

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**COMMITTEE** : South Luton Area Board

**DATE** : Wednesday, 27 July 2016

**TIME** : 19:30

**PLACE** : Council Chamber Town Hall, Luton

**COUNCILLORS** : **AGBLEY** **O'CALLAGHAN**  
**ASHRAF** **RAFIQ**  
**CASTLEMAN** **D. TAYLOR**  
**FAROOQ** **TIMONEY**  
**HUSSAIN**

**CO-OPTED MEMBERS:** Representative of Bedfordshire Police: Dick Doggrell  
Representative of Luton Clinical Commissioning  
Group: Dr Chirag Bakhai and Paul Lindars, Assistant  
Director of Primary Care Development and Tess  
Dawould, Assistant Head of Medicines

**QUORUM** : 3 MEMBERS

**Contact Officer:** Angela Fraser (01582 546070)

### INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

**From 6.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. Ward Forums will take place. The Forums will enable issues that are specifically relevant to each Ward to be discussed.**

**The Area Board will commence at 7.15 p.m.**

**PURPOSE:** To enable the Council to effect locally based communication, consultation and decision-making.

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**SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 6.55 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Agbley, Ashraf, Castleman, Farooq, Hussain, O'Callaghan, Rafiq, D. Taylor and Timoney.

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR (REF: 1.)**

**Resolved:** That the Chair of South Luton Area Board be elected at the first meeting of the Board to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**(Note: The meeting ended at 6.56 p.m.)**

## **SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Agbley, Castleman, Farooq (Chair), Hussain, O'Callaghan, D. Taylor, Rafiq and Timoney.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillor Ashraf.

### **2. MINUTES (REFS: 2)**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the South Luton Area Board held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **3. FEEDBACK FROM WARD FORUMS (REF: 4.)**

Feedback on key issues discussed at each Ward Forum were as follows:

**Dallow Ward:** Councillor Rafiq

- Drug dealing
- Fly Tipping
- Pavement Parking

**Farley Ward:** Councillor Timoney

- Pavement Parking
- Wellhouse Close – Anti-social Behaviour
- Roundabout at Whipperley Ring and Bollingbroke Road
- Lorries parked overnight on Southfield Road

**South Ward:** Councillor Castleman

- Parking –
- Speeding in Park Street
- Traffic Light sequencing

**Resolved:** That the above issues be passed to the relevant Council departments to follow up and reported back to the Ward Forums.

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (REF: 5)**

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

A member of the public enquired what work had been carried out on the impact of the reductions Police and PCSOs on the streets. In response the Police replied that last year PCC consulted the public on a small increase of 1%

in council tax bills to cover extra resources which was not accepted and the Police will continue to police the streets with the resources available.

A member of the public enquired whether Farley Community Centre was earmarked for closure. In response Councillor O'Callaghan replied that the Centre was not included in the proposed changes recently published. But its future would depend on the outcome of the consultation currently taking place with the Bushmead and Raynham Way Community Centres.

A member of the public enquired whether Park Town Community Centre was on the list for closure. The Councillor replied that the Centre was looked at a few years ago and there was uncertainty whether closure would go ahead as it has a fly start programme run from that centre which was important to that area.

**Resolved:** (i) That the above issue be noted.

## **5. OPERATION METOR – NUISANCE MOTORCYCLES (PRESENTATION)**

The Area Support Officer advised that the Police Officer responsible for presenting this item was unavailable to attend the meeting.

## **6. PETITION – CRAWLEY ROAD (REF: 6.1)**

Ali Ataie, Interim Highway Services Manager presented the report (Ref 6.1) on a petition received from residents at Crawley Road requesting the introduction of parking restrictions.

The petition contained 31 signatures and there were currently about 28 vehicles within the bays in Crawley Road, which were also available for drivers without parking permits to park up to 2 hours during the time zone operation (Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm).

The council receives a number of requests for parking restrictions and does not have the human or financial resources to deal with these immediately. A request list is maintained and towards the end of each financial year all outstanding requests are reviewed and prioritised with the highest priority included on the next year's programme subject to budget provision.

An item to review the residents parking scheme is on the request list and consultation with residents will start in 2017 on options to remove the time limited parking, increasing the number of bays and introducing pay and display parking.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Board notes receipt of the petition.

(ii) That consultation with residents programmed for early 2017 be noted.

(iii) That the Service Director, Engineering and Street Services be instructed to advise the petitioners on the outcome.

## **7. PETITION – PARKING FERNDALE ROAD (REF: 6.2)**

Ali Ataie, Interim Highway Services Manager presented the report (Ref 6.2) on a petition containing 44 signatures from residents in Ferndale Road to improve the parking in the street.

The Council receives a number of requests to introduce parking restrictions and does not have the resources or finances to deal with all of them. The request has been added to the request list and towards the end of the financial year all outstanding requests are reviewed and prioritised with the highest priority included in the next year's programme of works subject to budget provision. Ferndale Road is programme for the financial year 2017-18.

Residents within the area bounded by existing controlled parking zones in Ferndale Road, Ashburnham Road and Hatters Way will be consulted in late 2016 early 2017.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Board notes receipt of the petition.

(ii) That consultation with residents is programmed for late 2016/early 2017.

(iii) That the Service, Director Engineering and Street Services be instructed to advise the petitioners of the outcome.

## **8. PETITION – PARKING – MEYRICK AVENUE (REF: 6.3)**

Ali Ataie, Interim Highway Services Manager presented the report (Ref 6.3) on a petition containing 40 signatures from residents in Meyrick Avenue. The request states residents were unable to access their own driveways which were being blocked by drivers who work or shop in the town centre.

The Council receives a number of requests for the introduction of parking restrictions and does not have the resources or finances to deal with these immediately. The request has been added to the request list which is reviewed at the end of the each financial year. Outstanding requests are prioritised with the highest priority included in the next year's programme of works subject to budget provision. Meyrick Avenue was assessed as a high priority.

A video parking survey had been completed which shows Russell Street, the bottom half of Meyrick Avenue and Milton Road were heavily parked.

A consultation with residents from Meyrick Avenue, Russell Rise, Hillborough Road, Corncastle Road, Anthony Gardents, Tenzing Grove, Hunts Close, Hillary Crescent and St Saviours Crescent commenced at the end of March 2016. The consultation to include the following options:

- Residents parking scheme to limit parking to residents only who had purchased a parking permit;
- Limited waiting (single yellow line) to reduce all day commuter parking;
- Do nothing.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Board notes receipt of the petition.

(ii) That consultation with residents is programmed for the end of March 2016.

(iii) That the Service Director, Engineering and Street Services be instructed to advise the petitioners of the outcome.

## **9. PETITON – HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL (REF: 6.4)**

Councillor Timoney gave a brief outline of the issue due to no Officer available to present the report.

She advised that there were a number of issues in that area which included parking on pavements and bins being left out and not emptied due to contamination. The cleansing section were employing more enforcement officers to target hotspot areas and taking enforcement action on illegally parked vehicles. The enforcement officers will be working across the town and the public is urged to report anti social behaviour to be investigated and for action to be taken.

**Resolved:** (i) That the Board agreed the following:

- To improve street cleansing monitoring and cleansing standards within the immediate location.
- To increase street cleansing schedule from once per fortnight to once per week within this location only.
- To write to all residents within location reminding residents to remove their refuse bin from the pavement after collection day.
- To investigate longer term solutions of yellow lining or a ban on pavement parking within this location.
- Enforcement to take active role in identifying anti social behaviour.

(ii) That the Board endorsed the success of Environmental Action Days and agreed for one to be arranged for this area ASAP.

## **10. NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE – ‘YOU SAID WE’RE DOING’ (REF: 7)**

Shohir Uddin, Community Development Project Officer presented the report (Ref 7) and advised that work was going well in the area. The main projects delivered were outlined in page 2 of the report.

There were changes to the police colleagues but was not sure who would be replacing them.

The community development restructure was now complete and Shohir is now responsible for the Dallow, Farley and South areas.



The participatory budgeting process has been delayed due to capacity issues within the team which will now be launched next week. The funding open day will be on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and closes on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

Councillor Castleman thanked the Farley and Dallow Councillors for new homes funding contribution which went towards extending the basket ball court in the south ward.

The Officer further advised that there was some funding for new homes in Farley still to be spent and Dallow had similar issues which were flagged up and are being discussed.

**Resolved:** That the report be noted.

#### **11. LUTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (LCCG) (REF 8)**

Dr Karunadasa gave the following updates:

- NHS England announced the clinical commissioning groups revenue allocations for the next five years in early January.
- Luton's CCGs allocation increased by 7.5% compared with the national average of 3.7%.
- The Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) GP Contracts – Luton CCG is working with NHS England to ensure there is sufficient capacity to meet current and future demand levels in Luton. No decision has been made regarding the future of any of the affected practices. Alongside NHS England Luton CCG is undertaking a formal consultation and stakeholder engagement process which will examine the four APMS contracts in two phases:
  - Transforming the walk-in centre and town centre GP practice
  - Review the other 3 APMS GP practices (sundon park health centre, moakes medical centre and whipperley medical centre)

**Resolved:** That the above updates be noted.

#### **12. CLEARING OF BLOCKED DRAINS (REF 9)**

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to no officer available at the meeting to present the item.

**Resolved:** That the Board expressed their disappointment that this was the third time this item was deferred due to no officer present at the meeting and requested the Area Support Officer to relayed this message back to the department.

#### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (REF 10)**

The Area Support Officer advised that there was uncertainty as to what form area board meetings would take and that a working group of Members were tasked with finding a solution. So far no firm proposals had been made and that when a new date has been arranged it would be fully publicised.

(Note: Meeting ended 8.15pm)

**COMMITTEE:** SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD

**DATE:** 27 JULY 2016

**SUBJECT:** PETITION – RESIDENTS PARKING – HARCOURT STREET, LUTON

**REPORT BY:** SERVICE DIRECTOR – PUBLIC REALM

**CONTACT OFFICER:** CHRISTINE DAVY 546962

**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: SOUTH**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To report to South Luton Area Board the receipt of a petition requesting residents parking in Harcourt Street, Luton

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. South Luton Area Board is recommended to:-
  - (i) note receipt of the petition;
  - (ii) note that an item is already on the request list for consultation for a residents parking scheme in Harcourt Street for a future programme of works.
  - (iii) instruct the Service Director Public Realm to advise the petitioners.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. A petition has been received requesting a residents parking scheme in the bottom half of Harcourt Street between Ashton Road and Albert Street
4. The petition is signed by 12 residents from 9 properties in Harcourt Street.
5. There are 45 properties in Harcourt Street between Ashton Road and Albert Street.
6. In 2012 a consultation was undertaken within the area asking residents whether they would like residents parking in their area. Only 2 out of 15 residents who responded were in favour. Residents were asked again as a part of the Park Town residents parking review in 2013. Only 1 out of 6 residents who responded was in favour. Therefore, a residents parking scheme was not introduced.

### **REPORT**

7. The Council receives a number of requests for the introduction of parking restrictions and does not have either the human or financial resources to deal with all of them immediately. A Request List is therefore maintained and requests such as this are added to the list as they are received. There is already an item on the list for a residents permit scheme.
8. Towards the end of each financial year all outstanding requests are reviewed and prioritised and those of the highest priority are included in the next years' work programme subject to the budget provision.

**COMMITTEE:** SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD

**DATE:** 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016

**SUBJECT:** PETITION – RESIDENTS PARKING – NEWTOWN STREET, LUTON

**REPORT BY:** SERVICE DIRECTOR – PUBLIC REALM

**CONTACT OFFICER:** CHRISTINE DAVY 546962

**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: SOUTH**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To report to South Luton Area Board the receipt of a petition requesting the changing the 2hr free parking in New Town Street, Luton to permit holders only.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. South Luton Area Board is recommended to:-
  - (i) note receipt of the petition;
  - (ii) note that an item has been added to the request list to review the 2hr free parking in the area.
  - (iii) Instruct the Service Director Public Realm to advise the petitioners.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. A petition has been received requesting the 2hr free parking in New Town Street to be changed to permit holders only.
4. The petition is signed by 12 residents who live between Tennyson Road Primary North campus and Cambridge Street and one resident of Cambridge Street
5. A resident only parking scheme was introduced in the area in 2012. In 2013 following requests from residents the 2hr free parking was introduced to allow short term parking by visitors.

### **REPORT**

6. The Council receives a number of requests for the introduction of parking restrictions and does not have either the human or financial resources to deal with all of them immediately. A Request List is therefore maintained and requests such as this are added to the list as they are received. Various options will be considered including pay and display parking. An item has been added to this list.
7. Towards the end of each financial year all outstanding requests are reviewed and prioritised and those of the highest priority are included in the next years' work programme subject to the budget provision.



# South Area Report

## Neighbourhood Governance Progress Report: February – May 2016

**Date:** 27th July 2016

**Name of Chair:** (To Be Elected)

**Reporting Officer:** Shohir Uddin

This report gives an overview of progress on addressing community priorities in south of Luton under the themes of 'safer and stronger communities', 'health and wellbeing' and 'environment and economy' as agreed by local people, councillors and council partners as part of the 'Your Say, Your Way' programme.





# Area South Updates

## New Homes for Luton (NHFL) - Update)

Some new projects have been identified by your local councillors with money from NHFL in the Dallow ward. These will be organised in partnership with some other groups, including;

1. A youth festival event – to be organised in September with activities to include football, Zumba, archery, indoor hockey, inflatables, workshop on drugs, information stalls, food etc.
2. A Community 'clean up' day in spring 2017 to raise awareness, responsibilities and how to report environmental crimes.
3. A signage project is to help raise awareness of environmental responsibilities and improve the profile of the Dallow ward.
4. Multi Media Suite – refurbishing the ICT Room into a Multi Media Suite with new IT equipment at Dallow Learning Community Centre, Dallow Road.

**For further information about NHFP funding contact Shohir Uddin on 01582 548776 email: [shohir.uddin@luton.gov.uk](mailto:shohir.uddin@luton.gov.uk)**



## New - Money Matters Credit Union Ltd launches at Farley Community Centre.

The Credit Union Service launched at Farley Community Centre on Saturday 11th June 2016, with five people signing up on the first day. Since the launch there have been more people joining each week.

This is a new service in partnership with Farley Big Local, offering convenient and simple savings accounts and "affordable" loans to residents, who sometimes struggle to get access to loans and financial products from banks and building societies etc.

The residents of Farley and across Luton will be able to save regularly and take out loans with the credit unions. The credit union is open to everyone in the community and actively encourages members of all age to come along and join.

**Opening times are Monday and Saturday 10am to 12 noon.**

**For more information please contact: Vera at Farley community centre on 01582 736812 or 07917 09 58 85**

## Manor Park Basketball

The Basketball area at Manor Park, Park Town recently underwent some improvements with funding from New Homes for Luton. The basketball 3 on 3 facilities, originally provided by Barclays Spaces for Sport, has been extended to provide a full court which now allows for games of 5 a-side football to be played in the park, this was identified by the young people and the ward councillors as something they felt was needed in the park.

Since the work was completed on the facilities it has made a great difference to the local young people who have been making good use of the facility. This is what can be achieved when everyone works together.

Thanks go to all the local South Ward Councillors, Friends of Manor Park, local young people and officers from LBC Parks and Strategic Community Services.



## Detached Street Team

Over the 2015/16 financial year the Detached Street Team came into contact with 781 young people in the wards of Dallow, Farley and South. Young people enthusiastically attended the 'pop-up youth spaces' in Manor Road Park and Castlecroft Road Park during the summer holidays, taking part in a range of sporting as well as arts and crafts activities.

A Targeted Youth Group service that was provided on a Wednesday afternoon at Stockwood Park Academy attracted a good attendance. This gave an opportunity for young people to engage with members of the Detached Street Team in a relaxed atmosphere where they were able to discuss any issues and celebrate any successes they may have in school or in the community.

**For further information contact Philip Moore on 01582 548303 email: [philip.moore@luton.gov.uk](mailto:philip.moore@luton.gov.uk)**



# Stronger and Safer Communities



## An opportunity to make positive changes in your neighbourhood

Do you have an idea that could improve life in your local area?

If so, we are delighted to announce that £133k has been made available for organisations, community groups and individuals across Luton to apply for small grants (up to £1250) for projects which will benefit their local neighbourhoods.

Luton recently launched its new Investment Framework, a 20-year plan for major transformation through inward investment which outlines how we will achieve growth, create jobs for local people, drive improvements to health and wellbeing and enhance prosperity across the town.

We continue to recognise the unique contribution Luton's community groups, volunteers and residents make to this agenda. This is why applications are now being accepted for local community projects that fit within any of the following priorities and themes:

- Supporting safe, strong and cohesive communities
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Enhancing skills and education

Once all of applications are in there will be a series of 'decision day' events where residents will get the chance to vote for the projects they would like to see funded in their neighbourhoods.

Projects we've funded in previous years have include local clean-ups and gardening groups, youth development opportunities through music, performing arts and sports, neighbourhood safety initiatives, and local activity sessions to improve community health and wellbeing.

There are a lot of passionate people out there who have fantastic ideas on how to improve life for people in their local communities. If you have a project in mind that you think would benefit your neighbourhood, please do get in touch.



For more information contact the community development team on **01582 54 69 85** or email **[YourSayYourWay@luton.gov.uk](mailto:YourSayYourWay@luton.gov.uk)**; or speak to your local Councillor **[www.luton.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.luton.gov.uk/councillors)**





# Stronger and Safer Communities



## 2016 Council Awards

The CDS, Social Justice and Area Board Teams now form one team and are based within the Chief Executive's Department of Luton Borough Council and are known as the Strategic Community Services Team, led by Nicola Monk as the Service Director -Policy, Communities and Engagement.

The Strategic Community Services team, together with the Strategic Commissioning (Leisure and Culture) led by Mike McMahon and PREVENT team were shortlisted for 3 Awards for their work in the Luton Excellence Awards, winning the "One Council Award" for their work in and across LBC and indeed Luton on cross cutting issues including:

Anti-poverty, Area Boards, Community Cohesion / PREVENT, Community Events, Equalities, Community Development (incl. Participatory Budgeting-Neighbourhood Governance (NG), Welfare Reform, Volunteering etc., promoting their work through "Luton in Harmony" / harmony in Luton by:

The team supported 30+ Community Events last year such as Luton & Marsh Farm Fireworks, St. George's Day, Big Iftar, Mela, Carnival, 10 community festivals,. helped organise Remembrance Events i.e – 10th Anniversary of 7/7, Tunisia and Paris terrorist attacks, as well as co-ordinating & managing responses to "Britain's First" 3 "visits" to Luton

They enabled the provision of 20,000 +hours of community volunteering +10 corporate volunteering challenges through a range of activities i.e. Dame Kelly Holmes, Public Health, Adult Social Care, Job Fairs, Picnic in the Park, Adult Learning, Carnival, Community clean-up days, festivals, AND were successful in getting 30+volunteers into full-time employment.

Finally, they also delivered the NG programme "Your Say Your Way"- across Luton, with more than 1,000 people voting for funding on 130 + local community projects.



## Luton's 'Big Iftar' 24th June 2016

A major event to raise awareness and understanding of diverse communities was held in St George's Square on Friday 24th June. Due to the popularity of Luton's Big Iftar 2015, admission to this year's event was by ticket only.

Iftar is the daily breaking of the Muslim fast which is observed throughout the daylight hours during the month of Ramadan, which this year started in the first week of June 2016 for approximately 1 month.

The 'Big Iftar', was organised by Luton Borough Council / Luton in Harmony / Inspire FM / Chaul End Children's Center / LBC / Bedfordshire Police / LCST (Luton Cultural Services Trust) and many other community partners invited people from all communities to join in the breaking of the fast after a programme of events in the square.

There was a presentation from the Mayor of Luton, Councillor Tahir Khan and various other faith groups and charities before a meal that was shared with all communities after the fast was broken.

The main sponsors for Luton's 'Big Iftar' are Beds and Luton Community Foundation and the theme of this year's event was -appropriately enough – "to be the best" which is what we are all striving to be in Luton. Attendees were encouraged to make donations of non-perishable foods for the Luton Foodbank charity.

**If you would like to attend and or be involved in the event next year or would like further information please contact:**  
**Shohir Uddin, Area Projects and Involvement Officer,**  
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# Stronger and Safer Communities



## Luton residents joined Clean for the Queen

Luton's communities rallied together to tidy up the town on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March 2016 as part of the national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign.

The event in Luton was being organised by local homeless charity Signposts, supported by Love Luton, Luton Borough Council's Strategic Community Services and The Rotary Club of Luton.

Over the two days the team tidied 8 different areas in Luton before finishing with a deep clean of the town centre and a "thank you" from the Mayor of Luton.

## Special family event in St. George's Square marked the Queen's 90th Birthday

On Thursday 21 April many different organisations came together to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Up and down the country, beacons were lit at churches, on farms, country parks, and village greens and on country estates, Lighthouses, National Trust and English Heritage sites etc. The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall lit the Principal Beacon at Windsor Castle.

While here in Luton, thanks to generous sponsorship from London Luton Airport Limited, a number of activities were organised in Town Hall Square to celebrate.

The Sea Cadets, Scouts, Guides and groups from Luton Carnival joined in a parade through the town, whilst the brass band was playing, leading to the beacon lighting in St George's Square at 7:20pm, at the same time as hundreds of others across the UK, to celebrate this landmark birthday.

The event was supported by many local organisations including Bedfordshire Police and 'Luton in Harmony' which helped organise some of the entertainment on the night, while Jimmy's Restaurant will kindly provided a birthday cake for the evening.



## St. George's Day 2016 - 'Merrie England' came to town centre

There was only one place to be on St George's Day, and that was St George's Square, Luton!

If you were in Luton on Saturday, 23 April, you were part of the free, fun-packed family event that saw St George's Square come alive from 11am – 5pm with a day of entertainment and activities, London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) generously sponsored the overall event while "Tea in the Town" section was sponsored by Bedfordshire Police and supported by 'Luton in Harmony'.

Community activities included a circus workshop, Punch and Judy, water zorbing and a climbing wall, along with traditional English Morris dancing all entertaining children and families. There was also a special St George stilt walker and balloon artist (with his dragon), flag decorating and sword, shield and hat crafting.





## Hillborough Juniors crowned champions, but cohesion was the winner

After weeks of planning and preparation, 29 teams from 19 local primary schools came together this week for their very own version of the European Football Championships at Lea Manor Recreation Centre.

Deliberately scheduled during the actual Euro 2016 tournament, the aim of the event was to bring communities together and celebrate cohesion in the town, as each school represented a participating country from the major tournament.

The event was possible thanks to the generous sponsorship from Vauxhall, Arriva and the White Ribbon Campaign, and brought together 232 children from across Luton. The Co-op and Tesco provided water and fruit at the event.

Parents, teachers and members of the local community were treated to a wonderful display of junior football and the eventual winners were Hillborough Junior School who were representing the Czech Republic.

Workshops were held at schools prior to the tournament where almost 300 children learnt about bullying and the effects it can have on people. The participating schools also got football coaching sessions from Luton Town Football Club and spent time in the classroom learning about the culture of the European countries they were representing.

Organised jointly by Luton Borough Council's Strategic Community Services Department, Luton Community Safety

Partnership, Bedfordshire Police, School Games and Luton Town Football Club, the event gave children from right across the town the opportunity to play football against one another in a fun and safe environment.

Dallow Primary who were representing Turkey won the White Ribbon Campaign 'Fair Play' trophy, awarded for their positive attitude and behaviour throughout the day. The campaign aims to raise awareness about the issues involved in bullying and violence, particularly against women and girls, and works to bring about changes that help everyone to live their lives without fear.

Sandra Hayes, Strategic Community Services Manager at Luton Council, said: "In addition to some superb on-field action, young people from across our great town got to meet new friends, co-operate, support one another and keep healthy.

"As well as bringing different communities together, the event highlighted how well people in Luton get on with each other and how football can help to create bridges across different areas of the town."



## Youth Cohesion Event

A great deal is done in Luton to promote cohesion and bring communities closer together, but like many places, the town is changing as it faces significant challenges on the back of local, national and international events.

As part of Luton Borough Council's wider engagement with Luton's communities, young people were given a platform to air their views about community cohesion at an event at Kenilworth Road on Thursday, 31st March. The aim was to involve them to help shape a new shared multi-agency understanding of community cohesion in Luton and to collect their views, evidence and information in order to produce a community cohesion strategy for.

The event was organised by Luton Borough Council's Strategic Community Services Team, two members of the Young Ambassadors' Project, Luke Walsh and Tasmin Hussain, and Luton Football Club – Community Section.

### Youth Conference

Maureen Drummond, Cohesion and Equalities Officer for Luton Borough Council said: "We had a great turnout, with 50 young people attending, listening to and inter-acting with Cllr

Jacqui Burnett, portfolio holder for People and Places, Trevor Holder – Chief Executive Officer, Laura Church - Director of Place and Infrastructure, Nicola Monk - Service Director, Policy, Communities and Engagement, Kelvin Hopkins MP, Kevin Thorburn LTFC and hearing about exciting things happening in Luton and how diversity is celebrated across the town."





## Implementation of the Luton Urgent and Emergency Care Strategy

Luton CCG, in partnership with Bedfordshire CCG, are re-procuring the current 111 and GP out-of-hours service to provide an integrated urgent care service that will help us to meet Luton's need for urgent care. The service will help us to meet patients' needs at the point when they call 111 by making sure they speak to the right person at the right time.

We are committed to providing urgent appointments for patients who are assessed as 'needing to see a doctor urgently' - this means making sure that they can be booked into an appointment slot at a Luton based Urgent Primary Care Centre when required. We are dedicated to ensuring that we continue taking action to provide face-to-face urgent healthcare when necessary. Our goal is to start this service on 1 April 2017, as a minimum for urgent needs in the evening and weekends.

## Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) GP Contracts

The 60-day consultation period for the three smaller APMS practices (Moakes Medical Centre, Whipperley Medical Centre and Sundon Park Health Centre) came to an end on 6 May 2016.

The 90-day consultation for the Town centre GP Surgery and Walk-in Centre closed on Saturday 4 June 2016.

Four consultation sessions were held in April 2016 - one at each of the four practices. Two were then held at the Council chamber on 4 May 2016 to discuss the proposals affecting the Town Centre GP Surgery and Walk-in Centre; the first was from 2pm to 4pm. A second evening meeting, that was open to all Luton residents to discuss all four practices, was held from 6pm to 8pm.

The final number of responses for each of the patient and resident surveys are listed below:

- Whipperley Medical Centre – 115 total (83 paper and 32 online)

- Sundon Park Health Centre – 361 total (231 paper and 130 online)
- Moakes medical Centre – 172 (104 paper and 68 online)
- We received a total of 13 responses to the stakeholders (3 APMS Practices) survey.

Next steps for Moakes Medical Centre, Whipperley Medical Centre and Sundon Park Health Centre:

- Independent reports are currently being drawn up for each practice based on analysis of the survey results.
- NHS England and CCG will review results and provide recommendations to the Primary Care Joint Commissioning Committee (PCJCC) on 9 June.
- PCJCC decision will then go to NHS England Primary Care Board for final agreement/ sign-off.
- Patients at each of the practices will receive a letter in June informing them of the decision and what will happen next.

The same process was followed for the Town Centre GP Surgery and Walk-in Centre APMS contract, following the end of the consultation on 4 June 2016.

## Executive team changes

Alison Ryan joined the CCG on 25 April 2016, covering the Director of Operations portfolio during John Webster's sick leave. Alison is on secondment to the CCG from Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust.

## Luton CCG Chief Officer role

As Carol Hill has retired from the NHS in June 2016, and it was not possible to make a substantive appointment following the recruitment process earlier this year, the CCG has arranged a secondment to fill the role. We are pleased to announce that Colin Thompson joined the CCG on 31 May, on secondment from Aylesbury Vale CCG where he is currently Chief Operating Officer. Carol and Colin will have a two-week handover period. The CCG is planning to commence the substantive recruitment process again in the autumn.

Luton CCG also welcomed Dr Uzma Sarwar who started in her new role as clinical director for maternity, children and families from 1 June 2016.

## Date for your diary:

Luton CCG's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 6 September 2016.



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