

**UPMINSTER  
AREA COMMITTEE  
(Cranham & Upminster Wards)  
AGENDA**

<b>7.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Thursday, 26 July 2007</b>	<b>St Laurence Parish Church Hall, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster RM14 2AJ</b>
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Members 6: Quorum 3

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Upminster Area Committee, 26 July 2007

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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.

Upminster Area Committee, 26 July 2007**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:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Constituent wards</b>
<b>North Romford</b>	<b>Havering Park and Mawneys</b>
<b>Harold Hill</b>	<b>Heaton and Gooshays</b>
<b>Romford</b>	<b>Brooklands and Romford Town</b>
<b>Gidea Park</b>	<b>Pettits and Squirrels Heath</b>
<b>Emerson Park and Harold Wood</b>	<b>Harold Wood and Emerson Park</b>
<b>Upminster</b>	<b>Upminster and Cranham</b>
<b>Hornchurch</b>	<b>Hacton and St Andrews</b>
<b>Elm Park and Hylands</b>	<b>Elm Park and Hylands</b>
<b>South Hornchurch and Rainham</b>	<b>Rainham &amp; Wennington and South Hornchurch</b>

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:

- A "surgery" at which the public can raise issues with Committee Members, representatives of StreetCare and of other services
- The formalities of the meeting, including minutes of the last meeting

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- 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)

Upminster Area Committee, 26 July 2007**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).
4. 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 first 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. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect the Chairman of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

**5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 April 2007, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

**7. COMMUNITY AND POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP**

To appoint the Area Committee's Representative on the Consultative Group.

**PART 2****8. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY**

Ward Councillors, officers from Street Care 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****9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – oral report****PART 4****10. LICENSING OF GAMBLING ACTIVITY**

The Committee are asked to receive a presentation from the Licensing Team

**11. REVIEW OF PRIMARY EDUCATION - PRESENTATION**

There will be a presentation by Children's Services staff



**PART 5****12. FUTURE AGENDAS**

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

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25 October 2007.

**14. 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

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
UPMINSTER AREA COMMITTEE**  
**Upminster Junior School, St Mary's Lane, Upminster**  
30 April 2007 (7.30pm – 9.10pm)

**Present:**

**COUNCILLORS:**

Gillian Ford (in the Chair), June Alexander, Clarence Barrett, Linda Hawthorn and Linda Van den Hende (all Residents' Group)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Patricia Mylod.

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

No declarations of interest were made.

All decisions were taken with no Member voting against.

The Chairman advised the Committee and members of the public present where the fire exits were situated and the procedure in case of emergency.

**33 PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY**

The Chairman invited members of the public to raise any issues of concern.

Details of these are set out in Appendix 1.

**34 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February, 2007, were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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**35 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman referred to a number of issues, which had been raised during previous meetings and gave an oral report on the current position in relation to them.

Details of these are set out in Appendix 2.

**36 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee received the Chairman's Annual Report for 2006/07.

It was noted that during the course of the year, the Chairman had made several site visits in Upminster and Cranham, with officers and partners, including Transport for London (TfL) and the Police.

Her duties as Chairman included ensuring that any action required following meetings was taken by the appropriate officer. This included providing responses to questions raised by members of the public and providing a Chairman's Report at each meeting.

It was noted that the Chairman had also arranged a number of presentations, including those from various Council departments and voluntary groups, such as the Upminster Park Friends Group.

As Chairman of the Area Committee, Councillor Ford had attended regular joint meetings of the Area Committee Chairman. These joint forums were used to discuss issues such as the Area Committee budgets, the format of the meetings and venues.

During 2007 each Area Committee had also been given a budget of £5,000 to be used on community projects. In addition to the allocated budget there was also a central pot of £45K that each Area Committee could make bids for funding from.

The Chairman had submitted a proposal to spend £5,000 on Upminster toilet block and a successful bid for additional funding was also made from the central pot. This successful bid resulted in a sum of £18,000 being agreed allocated for renovation of the toilet block.

It was resolved:

To note the Chairman's Annual Report.

**37 REVIEW OF AREA COMMITTEE**

The Committee discussed where the most suitable location for the Area Committee over the next year would be.

Members of the public noted that they would like to see the meeting continue to be held at Upminster Junior School. The Chairman took on board these comments and noted that microphones may need to be provided if the meetings continued to be held at the school as the acoustics of the building were poor and it was often difficult to hear what was being said.

It was suggested that in order to ensure that the meetings were accessible to residents of both Upminster and Cranham, some of the meetings should be held at a venue in Cranham, if possible.

It was noted that it might be useful if the meetings were better publicised.

It was resolved:

- i) That Upminster Junior School should be fixed as the primary location for the Committee's meetings for the next Municipal Year. Subject to availability, St Luke's Church Hall should also be used for at least one of the meetings.
- ii) To note the change to structure of the meetings.

**38 CORBETS TEY ROAD AND PARK DRIVE –LOCAL SAFETY SCHEME**

The Committee considered a report, which set out proposals for Local Safety Scheme at Corbets Tey Road and Park Drive.

The Principal Engineer advised that the proposed scheme had been approved by Transport for London (TfL) for funding. A feasibility study had been carried out identify what accident remedial measures could be implemented and the following had been proposed:

- Pedestrian Refuges
- Mini roundabout
- Speed Cushions
- Upgrading of Zebra Crossing Lighting
- Anti-skid Surfacing
- Hatched Centre Line and Slow Road markings on Red Surfacing

It was estimated that the cost of the scheme was £75,000 and this would be met in full from the TfL 2007/08 financial year allocation to Havering for Local Safety Schemes.

The accident analysis had shown that there had been a total of twenty-three Personal Injury Accidents (PIA's), two of which were serious and the remaining twenty were slight injuries. Five of the PIA's were speed related and four involved pedestrians.

The Principal Engineer advised that it was considered that the proposed measures would help to reduce accidents along Corbets Tey Road and Park Drive. Therefore it was recommended that the scheme should be approved in principle.

In response to queries the Committee was advised that, if the scheme were approved in principle, the consultation process would begin within two weeks and would run over a four week period.

The Committee discussed the proposals and it was noted that local residents had indicated that they welcomed the scheme.

It was resolved:

- i) That the following be approved proposals be approved:
  - Pedestrian refuges
  - Mini roundabout
  - Speed cushions
  - Anti-skid surfacing
  - Centre Line Hatched and Slow Markings on Red Surfacing as shown on Plan Nos. QE0181-01 to 07.
- ii) To authorise the preparation and advertising of draft traffic notices to install speed cushions as shown on the above plans.
- iii) To authorise a public consultation exercise to be carried in relation to the proposals.
- iv) To delegate approval of the scheme 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.
- v) To delegate 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.

**39 FUTURE PLANS FOR ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL**

The Chairman introduced Len Smith and Ralf McCormack of Havering Primary Care Trust (PCT).

Mr Smith of Havering PCT thanked the Committee for the opportunity to explain the future plans for service provision at the St George's Hospital site.

The Committee was advised that it had been the intention of the PCT to relocate services from St. George's to an existing hospital site in Harold Wood. However, following detailed discussions it became apparent that the Harold Wood site was too big to accommodate the 60-bed in-patient facility which the PCT required. Accordingly, the decision to relocate was abandoned.

Members were advised that the PCT had subsequently decided that the existing site at St. George's could be re-developed in such a way as to accommodate the new facility. The existing facility was far too big and was not designed for modern-day rehabilitative care provision.

The existing hospital would be demolished and replaced with a much smaller 60-bed in-patient facility. The surplus land would be sold-off for redevelopment.

Members were advised that the plans to re-develop the existing site would firstly need to be ratified by the Strategic Health Authority and then planning permission submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the PCT for the presentation and invited Members of the Committee and the public to comment or provide questions on the proposals.

It was resolved:

To note the presentation.

**40 FUTURE AGENDAS**

The Committee discussed items for consideration on future agendas. It was suggested that an item should be brought to the Committee's next meeting detailing roads where consideration was being given to introducing parking restrictions.

41 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting was due to be held on 26 July. The venue would be Upminster Junior School, subject to confirmation that the venue was available.

42 **URGENT BUSINESS**

No items of urgent business were raised.



## APPENDIX 2

MATTERS ARISING	ACTION POINT	RESPONSE
Wantz Bridge	Update on height limit signage Hall Lane and Front Lane.	A study looking at a potential rationalisation of the signs along the A127 is currently under consideration for this financial year. Should the funding for the study be agreed, instructions will be given to the consultants to consider a sign
Vehicle Activated Signs	Update on programme of completion	The company who installed the signs has been taken over by a larger company. A meeting has been held with the new management team and positive assurances on customer services were received. Engineers will be visiting in the first two weeks of May to commission the remaining signs. Two signs are to be moved following complaints from residents; one sign with a power fault (EDF energy); two signs have new faults and one has been destroyed by vandals – these will all require funding for repairs. Funding is being pursued.
Front Lane Car Park	Update	Implementation of parking charges as from the 2 April 2007. All operational.
Avon Medical Centre	Update on bollard installation.	Havering Lift approached the Council for a price to carry out the works and at their request were given an invoice. However, the Medical Centre has not made any further contact with regard to implementing the work.
Station Road (outside of the Essex Yeoman)	Lorries parking up on the footway. Enforcement needed.	Enforcement of vehicles is difficult as they move prior to issuing PCN. CCTV camera car will solve this problem of enforcing.

	Update on feasibility study on bus stop being incorporated with loading/unloading bay; to be carried out early 2007	Reviewed request from a shop keeper and scheme not feasible
Damyns Hall Aerodrome Upminster	Up date on Certificate of Lawful Development	A Certificate of Lawful Use has now been granted. The enforcement investigation is continuing amongst other things having regard to the facts established by the granting of that certificate.
Upminster Park -Trees	Implementation of tree surveys in our parks due to the dangers of falling trees in storms etc.	Regarding trees specifically in Upminster Park, the old oak tree which is considered to be a feature of the park albeit dead, is risk assessed and deemed as safe every year by an expert tree surgeon. The next inspection is due in May. With regard to other trees in the park these were inspected in 2005 and surgery was carried out to cut back dying branches. The trees were considered to be safe. With regard to all other parks and open spaces visual inspections are carried out on a rolling basis by parks officers and if to be required, an expert opinion is sought. Remedial surgery is carried out on an ongoing basis particularly after stormy weather.
Release of Council Owned Car Park to Aldi	Details of what the contract includes eg. Litter disposal, implementation of charges	This will be a full repairing lease which would include items such as litter disposal, locking and unlocking of the car park. The hours of opening are 7.30am to 8.30pm. The first two hours are free enforcement will be in place thereafter.

Contaminated Land	Details on the number of contaminated areas within the Borough	We do not have any 'contaminated land' at present (in the strict legal sense) within the borough as we have not completed any formal inspections under Environment Protection Act 1990 Part 11A. We currently have 340 Potentially contaminated sites (based on available historical data) of which we have started our first formal inspection of the highest risk site – Whybridge. Please note that as the inspection programme continues and as more information comes to light, the number of potentially contaminated sites will vary.
Bus Access to Queens Hospital from Upminster	Details of discussion with TFL	None at present.
Footpath on Hall Lane Flyover	Suggested installation of a footpath on flyover to get to Pages Wood	This would require the construction of a new footway some 700 metres in length and changes to the safety fence arrangement for the Hall Lane overbridge. This scheme is not funded and unlikely to be progressed unless grant funding can be secured.
Monitoring of Central Refuges at Garbutt Road and Boundary Road	Update	It is too soon to provide a report however no incidents have been reported to date.
Upminster Park – Blocked Drains	Update	All gullies in the park were unblocked by the Highways team in 2005. The Parks Service is not aware of any currently blocked drains. If there were any, it would be likely that the Grounds Maintenance team of the Friends group would have made the service aware of this. If there are blocked drains, then further unblocking can be arranged. The following is provisional. The keys are expected on the 4 <sup>th</sup> June with the teams moving in from that date. We intend to close Upminster Station from the 16 <sup>th</sup> of June and open the new Base as a front office from Monday the 18 <sup>th</sup>

		<p>June. A new SPCSO (School Police Community Officer) has been recruited who will cover the base from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Arrangements are being made to try and extend the hours of opening through a combination of restricted officers, current SRO's (School Resource Officers, volunteers and the MSC (Metropolitan Special Constabulary).</p>
	<p>Update</p>	<p>Officers were unaware the lampposts had been agreed to be painted green and gold. If the Town Centre Management would like to have these works undertaken and funding is available then I will be more than happy to arrange for gold bands to be painted onto the columns.          The same applies to the bins.          Benches were not included on the 2005/06 wish list.          Replacement of the guard railing outside Upminster Park, Improvements to planter area adjacent to the Police Station in St. Mary's Lane and Improvements to the street lighting in Station Road/Corbets Tey Road and St. Mary's Lane came to a grand total of just under £150,000.          Currently:          Branfil Road 89 spaces,          St. Lawrence Road 13 spaces.          Early June:          Branfil Road 55 spaces,          St. Lawrence Road 13 spaces.          Mid June:          Branfil Road 55 spaces,          St. Lawrence Road 52 spaces.          Autumn 2008:          Branfil Road 70 spaces,          St. Lawrence Road 52 spaces, Marks &amp; Spencer – Branfil Road 29 spaces.          Total of 151 spaces.          Proposed to install control barriers on both Roomes car parks to ensure</p>

		<p>availability of spaces to out customers where ever possible. No charge envisaged at present.</p> <p>Marks &amp; Spencers will also have a monitoring system.</p>
	<p>When is the new shop opening, what are the hours of opening.</p> <p>When is Upminster Police Station closing.</p>	<p>Closure notices were prominently displayed in and around the car park in the month leading up to closure. Additionally, a large metal 'A' board was sited in Gaynes Road advising local residents and customers of the temporary closure. Notices of closure were not delivered to individual businesses in the area but sufficient capacity exists in the Hoppy Hall Car park and with the on-street parking facilities in the area to accommodate the temporary closure of Gaynes Road Car Park.</p>
	<p>Car Parking Arrangements</p>	<p>Residents of Cranham had identified speeding motorists as a problem after a questionnaire showed 64% of residents were concerned about speeding in Front Lane and Hall Lane.</p> <p>A traffic survey showed 51,692 vehicles used Front Lane with 25,482 in excess of the limit.</p> <p>199,014 vehicles used Hall Lane with 138,346 in excess of the limit.</p> <p>Drivers were warned or issued a ticket dependent on the speed. The majority were local residents. 44 tickets have been issued.</p>



**MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING  
BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**1 Gaynes Park Road/Pike Lane -Potholes**

Concerns were raised regarding the condition of Gains Park Road and the number of potholes on these roads. It was contended that the roads were dangerous. The Chairman agreed to raise this issue with Streetcare.

**2 Elm Avenue**

It was noted that an unmarked white van had been seen collecting rubbish in Elm Avenue. Concerns were raised that the rubbish may have been removed in order to obtain personal details of residents for fraudulent purposes. The Chairman advised any residents with similar concerns to inform the Police and she agreed to discuss this with the relevant Council officer.

**3 Consultation Exercises**

It was noted that at the previous meeting it had been agreed that residents should be informed of any consultation exercises taking place. The Chairman advised that there were currently no consultation exercises taking place.

**4 Upminster Park Toilets**

Members of the public queried whether the money available for the renovation of Upminster Park toilets would be sufficient to ensure that repairs to the guttering was maintained properly. The Chairman agreed to look into this issue.

**5 Hornchurch Football Club –New Stadium**

Concern was raised that Hornchurch Football Club intended to build a new stadium and members of the public asked the Committee whether it was able to shed any light on this. The Chairman agreed to look into this issue.

**6 Plans to Widen the M25**

Councillor Barrett advised that he had attended a stakeholders meeting on the widening of the M25 since the Committee's last meeting. At this meeting he had conveyed the concerns of Members and member of the public.

He advised that the Local Highways Authority had confirmed that three lanes of the M25 would remain open throughout the daytime whilst work was carried out.

With regard to the planting of trees and shrubs to screen the road and reduce noise, he had been advised that planting was used to screen for visual purposes rather than to reduce noise. Only the trees and shrubbery lost during construction would be replaced.

With regard to the extension of the rail network to the edge of the M25, in order to reduce the level of traffic entering London, he was advised that options for this had not been considered.