




<b>Report to:</b>	Beddington & Wallington Local Committee	<b>Date:</b>	11 October 2016
<b>Report title:</b>	Local Needs Assessment and Priorities		
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<b>Ward/Areas affected:</b>	Beddington North, Beddington South, Wallington North, Wallington South		
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<b>Corporate Plan Priorities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Open Council</li> </ul>		
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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report details the further work undertaken by officers to look at additional data sets, building on the locality needs profile, to identify a series of priorities for the local area.

## 2. Recommendations

The Beddington & Wallington Local Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Agree the following priorities:
- Health and wellbeing of residents
  - Focus on engagement with young people
  - Address the issue of environmental anti-social behaviour

## 3. Background

- 3.1 On 15 July 2014 a locality needs profile was brought to this Committee. This provided an overview of the three wards and demographic information, but did not go into further detail to provide suggested priorities.
- 3.2 Following a meeting of the Chairs of Local Committees, it was agreed that a greater focus should be placed on engagement at Local Committee meetings. To assist in achieving this it



was agreed that a series local needs assessments should be commissioned to highlight key priorities in each locality.

3.3 Officers have analysed a series of data sets including:

- Audit of Faith Groups (2014)
- Community Asset Mapping (April 2014)
- Community Intelligence Reports (August 2015)
- Customer Care-Complaints/enquiries (2015)
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2015)
- Locality needs profiles (2014)
- Online Residents Survey-Local Committee Questionnaire (2013)
- Public Health England (demographic data e.g. age/ethnicity, levels of; income deprivation, child poverty, obesity, JSA) (2008-2015)
- Residents Survey (2013/2015)
- Sutton Community Safety Partnership-Strategic Assessment (2014/15).

3.4 The objectives of the needs assessments were to recommend specific priorities to the committee, which would then aid in choosing themes for engagement sessions which would be relevant to the local area. The aim of this is to encourage greater community engagement and to develop local solutions to the priorities.

#### **4. Approach**

4.1 Following a review of the data, the following three questions were used as the criteria to identify the suggested priorities:

- Does the priority recur in multiple data sets?
- Is the priority supported by further information? (i.e. demographic data)
- Is the priority within the realm of the Local Committee to address?

4.2 While an analysis of data can suggest priorities for the three wards, discussion needs to be undertaken with the Local Committee to complement the data with the views of residents.

4.3 By adopting local priorities this will enable the Local Committee to better engage with local residents and address matters of concern.

#### **5. Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended that the Local Committee adopt the following priorities:

- Health and wellbeing of residents
- Focus on engagement with young people
- Address the issue of environmental anti-social behaviour



- 5.2 Focusing on the health and wellbeing of residents is recommended as the four wards are higher than the borough average in the areas surveyed, income deprivation, child poverty and obesity.
- 5.3 Focusing on engagement with young people has been suggested as attainment at GCSE level is lower than the borough average. There have also been concerns raised regarding the involvement of young people with antisocial behaviour.
- 5.4 Addressing the causes of environmental anti-social behaviour is recommended as satisfaction with street cleansing has decreased by 10%. Issues with litter and fly tipping were highlighted as a key area of concern in the community intelligence surveys and in reports from the London Borough of Sutton contact centre.

## **6. Options Considered**

- 6.1 These options were recommended as they were the most common and affected the 4 wards. However issues such as theft from motor vehicles do not affect all wards and are not a regular occurrence.

## **7. Next Steps**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the priorities identified in point 6.1 become the theme for an engagement session at a future Local Committee meeting. This will enable a more detailed discussion about what these priorities mean to the local area and how the Local Committee can influence them.
- 7.2 Officers have undertaken work to identify areas within the three wards where the identified priorities are evident. The Local Committee can look to spend their Public Realm budget on projects in these areas.
- 7.3 By spending Public Realm budgets more strategically on larger projects this could positively impact upon the identified priorities.
- 7.4 The first engagement session based on the adopted priorities will be at the 10 January 2017 meeting of the Local Committee.

## **8. Impacts and Implications**

### Financial

- 8.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

### Legal

- 8.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.



**9. Appendices and Background Documents**

Appendix letter	Title
N/A	

Background documents
N/A

Audit Trail		
Version	Final	Date: 23 September 2016
Consultation with other officers		
Finance	No	N/A
Legal	No	N/A
Integrated Impact Assessment required?	No	N/A