

Report To:	Queen's Park Community Council		
Title:	Place Committee Report		
Purpose:	TO NOTE		
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Date of Meeting	17 January 2024	Agenda Item	047-23/24

1 Summary

This report sets out some of the activity of the Place Committee since the last meeting of the Full Council.

2 Recommendations

That the Council notes the report and discusses the matters raised.

Meeting and Decisions

- The Place Committee met last in November.
- Councillors, Sweeney, Bynoe, Diamond, McArdle and Fitzhugh were present, Cllr Wilson issued apologies. Two members of the public were also in attendance.
- Member of the public raised questions about updates to the Neighbourhood Plan and a request that there are more frequent public updates regarding the progression of the Plan.
- Concerns were also raised regarding the lack of enforcement in the conservation area, and suggestions were made about how the Community Council can better keep residents informed about their responsibilities as residents in a conservation area, and better work with to ensure that the conservation area planning guide is observed.
- A contractor report was delivered on behalf of HCGA and concerns were raised regarding the cost of wreath making at the Winter Festival.
- Following a report on public realm improvements, the Committee discussed and made recommendation regarding improvements to be pursued in collaboration with the City Council.
- The Committee also discussed the scooter and e-bike Parking Experimental Traffic Order which proposed replacing multiple parking spots across the area with scooter and e-bike to address the hazard caused these scooters and bikes when parked on pavements and roads. The Committee made a few observations and instructed the Proper Officer to communicate these to the City Council.
- The Proper Officer also delivered updates from the Public and Community Arts Working Group highlighting plans for a theatre project in the new year and a tenth anniversary celebration of the Community Council.
- Among other things, the Proper Officer's report noted the opening of the Jubilee Community centre and the start of the Free Usage Scheme which has seen a number of local groups and individuals access the space to provide free activities for the community.