



To all Members of the People Committee (Cllrs: Orrel Lawrence (Chair), Shamsa Hersi (Vice-chair), Afsana Aktar, Eartha Pond, Shifaa Ali and Emma Sweeney) with copies to all other Councillors for information).

You are hereby summoned to attend a **Meeting** of the **People Committee** to be held in **St Luke's Church, Fernhead Road** at 6pm on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**

Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer

29th August 2025

AGENDA

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| PP 11-25/26 | Apologies for absence – to receive and approve any apologies for absence from Councillors. |
| PP 12-25/26 | Declarations of interest – to note any Declarations of Interest or Dispensations granted in respect of any item on the Agenda. |
| PP 13-25/26 | Minutes of the previous meetings - to consider for approval the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 9 th July 2025. |
| PP 04-25/26 | Public session – to receive any questions, representations or petitions from members of the Public. <i>(Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chair).</i> |
| PP 15-25/26 | Financial Report – to receive a report of current financial position. |
| PP 16-25/26 | Working Groups Report – to receive verbal reports from Children & Young People, Community Engagement, Events, and Health, Wellbeing and Social Inclusion Working Groups. |
| PP 17-25/26 | Future Flex Update – to receive a verbal report on the Future Flex Programme and it's next steps. |
| PP 18-25/26 | Officers' Report – to receive a verbal update from Officers on activities not covered elsewhere. |

QUEEN'S PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the People Committee Meeting held at the St Luke's Church, Fernhead Road
on **Wednesday 9th July 2025** commencing at 18:00.

Shuwanna Aaron, Proper Officer

10th July 2024

Present: Councilors: Orrel Lawrence, (Chair), Shamsa Hersi (Vice-chair), Eartha Pond, Emma Sweeney, Shifaa Ali, Roger Diamond, Samantha Alleyne

Also present: Shuwanna Aaron (Proper Officer) and one member of the public.

PP 01 25/26 - Apologies for absence – No apologies were issued for this meeting.

PP 02 25/26 - Declarations of interest – No declarations were made.

PP 03 25/26 - Minutes of the previous meetings – The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated with the meeting papers and accepted a read. The Minutes were seconded as an accurate account of the meeting and a vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the minutes be APPROVED and signed by the Meeting's Chair.

PP 04 25/26 – Public Session - No questions were raised by the public.

PP 05 25/26 – Financial Report – The Proper Officer noted that no significant spending had been undertaken against the Committees' budgets – with the exception of the Health, Wellbeing and Social Care budget line, where spending had been made for facilitators' cost and other equipment for facilitating the weekly programme. The Officer noted that other budget lines would experience significant spending in the month to come as plans for the summer Festival and Summer in Queen's Park programmes were undertaken. Overall, there is no expectation of significant overspend or underspend.

RESOLVED THAT, the report be NOTED

PP 06 25/26 - Working Group Report – The Officer noted that the projects approved by the Committee at it's March meeting were being undertaken. Including Weekly Yoga and Stretch session on Tuesday, and Soca Aerobics on Wednesday. It was noted that the run the Avenues' project had been delayed, and would now become a walking group project as uptake for running was limited. The Officer notes plans for the Summer in Queen's Park Programme were well on the way, with activities being organised following consultation with young people at the Avenues' Youth Project and the Girls allowed Programme – the programme will include popular activities including the Beach Trip, Archery, and Outdoor Cinema as well as new activities including Theatre trips, pottery and zine making workshops. The Officer noted Summer festival plans were being finalised and the feedback from the last meeting of the Events working group were fully incorporated. Lastly, it was noted that the Community Engagement Working Group facilitated a very successful community meeting, providing an avenue for residents to raise questions and concerns with the Council and to share their views of the Council's Annual report. Councillors requested that the Proper Officer organise another meeting of the Events Working Group before the Summer Festival, so there is further clarity on the programme. Councillors also noted the success of the Annual

Community meeting, and the efforts undertaken to plan a exciting agenda of activities for the Summer Programme. The report was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the report be NOTED

PP 07 25/26– Revel your potential – The Proper Officer provided background for the report, noting that at its last two meetings, the Committee discussed how to utilise a grant of £5000 from the City Council to respond to Community needs in relation to improving safety, tackling issues of violence, but no project was agreed. The Proper Officer was instructed to revisit and redevelop a the proposal, the Proper Officer has subsequently been working Darini Vedarattiname an Industry Advisory at the London business School who specialises in tackling complex socio-economic challenges, to adapt her transformative youth programme to meet the need of young people in Queen's Park. Specifically, responding to the need to impact of socio-economic disadvantage on young peoples' aspiration. The Programme being proposed which was previously called Reveal your Potential has been rebranded to "Future Flex" and intends to build young people's aspirations by counteracting the effects of growing and living in socio-economic disadvantage; improving participants' self-efficacy, sense of belonging and connectedness and empowering them with knowledge and skills to target studies and/or professional fields that match their talents and aspirations. The Officer, re-visited the key details of the project as outlined in the project proposal and Councillors asked a range of questions. Including, regarding the qualification and expertise of the facilitator, how role that City Council's Global Majority Network would play in the programme and how the programme can be used as a spring board to improve youth engagement with the Council. Councillors request an overview of the details of each of the programmes session. An amendment was proposed, requiring that the scope of the programme be extended providing an opportunity for participants to get involved with the Council by working together to plan and facilitate an event, project and programme (with Officers' support) on behalf of the Council. The amendment included a recommendation that £2000 of the £5000 grant be allocated to this aspect of the programme. The proposal was seconded, a vote was undertaken and the proposal was amended. Councillors raised question about incentivising up-take and consistency, suggesting an amendment that the token at the end of the programme be increased from £15 to £50 – awarded £10 per each session attended. The amendment was seconded, a vote was undertaken and amendment to the proposal was approved. The Proper Officer restated the proposal as amended, the amended proposal was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the Revel Your Potential (Future Flex) Proposal be APPROVED.
REJECTED

PP 08 25/26 – Additional Budget – The Proper Officer delivered a verbal report outlining the May Council Meeting allocated an additional £1900 budget to both the People and Place committees for a project of the committees' choice. The Officer recommended that the budget be allocated towards an event recognizing South Asian Heritage Month. Councillors raised questions about how the money would be spent, and the officer suggested the project be developed in partnership with local organisations including QPBA and utilized to deliver core aspects of the agreed project. A amendment was put forward suggesting that £1500 be allocated to the proposed project. The amendment was seconded and a vote was undertaken. The Officer summarized the proposal which was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

RESOLVED THAT, the proposal be APPROVED

PP 09 25/26 – Chair's Report – A chair's report was not delivered.

and an approach was outlined that would see

PP 34 24/25 - Officers' Report – The Proper Officer brief verbal report outlining work undertaken to support the development and delivery of working group projects, recruit a Community Development Officer for Engagement, and maintain the Council's digital and print communication channels. The Report was seconded and a vote was undertaken.

Meeting ends: 19:35

<p>Minute Ref: PP 01-10 – 25/26</p> <p>Signed by..... Date..... Cllr: Orrel Lawrence (Chair) / Shamsa Hersi (Vice-Chair)</p>
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