



# HEART OF PITSEA

## Big Local Plan

2021-2024

## 1 VISION

We are pleased to present our updated Big Local plan for the Heart of Pitsea area. This document sets out what we plan to do over the next two and a half years and outlines how we have used feedback from our community to shape our themes and objectives. The Heart of Pitsea Partnership is a volunteer-led group supported by specialist partners, which encourages and manages local community development using Big Local lottery funding. Since the beginning, Heart of Pitsea have identified community needs by surveys, polls, feedback, and research. In forming this new version of our plan, this collected information has proved to be crucial in forming our themes and ideas. Our vision is for an engaged community that creates opportunities for everyone and feels good about itself.

## 2 THEMES

We have continuously listened to local people and because of their feedback have identified two major broad themes which we would like to improve within our area: ‘Health, Wellbeing & Activities’ and ‘Safer & Cleaner Community’. ‘Heart of Pitsea Partnership’, though not technically a theme, is an additional strand of our project as it manages the identified themes and is included in our budget.

## 3 CHANGES

It is important that what we achieve has local impact. As a result of previous and forthcoming health and wellbeing projects and events, the changes we would hope to see are that residents become more active and live a healthier lifestyle which improves their mental and physical health. Our projects will also reduce isolation for our more vulnerable community members. Our in-house activities, including youth clubs, adult social club, walking group, quizzes, summer activities and Christmas events will bring the community together to socialise, have fun and build community spirit. We hope that the new Heart of Pitsea crime project will educate young people and parents, and steer young people away from anti-social behaviour and reduce the fear of crime within our area.

We will measure progress by using our unique online monitoring and evaluation tool, feedback from participants and continuing consultation with our community and partners. Our committee members have volunteered on this project for

many years and have gained confidence and skills which enables them to put this new plan into action. We also have the full support of BBW CVS, our locally trusted organisation. We attend local community meetings and support residents with their frustrations and personal priorities.

#### 4 OPPORTUNITIES

We have identified a range of projects and activities that we would like to either deliver or fund directly. These suggestions have come from independent research conducted by our youth forum, ideas generated by the HoP Partnership and local residents who responded to the recent Heart of Pitsea survey which was sent to all 3600 homes in our area.

Those we intend to progress over the course of our plan include: ‘Against Crime Together In Our Neighbourhood’ (ACTION) a project that will focus on education, workshops, drama productions and much more. The creation of a new Men’s Shed Inside project will provide positive activities for everyone. A new youth group, ‘Young Ambassadors for Climate Change’ will engage young people to help shape the future of our area by supporting us to rebrand our Incredible Edible plots with a more ecological focus. We also want to make our area a cleaner and better place for our residents. Projects already in motion – such as ‘Experiences & Extras’, ‘History Wall’ and ‘Skills For Life’ – will continue to create opportunities for members of our local community.

We will also have a full programme of social quizzes and community events. With these varied and much-needed major changes and opportunities in the Heart of Pitsea, we are confident that people will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

5 BUDGET – See attached document

6. Costed Vision – See attached document

7. Legacy Statement – See attached document

8. Resident Survey report 2021 – See attached document