for:
Cllr Binion	Fencing works to banks of River Rom	18,558
Cllr Galpin	Fencing to playsite area Park Lane Recreation Ground	10,000

Area Committee capital spend 2006/07

	Approved bid	Current situation
Elm Park &	Equipment for Park Lane Recreation	Installed
Hylands	Ground.	
Emerson Park &	Equipment for Harold Wood Park	Equipment Installed
Harold Wood	Donations to Met Police for purchase	Bike delivered to SNT.
	of bikes.	
Gidea Park	Traffic Management study in Hare	Scheme will have to be carried
	Hall Lane	out over two capital years
Harold Hill	Donations to Met Police for purchase	CHG sent cheque to Met Police
	of bikes and donation to Community	9 May 07 and they report that
	Housing Group.	bikes on order
Hornchurch	Equipment for St. Andrews Park.	Equipment installed
North Romford	Equipment for Chelmsford Avenue	On order
	Play site and bin for Lodge Lane.	
Romford	Speed gun for Met Police Safer	Speed gun delivered to SNT
	Neighbourhood Team,.	
South Horn. &	Fencing for the Glen Playing Field	Installed
Rainham		
Upminster	Contributed allocation to support bid	Allocation added to corporate
	for refurbishment of Upminster Park	pot when bid approved.
	Toilets.	

Corporate Pot		
Bid made by	Bid Approved	Current situation
Cllr J Mylod	Repaint Orangery at Langtons and Lawn edging at Langtons	Orangery painting complete. Lawn edging to begin at end of growing season.
Cllr Galpin	Teen shelter Park Lane Recreation Ground	Will be delivered and installed w/c 17 September.
Cllr Light	Wooden Bollards to stop dangerous parking Harold Wood Park	Installation complete
Cllr Ford	Upgrade toilets in Upminster Park	Works on-going
Cllr Binion	Fencing Kiln Wood Lane/St. Johns Road	Installed
Cllr Gregory	Refurbishment of Pavilion Raphaels Park	Works to begin at end of cricket season.

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