

## Empowering Communities - Action Plan

RAG status	Missed target requires action	On target with minor issues	Completed action
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<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> The council uses the South Poplar and Isle of Dogs Community Development Panel as a potential model for engagement in other areas of the borough with a focus on facilitating place-based priorities for regeneration and local investment in the local area.</p>				
<p><b>Comments from Service:</b></p> <p>The South Poplar and Isle of Dogs Community Development Panel has a specific remit originating in the recommendations from the Isle of Dogs Opportunity Area Planning Framework. The panel is funded through a combination of the Local Infrastructure Fund and applicants paying a fee to take their schemes to the Panel. It has been active since April and there are some lessons already to be learnt from the experience which could help inform the delivery of further area Panels being rolled out. Worth noting however that the remit is currently fairly specific, linked to how it is funded.</p>				
Action	Owner(s)	Deadline	Comments	RAG
Evaluate lessons learned from the Community Development Panel and explore how lessons learned can contribute to the councils broader approach to (Place based?) engagement	Sripriya Sudhakar/ Jennifer Peters	May 2022	This step is required before rolling out lessons learned to other areas – fairly resource light and imagine it’s already being done. Also wondered if there’s something to benefit from any lessons learned feeding into the council’s border processes around engagement	
Explore possibility of extension of Community Development Panel to Lower Lea Valley sub-area in the first instance, followed by the City Fringe and Central	Sripriya Sudhakar/ Jennifer Peters	July 2022 – for	While the Panel is funded via LIF and developer fees. There is still considerable officer time	

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sub-areas		understanding the possibility for a CDP in Lower Lea Valley sub area.	needed to service the panel and ensure that it's input is valued and taken on board, thus this must be factored into any expansion/additional panels.	
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> The council strengthens the feedback loops (for regular dialogue with residents) into existing programme delivery including the Local Infrastructure Fund, the Capital Programme, regeneration schemes.</p>				
<p><b>Comments from Service:</b></p> <p>The Council undertakes an annual 6 week consultation on the Local Infrastructure Fund (LIF) to understand local priorities and allow nomination of individual projects. The consultation includes feedback on progress to date for all existing LIF programmes. There is intention to make this feedback available on a 6-monthly basis</p>				
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Establish mid-year LIF progress report and/or interactive GIS for publishing on the council's website	Matt Pullen/ Jennifer Peters	June 2022		
<p>Ensure Parks engage in dialogue with residents and give good feedback for both small and large capital projects.</p> <p>1. Sidney Square LIF funded scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform residents of the development plans;</li> <li>• invite residents to on site consultation;</li> <li>• feedback to residents; and</li> <li>• Implement this via notices and designs on park railings and leaflets through doors of people overlooking the park.</li> </ul>	Alice Bigelow / Judith St John	September 2022	<p>For Sidney Square the aim is to give feedback on what they've said in consultation and what we plan to do as a result.</p> <p>On KEMP The whole process is iterative feedback loop. The newsletters publicise on what's coming up, how residents can get involved and will also include a summary of what</p>	

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<p>2. King Edward Memorial Park (KEMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publicise information via door to door newsletter distribution advertising consultation and with feedback on consultation results and next steps.</li> </ul>		<p>September 2022</p>	<p>people's views and actions taken as a result.</p> <p>Collecting people's views include promoting opportunities via the newsletter, holding events designed for marginalised communities, inviting local schools and community organisations to participate</p>	
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**Recommendation 3:** The council surveys / engages residents to determine local COVID-19 recovery priorities, for example: regenerating local highstreets, active business to the area or advocating the use of parks and open spaces to promote community benefit of public health.

**Comments from Service:**

The Council has undertaken a range of engagement throughout the pandemic to understand residents priorities. This has informed our response and recovery plans and is articulated in our refreshed [Strategic Plan](#) for 21-24.

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Mid Pandemic Survey	Sharon Godman	June 2021	<a href="#">Survey</a> completed and informed council priorities	
Understanding Impact of Covid-19	Sharon Godman/ Denise Radley	Sept 2021	Updated <a href="#">understanding of impact of Covid-19</a> presented to Cabinet in Sept 2021	
Engagement with partners to refresh partnership priorities to respond to pandemic	Sharon Godman	June 2021	<a href="#">Partnership priorities</a> agreed by Cabinet in April 2021	

**Recommendation 4:** The council develops a geography-based partnership approach that brings collaboration from the council, public and

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private partners, VCS and others to pick up local priorities.

### Comments from Service:

The council supports a range of local partnership including the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, Planning Forums, NHS local forums and supports voluntary and community sector organisations to bring together agencies in localities. At this moment it is not proposed to develop further geography-based partnership structures as the current arrangements supports good engagement of local people and partners.

Action	Owner(s)	Deadline	Comments	RAG
Continue support partnership engagement forums/groups at different level across the borough	All Corporate Directors	On-going		
Establish a residents panel to engage residents on subject and geography-based issues and priorities	Sharon Godman	July 2022		