**Local Community Partnerships Croydon Central West**

**14 December 2022 Notes**

Dear Croydon Central West Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people across Broad Green, Fairfield, Addiscombe West, Selhurst, Waddon & South Croydon. Special thanks to our wonderful host Mother Folake, Aunty Margaret, Lesley and the team at [ST ANDREWS CROYDON](https://www.standrewscroydon.org/).

Our partnership event was Chaired by Odette Battarel. For more information on our Co-Chairs see here: [New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon Central West (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydoncentralwest1159667-1159715).

Please find a record of our meeting below.

Apologies from The Mayor of Croydon Jason Perry and Waddon Counsellors Rowenna Davis and Ellily Ponnuthurai. 

**Croydon Council**In October Mayor Perry announced that the Council was decommissioning its flagship £2.6 million Community Fund. Through Croydon Voluntary Sector Alliance, we're asking the council a series of questions on the further £20 million spent on commissioning contracts with VCS organisations and requesting a 'Commissioning the Croydon VCS Summit'. Updates will be sent through CVA's newsletter, please sign up here: [Newsletters and Articles - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/news/)

**One Croydon Locality Operating Model**re-cap on The King's Fund 'Healthy Communities Together' programme, join up with borough wide strategies and the new commissioning model. Localities are likely to be awarded some funds in the first half of 2023, our priority setting and action groups will provide the recommendations for how this funding is best used.

**Community Hub in Croydon Central West**- St Andrew's was chosen as the first One Croydon Community Hub in this locality, plans are in early development. The ambition is to have many Community Hubs within each locality so whilst we're working with St Andrew's we agreed to make a start with the existing spaces that are ready to go: CVA's Resource Centre, Emmanuel Church, Our Space (Disability Croydon) and Libraries. CVA's Community Facilitator will make a start in the New Year. Contact [James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk).

**CW Locality webpages** Find info. on 'What's On', notes from previous events and your Community Plan: [Croydon Central West - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-central-west-local-c/). Let us know if you have content to share, [Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk).

[**Simply Connect Croydon - connecting you to your local community services**](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/activities?post_code=Croydon&page=1&limit=20&sort=)- brings together information on activities and services across Croydon that is accessible to the public, charities, Social Prescribers, health and social care professionals etc. There are currently 884 listings by 733 organisations. If you want to list your activities and/or services, free of charge, please[register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and once you have submitted your form, a volunteer will upload your information to the website. Contact [Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk).

**Croydon Central West LCP Community Plan ‘Action groups’:**   With so much information and so many ideas being captured in the locality’s Community Plan, see latest version attached:

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| **Action Group** | **Suggested Action Agreed from Community Plan** | **Who Volunteered to a Deeper Dive/ actions** | **By When** |
| **Cost of Living**  Residents are warm and have enough food to eat through inclusive support for all who are in need of basic essentials. This includes food, heating and hygiene products. | **Physical Hubs**- sustain existing community hubs (enable to stay open). Interconnection with key support on: Housing, Energy, Food/Essentials (see Food Bank Network link below\*).  Energy advice training needed and language translation.  **Crisis fund** administered at hubs  **Tel/email Helpline**- option from Council no. to divert to community support  **Central coordination** of items needed/offered (Croydon Mutual Aid FB) | Croham Hurst Good Neighbours  Sue Cardley  Croydon Commissioning  Chantelle McDonald  CVA Community Builder  Aracelly Idowu  Emmanual Church  Carol Trower  Healthwatch Croydon  Pat Knight  Cllr Ria Patel | Ongoing |
| **Community Showcase**  Increase knowledge of activities and support available    Increase partnership working | To plan and hold an event to promote the assets, (organisations, active citizens, groups, opportunities) of the locality, including wellbeing activities ‘live’ on the day aimed at Social/Health Workers and public.  Disabilities- Karen (CVA) to facilitate a meeting with shopping centre managers/security staff and Willows members | Alison Johnson  Co-Chair  Karen Chillman  CVA  Emmanuel Church  Carol Trower  Whitgift  Willows and Disability Croydon  Club Soda  Sabrina- ICN+ Network Facilitator | Thursday in March 2023 |
| **Community Champions**  Residents will feel safer, healthier and happier by having regularly ‘face-to-face’ contact with community-based ‘Champions’ who will connect people to health and well-being activities and support | Building on the work done by Mutual Aid groups during the Covid19 pandemic, extending existing community connection where, on a street-by-street basis, Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) workers and Active Citizens offer direct, door step support to fellow residents living in their neighbourhoods, connecting people, safely and sensitively into local support, establishing trust and strengthening compassionate communities. Tasks incl: Role Description, Safeguarding (recipients and Champions), training and coordination.   * Mapping existing events & activities- Mutual Aid & groups * Contact LSBU- courses for young people to engage in local area * Increase awareness/Health Centres/GPs/schools * Identify training needs, new/existing volunteers * Multi-cultural/multi-ligual Champions needed * Database for DBS approved Champions | CVA and Croydon Mutual Aid  Ben Taylor  Croydon Neighbourhood Watch  Jarmila Whiteley  Age UK Croydon  Barbara Strong  Be Strong Works  Lucy Njomo  AYDA  Brenda Klobo  AYDA  Kate Clarke  CNW  Angela Vangas  East Croydon Community Organisation | Ongoing |

 \* [Food Banks network - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/test-page/)

\*\*\*The success of these Deeper Dive **Action Groups** in achieving suggested initial Community Plan outcomes is dependent on the input and offers of support by members of the Local Community Partnership. If you have ideas, skills, knowledge, experience or expertise in any of the above areas and would like to join an Action Group, please contact the Group Leads above or Sarah Burns. We will be scheduling interim meetings of these groups and will share the details with all. Please attend any that you think you would like to contribute to deeper dive thinking and action. **\*\*\***

AOB: Faith group in Broad Green needs help storing donations, see email below and reply directly to Avril if you can help.

Many thanks to each of you for your valuable contributions, please spread the word on our Local Community Partnership events. The next event is on **Wednesday 29th  March 2023** at Emmanual Church, please book your place here [Book Here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-central-west-tickets-477402221897) 

With warm wishes- Odette, Alison, Andrew and Sarah

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