

Forest Gate Citizens' Assembly Saturday 9 March 2019



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Welcome!

- Welcome to the Forest Gate Citizens' Assembly
- Today is the 3rd and final assembly of this current cycle of community assemblies
- Please take a seat at one of the tables

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Housekeeping

- Fire Exits and amenities
- Refreshments
- Accessibility
- Photography

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Introduction

The purpose of today's assembly:

- To finalise the community plan by voting on projects
- To reflect on the whole community process so far
- To celebrate what's been achieved since September

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Schedule

11.05 Story of the Assemblies and Working Group so far

11.13 Deputy Mayor: Cllr Charlene McLean

11.15 Marketplace – visit the different stalls

11.45 Voting rounds – return to tables

12.15 Community Plan results & summary of budget allocation

12.25 Table discussion (& roving mic) on whole assemblies process

12.40 Next steps, working group & other local projects

12.45 Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz's speech & group photo

13.00 Lunch & Performance

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The story so far...

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The story so far



September Morning Assembly Priority Results

Round 4: Scales

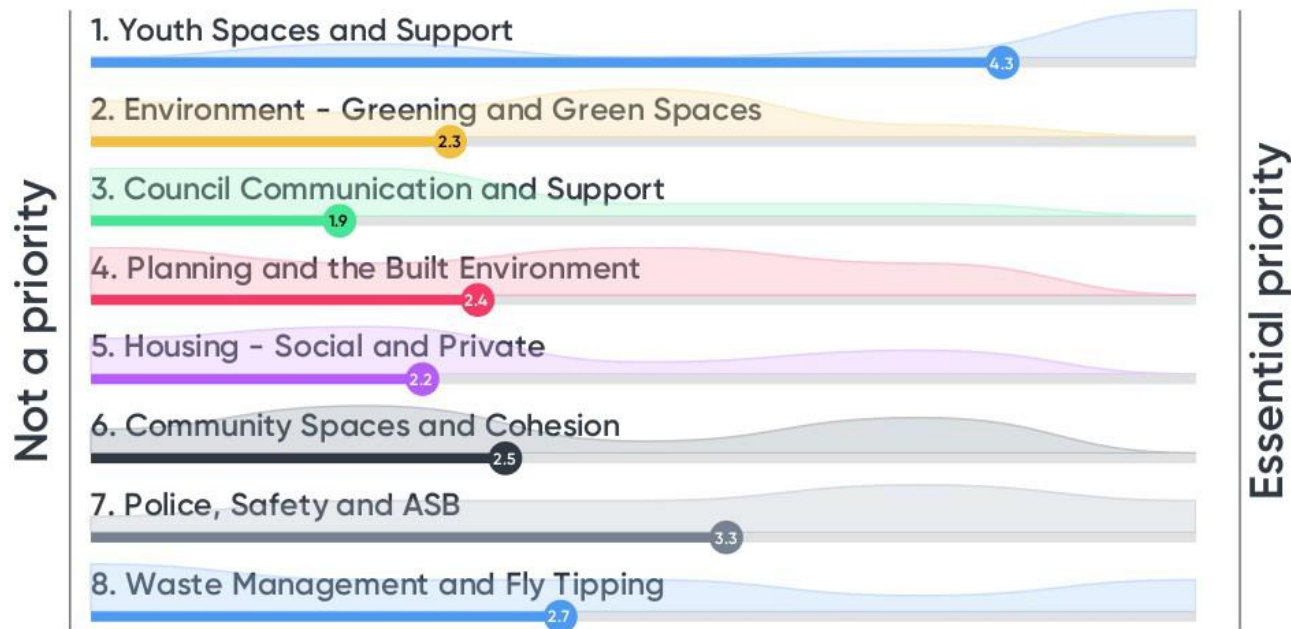
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September Evening Assembly Priority Results

Round 4: Scales

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Words from the Working Group

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Words from the Deputy Mayor:

Councillor Charlene McLean

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Marketplace

- Everyone has a Marketplace menu (with projects and costs)
- Visit the projects you are interested in voting for
- Ask questions
- 30 minutes to choose your favourite projects (ready for voting)
- There will be a voting round for each priority
- Refreshments if you want them
- After 30 minutes of Marketplace we return to tables for voting

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Voting Instructions

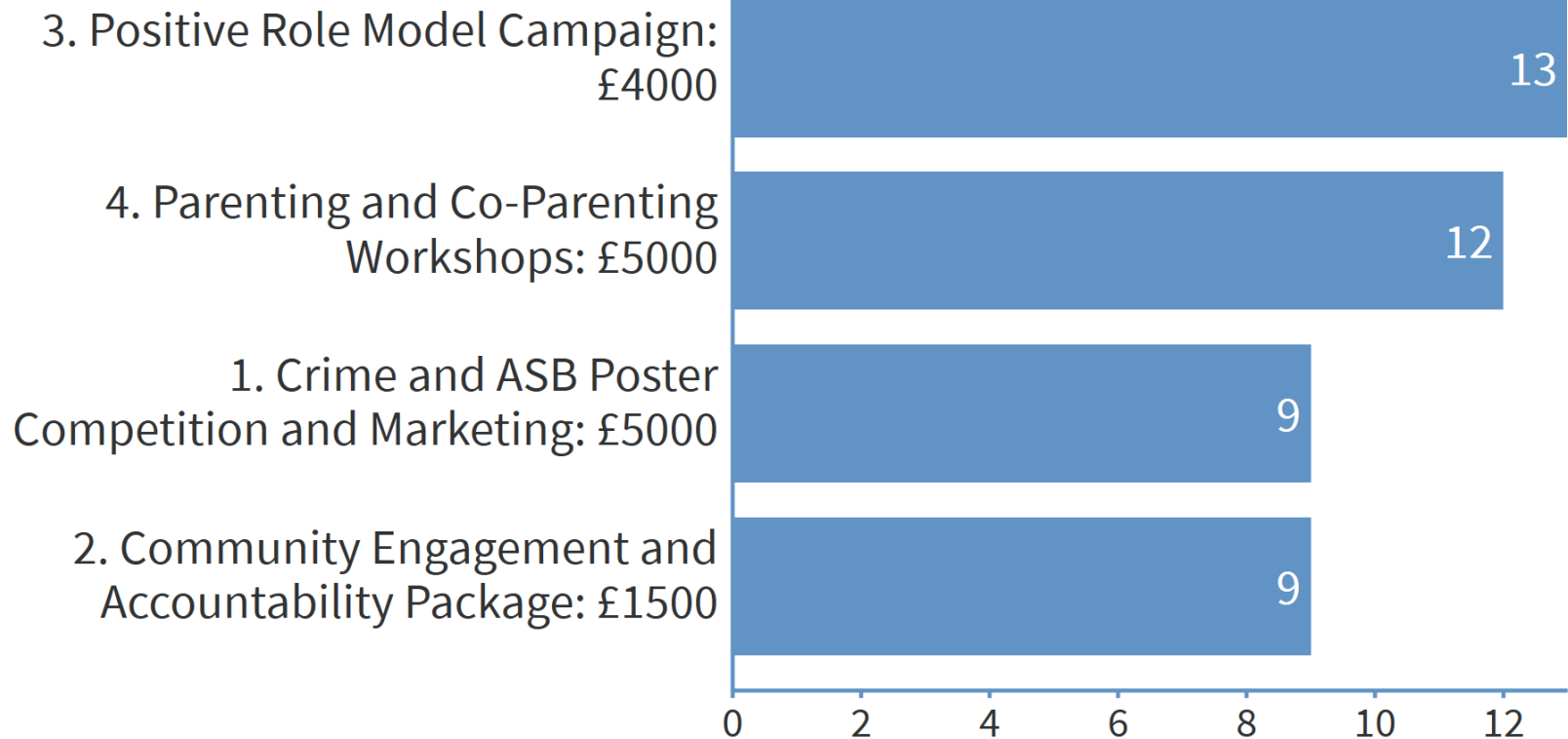
For each round:

- Choose your favourite project on the list
- Write the project number on the voting slip
- Place the voting slip in the ballot box
- Your table host will collect all the slips at the end of the round and enter them into the system to be counted
- The results will be displayed and the project cost will be deducted from the budget



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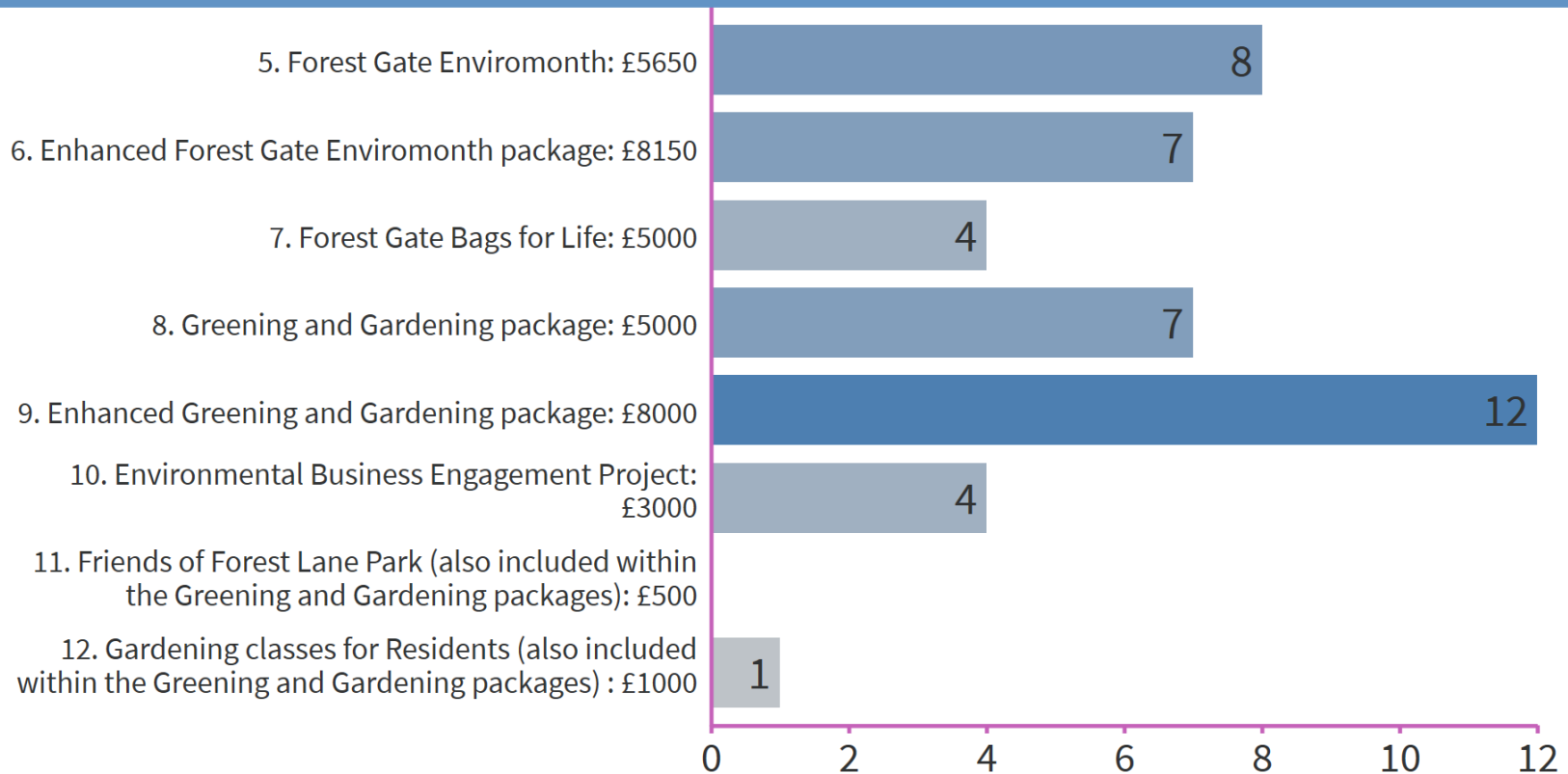
Round 1 - Vote for your favourite projects from the Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour priority



Total Results: 43

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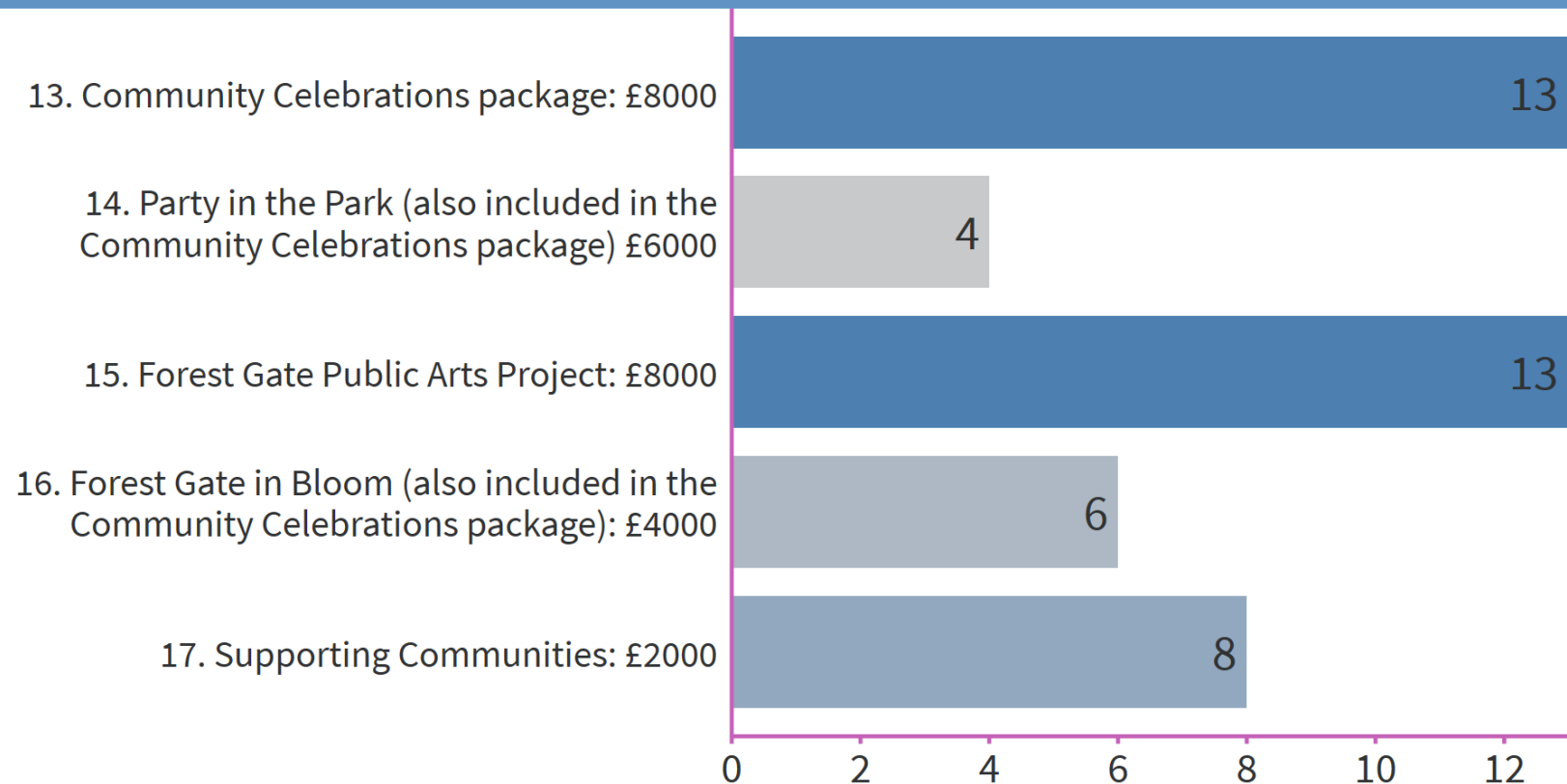
Round 2 - Vote for your favourite project from the Waste and Greening priority



Total Results: 43

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Round 3 - Vote for your favourite project from the Community Spaces and Cohesion priority



Total Results: 44

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Round 3 - Vote for your favourite project from the Community Spaces and draw

Cohesion priority

13. Community Celebrations package: £8000

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15. Forest Gate Public Arts Project: £8000

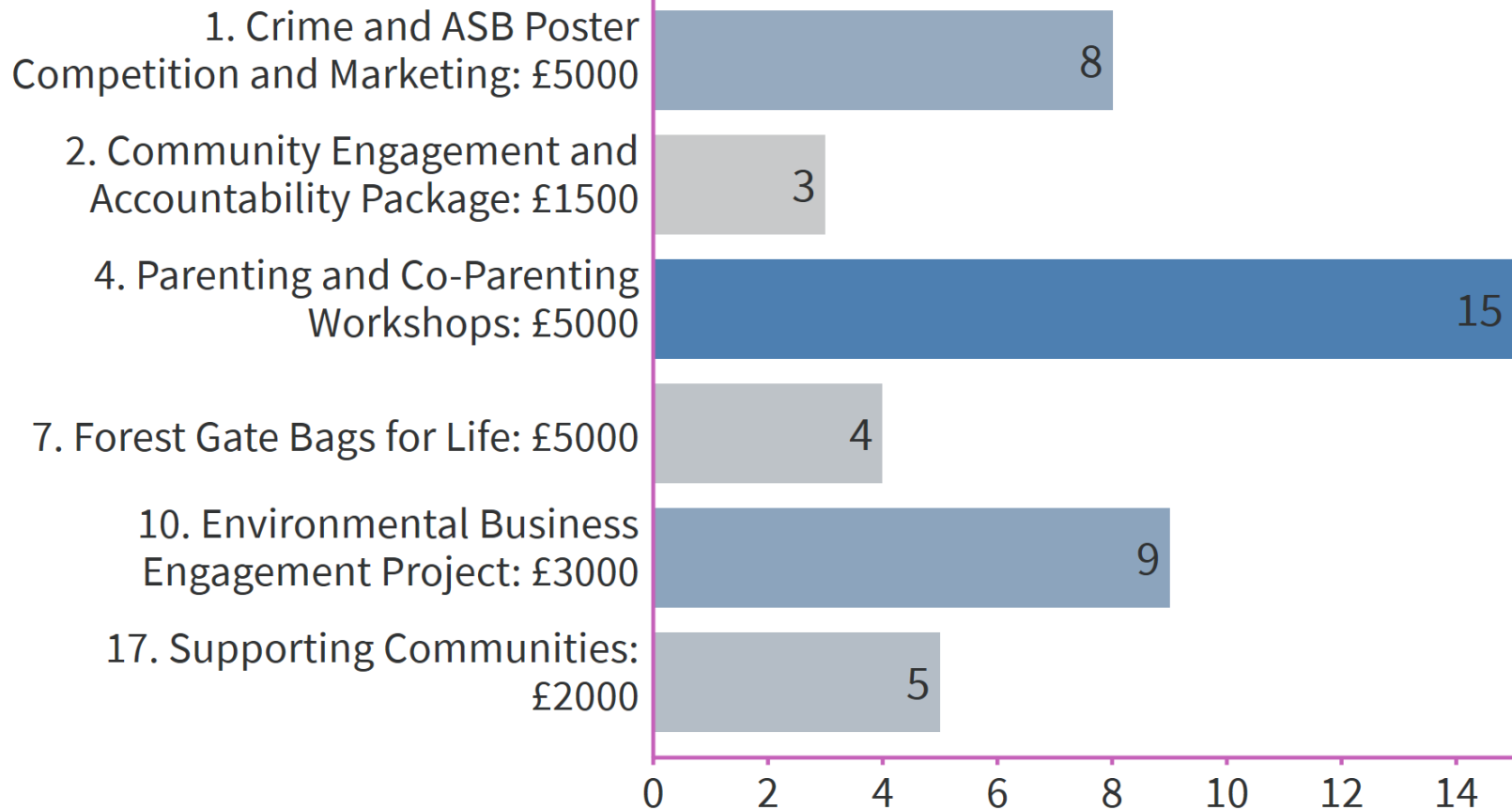
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Total Results: 44

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Round 4 - Vote for your favourite remaining projects



Total Results: 44

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Forest Gate Community Plan: budget allocation					
Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects	Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects
1. Crime and ASB Poster Competition and Marketing	£5,000		10. Environmental Business Engagement Project	£3,000	
2. Community Engagement and Accountability Package	£1,500		11. Friends of Forest Lane Park (also included elsewhere)	£500	
3. Positive Role Model Campaign	£4,000	£4,000	12. Gardening classes for Residents (also included elsewhere)	£1,000	
4. Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops	£5,000	£5,000	13. Community Celebrations package	£8,000	£8,000
5. Forest Gate Enviromonth	£5,650		14. Party in the Park (also included elsewhere)	£6,000	
6. Enhanced Forest Gate Enviromonth package	£8,150		15. Forest Gate Public Arts Project	£8,000	
7. Forest Gate Bags for Life	£5,000		16. Forest Gate in Bloom (also included elsewhere)	£4,000	
8. Greening and Gardening package	£5,000		17. Supporting Communities	£2,000	
9. Enhanced Greening and Gardening package	£8,000	£8,000			
				Total cost	£25,000
				Money left from £25k	£0

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What's been achieved so far?

- **This community plan** that we've just completed has been the result of over 6-7 months of collaborative effort between local people and the council.
- Since September 2018 a **new culture of participation** is gradually taking root
- By the end of March over **40 assembly events** will have taken place.
- They have demonstrated how local people can discuss and put forward proposals in a **harmonious and constructive** way
- Newham's Assemblies are also giving a voice to – **The Youth, The Deaf Community and Disabled People.**

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What's been achieved so far?

- **The People's Budget Forum** has seen the beginning of bringing local people into helping the council make budget decisions.
- The **Our Streets Transport and Parking** engagement brought the digital democracy platform (Polis) together with Forum events to work on complex issues in a civil and constructive way.
- The council is listening and with the help of residents we can get **better results together**
- So the next round is about **your feedback**. What do you think has been positive? What needs to be improved?

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Final Round – Feedback on whole process

Working group could deliver leaflets in their street
Wants to see more co-working with young adults to overcome stereotypes.
It would be good if we could get more residents involved
Possible pod casting
A weekend long opportunity to engage in public places , even a week, using window spaces in Libraries
The assemblies were really well publicised in the beginning, however the publicity was not that apparent for the last assemblies.
More online voting/comments Iceland and Swiss e bulletin
Talking to people who are difficult to engage via leafleting and via social media i.e. at train stations or approaching
Possible live stream on a voting
Polis - used in our streets assembly could include more people

More invitation friendly publicity needed, that people can share with neighbours
This is the start of the process and wants to know if the projects will be delivered
Making it more available and people can add it on
Enjoyed the experience
Services need to work as a team
More use of social media to promote assemblies
Should go into schools and consult to target young people
Need to look at including more people - wider community
Needs better representation of the community
Good to hold meeting in the daytime
Incentives £5 off your council tax to attend
Needs more PCs for young people to use in the library
Benefits are - getting to know about Forest Gates activities and events

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Final Round – Feedback on whole process

Instagram, schools, and why it is important to come
Saturdays are not good days to hold assemblies
Need to get people talking with neighbours more bring a neighbour to CA's
Could there be an ability to vote by post
What a wonderful host
Needs better communication advertising the assemblies
Good opportunity to voice your opinions
This is great but how do people who are physically unable to participate i.e. get here to this building get involved in the process
Very well organise
Working group needs to be more representative
Sharing of information from around the borough
It is positive to get more people more connected.
I have positive thinking and meet new people
Would like to be able to save my vote for another round if I didn't use it in any particular round

Often it is the usual people, need to attract people who often don't vote or engage
Having a clear and monitoring and evaluation process
Need more feedback from more people - continuous consultation - working group making decisions in isolation
Holding council accountable
Residents able to get their views across
We needed to know the budgets earlier
I would like the ability to abstain from the voting if I didn't like any of the options
Getting people to come using students, ipads on the streets, library entrances
Need more of a diverse audience to take part in this process
The council doesn't want to discuss ASB
Groups of the community are missing, i.e young adults. having young people in the community being involved in this process would be beneficial
This process shows a willingness for LBN to listen and is a good process

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Final Round – Feedback on whole process

Need better comms - missed manor Park one as could not find out info
Positive experience and a voice for the community
Clearly done and presented CA's, Frustrating due to lack of impact on the local and crime and ASB
% of diverse communities who have been engaged in CA's can we improve involvement
First assembly - positive - well organised, communication good
Good process for identifying over 60s activities. Forest Library
Positive process - starting to understand being part of community
Clear assessable information thank you
Forest Gate community came together to try and make a difference.
Only attended this meeting but found the process wen well
An idea of what is going on in our local community
Thank you ian for clear print on tables
Positive process

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Next steps, working groups

- The Community Plan will be signed off in April
- Next will come the implementation stage
- Any existing Working Group members are welcome to continue their work in monitoring the implementation of the Plan
- If any new volunteers wish to join the Working Group please leave your contact details on the feedback forms and we'll be in touch
- If you are interested in being involved in any of the projects chosen today please indicate this on your feedback form and we will get back to you

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Final words from Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz

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Conclusion

- **Feedback forms**
- Local Projects
- Councillor surgeries
- Contact details
- Group Photo
- Performance and Lunch

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Local Projects



Councillor Surgeries

Forest Gate North

Councillor Sasha DasGupta

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

The Gate Community
Neighbourhood Centre
2-6 Woodgrange Road
London
E7 0QH

Councillor Anamul Islam

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

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Councillor Rachel Tripp

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

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Forest Gate South

Councillor Mas Patel

Saturdays (except August and bank holiday weekends)*
10.30-11.30am

The Gate Community
Neighbourhood Centre
6-8 Woodgrange Road
London E7 0QH

Councillor Tahmina Rahman

Saturdays (except August and bank holiday weekends)*
10.30-11.30am

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Councillor Winston Vaughan

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10.30-11.30am

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Finally

Please complete your feedback forms: including newsletter, working group and project volunteer sign-ups

Group Photo: please join us

Lunch, Entertainment and Networking: please chat to each other, enjoy the food and have fun

Thank-you for your participation