

Decision Maker: Beckenham Town Centre Working Group

Date: 15th September 2016

Decision Type: Non Urgent Non Executive Non Key

Title: **MATTERS ARISING**

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 **Appendix A** updates Members on matters arising from previous meetings.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Group is asked to review progress on matters arising from previous meetings.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes and Action Points from the previous meeting

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council/Quality Environment, Thriving Town Centres,
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost to Democratic Services
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £335,590
 5. Source of funding: 2016/17 revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 posts (7.27fte)
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Completion of "Matters Arising" Reports for PP&S PDS meetings (and their sub groups) can take up to a few hours per meeting.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): This report is intended primarily for Members of the Beckenham Town Centre Working Group
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

<u>Minute Number/Title</u>	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<u>Update</u>
<p>Minute 54 19th May 2016</p> <p>Future of Post Offices Counter Services</p>	<p>It was agreed that Ms Corfield from the Post Office Ltd would email copy of the floor plans (for the new Post Office in WH Smiths) to Dr John Parker.</p> <p>It was agreed that Ms Corfield would update the Group in due course with clarification of the 10 year franchise term.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Ms Corfield would update the Group concerning how mail would be collected from the new location on the High Street.</p>	<p>Ms Corfield supplied a disc to Mr Parker with the details on.</p> <p>Post Office Ltd reached a new ten-year commercial agreement earlier this year which provided for up to a further 61 Crown Post Office branches to move to WH Smith stores this year, either as franchises or 'concession arrangements' whereby the Post Office rents space from WH Smith.</p> <p>The agreement gives stability for Post Office branches because it provides a commercially sustainable model for some of the Crown Branches for the future.</p> <p>WH Smith is modernising stores, which brings benefits to Post Office branches where these are integrated and the benefits of working together with WH Smith have been proven over the past ten years</p> <p>The agreement does not 'guarantee' individual branches in that there is always the possibility of local changes (for example there could be redevelopment which leads to a store closure). In managing its network of 11,600 branches, the Post Office has vast experience of changing local circumstances and replacing branches where the need arises. This can happen whether a branch is franchised or directly-managed. The Post Office is committed to maintaining the overall size of its network as a key priority.</p> <p>Royal Mail collects from the branch by using the main road outside. As discussed at the meeting in May, collection visits to branches are relatively short.</p>

<p>Minute 60 30th June 2016</p> <p>Previous Action Points</p>	<p>It was noted that the general plan drawings would be put on display when the final budget had been agreed by TfL.</p> <p>It was agreed that a detailed implementation plan would be sought from FM Conway when funding had been agreed by TfL.</p> <p>It had been agreed that the colour of the bell bollards on the corner of Rectory Road be changed, and that the colour would be confirmed in due course</p> <p>It had been agreed that parking bays in Albemarle Road, (where the road heads west) should be removed, and that the appropriate officer be invited to the next meeting.</p>	<p>This will be discussed in due course after the Major Scheme report is scrutinised by the PDS Committee, and subsequently ratified by the Executive.</p> <p>FM Conway has been requested to provide an update.</p> <p>The new colour will be discussed by the Working Group at the September meeting.</p> <p>The appropriate officer has been identified and invited.</p>
<p>Minute 61 30th June 2016</p> <p>Town Team Update</p>	<p>It was resolved that new planting at a more visible height on the war memorial island be investigated.</p> <p>It was agreed that Mr Oliver would respond in writing to the various questions raised by Chloe Jane Ross on the evening.</p>	<p>This will be discussed further at the meeting. To aid discussion, an item on Potential Trees has been added to the agenda.</p> <p>Mr Oliver responded in full the day after the June meeting.</p>
<p>Minute 63 30th June 2016</p> <p>BID Strategy for Town Centres</p>	<p>Resolved that the Group be updated in due course concerning action taken to resolve the issue of the gap that existed between the Beckenham and Penge BID boundaries.</p>	<p>A BID update will be provided at the meeting. A separate Member briefing meeting is being arranged for late Aug/ early Sept to which all Beckenham Councillors will be invited which will provide an update on BIDs. The issue of boundaries and the potential 'gap' between the two BIDs will be dealt with in more detail on that occasion. Suffice it to say at this stage, the boundary included in the report on the potential BIDs which was presented to Councillors in July was <u>indicative</u> only – and definitely not final. The actual boundaries will be decided at a time nearer to the ballot by the group of local businesses who will be proposing the BIDs. This is not a decision which can be 'second guessed' at this early stage in the development of the BIDs.</p>
<p>Minute 64 30th June 2016</p> <p>Major Scheme Update</p>	<p>Resolved that the Group be updated in due course concerning the agreed funding from TfL.</p>	<p>Funding has now been informally agreed. Waiting for written confirmation.</p>

<p>Minute 67 30th June 2016</p> <p>Location of the Purple Flag</p>	<p>It was agreed that the Purple Flag should be displayed at Beckenham Junction Train Station.</p>	<p>The Purple Flag is awaiting the installation of a flag pole. After some consultation with local Ward Councillors and the R&R and Environment Portfolio Holders, the location has been decided as Thornton's Corner (adjacent to the flower bed). A planning application needs to be submitted which will take a minimum of 8 weeks to determine. Therefore, assuming the planning decision is positive, it is expected that the flag pole would be installed in late October, and LBB will be working with the Town Centre Team to arrange a special flag raising event around that time.</p>
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