



Big Local Plan - summary

We are delighted our new Plan has been approved by our funder, Local Trust.

The Plan has been approved for three years and includes all our exciting projects plus plans for local activities and events.

Our vision for the area for 2026 and beyond is:

“A thriving, safe, aspirational, prosperous community where people feel proud of where they live and belong and are confident to take up opportunities in the community. Leading to a friendlier place where people of all ages and backgrounds can get along.”

The Plan 2021-23

Themes

- People
- Economy
- Place

There are also cross-cutting Themes:

- Community engagement
- Resident engagement

Total programme = £695,757 over 3 years

The six large grants projects form the bulk of the programme. These are to be delivered over three years:

Accessible Dance for All £60,324
Art Therapy and Wellbeing in Primary Schools £29,850
Mottingham Youth Matters Forum £30,000
Mottingham Silks £24,718
StEP Community Projects Mottingham £150,000
Training and Mentoring for the Community £150,000

Here is a flavour of what each project plans to deliver over the three year period:

Art Therapy and Wellbeing in Primary Schools – Gerald Moore Gallery.

Working with 3 Primary Schools within the Big Local area to provide art therapy to pupils and to support teaching staff. 30 pupils to receive art therapy. 84 art therapy sessions. 6 events for teaching staff. Final exhibition on Health and Wellbeing.

StEP Community Projects Mottingham – StEP.

Delivering new projects including employment skills, driving skills and business skills online and face-to-face. Continuing existing projects and activities such as Community Brunch, Keeping in Touch and Youth Café. Forecast outputs over three years include: average attendance at Community Brunch 35 pw, Youth Café 14-20 young people. Driving skills Theory Test Support for 36 people. Food Health and Hygiene Levels 1 and 2 for 60 people. Employment skills for 108 people. One job supported; one new job created.

Accessible Dance for All – Magpie Dance.

Dance sessions focused on people with learning disabilities. Four-day Easter and summer schools to be held in Mottingham. Plus Days of Dance open to people of all abilities which include various styles of dance. Forecast: 130 participants each year.

Mottingham Youth Matters Forum – Bromley Children and Families Voluntary Sector Forum.

A new Youth Forum dedicated to Mottingham. Young people will gain skills and get involved in organising activities. The personal and professional development of a minimum of 12 youth volunteers. 3 annual summer activities and 3 annual winter activities designed by the Youth Forum. Training opportunities in IT and production of newsletters. One job created.

Mottingham Silks – Kinetika.

Workshops to produce silk hangings to be displayed in venues in the community. The designs will draw on stories from the area. Working with StEP. 75 sessions, 4 local artists trained. A minimum of 100 local participants. A photographic record.

Training and Mentoring for the Community – St. Edward’s PCC. Practical and online training in construction skills, to help people move into employment or business. The professional and business Mentors will work with trainees to explore how they can use qualifications gained in construction and horticulture to move into employment. 15-20 trainees each year with 10-15 Mentors involved overall. One new job created.

For progress on all these projects please see electronic newsletters published on our website at mottinghamblr.com. You can sign up to the newsletter on our home page.

Our projects and activities are targeted to benefit at least 75% of residents in the Big Local area.

In addition to the projects above there is an allocation of £30,000 over three years for events and organised trips. Some of this is allocated for the Christmas Lights.

There is an allocation of £22,000 over three years for Covid recovery work and reducing social isolation projects, e.g. domestic violence. This responds to concerns in the surveys around issues brought about by Covid-19.

How the Plan relates to responses to Community Surveys

The results of the community surveys from earlier this year have fed into the plan.

In the Resident Survey, the main projects people were interested in were projects for young people, social activities and events to bring people together, health and wellbeing activities and youth activities and projects. Engaging young people and ensuring they are involved in developing projects.

- The youth projects above are providing activities for young people in the area. The Youth Forum design their own activities.
- Mottingham Silks will offer cultural activities for people in the area and a tangible legacy in the form of a photographic record.
- StEP provide community activities and events, including youth cafe.
- There is an allocation in the Plan for events and organised trips.

A need for mental health and counselling support was also expressed in responses to this survey.

- The Art Therapy and Wellbeing in Primary Schools project is supporting children with their emotional wellbeing. This also offers wellbeing sessions for teachers.
- A counselling service is provided by StEP.

At the Community Drop-In people said there was a skills and qualifications shortage. This also came up in the Stakeholder survey. Development of skills and confidence was seen as important.

- The Training and Mentoring in the Community project offers training and mentoring opportunities along with employment skills.

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- StEP will soon be offering driving skills courses, employment skills and business skills training.

Co-ordinating activity, building partnerships and increasing engagement with the community is another element of the Plan. A new Co-ordinator is to be employed to deliver this element. Expanding the capacity of the Partnership with more resident Board members is also necessary to help deliver this programme of work.

Our smaller projects are also providing adult training, such as the Training Courses for Volunteers project by Mottingham Community Champions. Education programmes was highlighted in responses. The Learning Consultations project featured on the front page was recently completed.

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