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People Powered Beckton & Royal Docks: Our Ideas

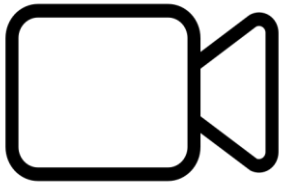
Tuesday 1 July 2025

Agenda

Time	Agenda
6.00 - 6.15pm	Welcome, housekeeping and why we are here
6.15 - 6.30pm	Introducing Councillors, Corporate Leadership Team and Working Group Members
6.30 - 6.50pm	Discussing local priorities
6.50 - 7.00pm	Activity One: Choosing your local priorities
7.00 - 7.15pm	Activity Two: Announcing your local priorities
7.15 - 7.55pm	Activity Three: Discussing project ideas
7.55 - 8.00pm	Next steps

Housekeeping and Guidelines

This is a hybrid meeting – attendees joining online and in person



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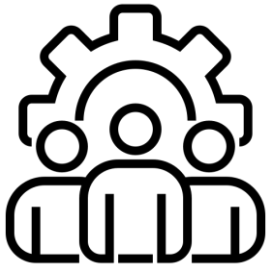

Room team, facilitators and experts

- **Listen to each other**
- **Be respectful**
- **You don’t have to agree**
- **Share what comes to mind**
- **Enjoy being part of shaping your Community Neighbourhood**

What is People Powered Places?

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It is Newham Council's **participatory budgeting** programme, and is one of the largest programmes in the UK

We have £1.6 million of funding to give to residents and Voluntary Community and Faith Sector organisations

Money comes from developers, called Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy – NCIL

Beckton & Royal Docks and Custom House & Canning Town receive an additional £80,000 from the Royal Docks Team

We have been running since 2018, and have funded over 300 projects

In the 2023/25 cycle, 114 projects were completed which reached over 54,284 engagements

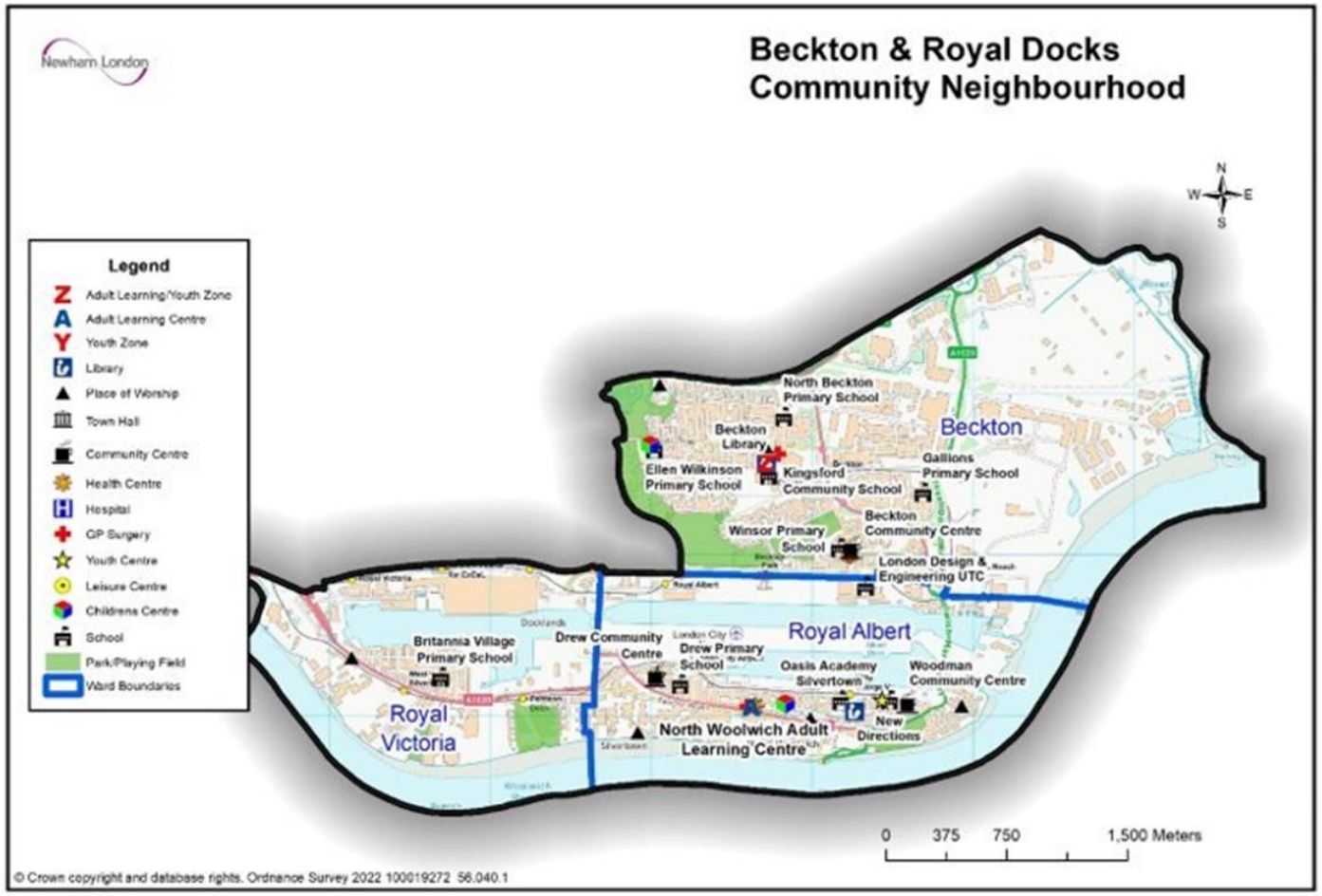
How does it work?

Each of the eight neighbourhoods in Newham are allocated around £200,000.

Residents choose local priorities to shape the types of projects which can receive funding.

Residents decide how funding is spent through voting for projects.

Anyone who lives, works or learns in the Community Neighbourhood can take part.



2025-27 cycle

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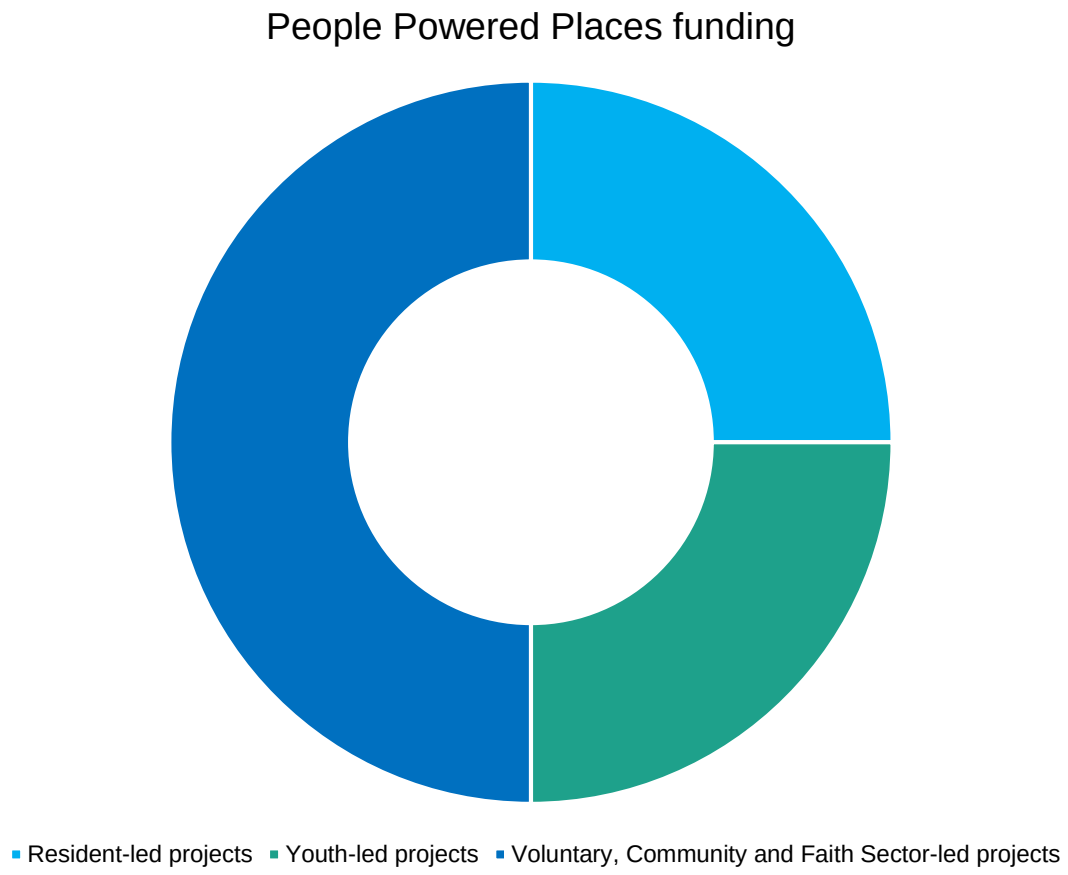
Changes to People Powered Places

We have ring-fenced funding:

- 25% resident-led projects - £5,000 per project
- 25% youth-led projects - £10,000 per project
- 50% VCFS-led projects - £20,000 per project

Youth-led projects need to be delivered with an organisation, such as a school, youth-zone, youth club or other group



Changes to People Powered Places

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Launching an Alumni Network

Creating a Youth Advisory Board

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Limiting project leads to receiving funding a maximum of three times.

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Local Councillors

Our Councillors

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BECKTON

Councillor Tonii Wilson

Councillor Blossom Young

Councillor Rohima Rahman

ROYAL ALBERT

Councillor Ann Easter

Councillor Anthony McAlmont

ROYAL VICTORIA

Councillor Caroline Adaja

Councillor Steve Brayshaw

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Corporate Leadership Member

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Chris Palmer
Assistant Director of Communications

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Royal Docks Team

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The Royal Docks Team are supporting the regeneration of the local area, working with partners to – support new jobs, homes, new public spaces and parks, as well as exciting cultural & community events.

The team are committed to working with diverse communities to ensure they play a role in shaping the future of the area.

They will be providing an additional £80,000 for Beckton and Royal Docks and Custom House and Canning Town projects.

Working Group

Beckton & Royal Docks Working Group

- Fatoumata Barry
- Halima Hamid
- Rachael Osei-Temeng
- Maria Romanova
- Daiva Morkunaite
- Nandita Saha
- Patience Okoukoni
- Emma Gritt
- Guy Pierre Command
- Keir Adeleke
- Nassim Onsori
- Abiola Awe-Adesanya
- Aleksandra Kutas
- Amin Islam
- Salomey Takyiwah-Sestini

Youth Advisory Board - Zahiraha

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Beckton & Royal Docks Priorities

Newham's Priorities

Newham's strategy for 2022-2026 is to **build a fairer Newham.** This strategy is summarised in a document called the Corporate Plan.

Building a Fairer Newham has eight priorities that the Council focuses on:

1- A healthier Newham and ageing well
2- Newham's inclusive economy to support you in these hard times
3- Your neighbourhood
4- Safer Newham
5- Homes for our residents
6- Supporting our young people
7- People Powered Newham and widening participation
8- A campaigning Council

Priority themes

Based on the 8 priorities from Building a Fairer Newham, 6 themes have been identified to decide on your local priorities.

Health and wellbeing People in Newham have poorer health outcomes than the population overall. This theme includes improving health and social care, tackling health inequalities and responding to the cost of living crisis. It also includes topics like life expectancy, loneliness and isolation, ageing well and mental health.

Inclusive Economy Newham's employment rate is lower than that of the UK. This theme includes inclusive economic growth, improving quality of life for all, supporting local businesses and creating accessible learning opportunities and job opportunities. It also includes topics like financial wellbeing and food security.

Environment & public spaces Air pollution in Newham is worse than anywhere else in London. This theme includes making neighbourhoods quieter, safer and cleaner and responding to the climate emergency. It also includes improved public spaces, including parks, community gardens and green spaces ; and cleaner environment, including reducing fly-tipping and air pollution.

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Youth empowerment Newham has the second youngest age profile of any borough in London – over nine in ten aged under 65. This theme includes enabling all children and young people to reach their potential, be safe, happy and healthy regardless of their background. It also includes youth safety, activities for children and young people, play, school readiness and high quality childcare.

Community development & participation Around a quarter of residents agree that they can influence decisions in their local area. This theme includes increasing people's involvement and sense of belonging to their local community, improving the sense of getting on well together, being satisfied with the area and increasing participation. It also includes topics like volunteering, culture, interfaith and intercultural dialogue.

Beckton & Royal Docks Priorities

Since 3 June, 225 neighbours have chosen local priorities online and in-person.

Now you have a chance to discuss the priorities with your neighbours. If you haven't already, can choose the priorities which will be added to what has already been selected.

Local priorities will shape the types of projects that receive funding to meet the community's needs and goals.

Priority themes – 15 minutes

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Choose your priorities

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Beckton & Royal Docks' local priorities are…

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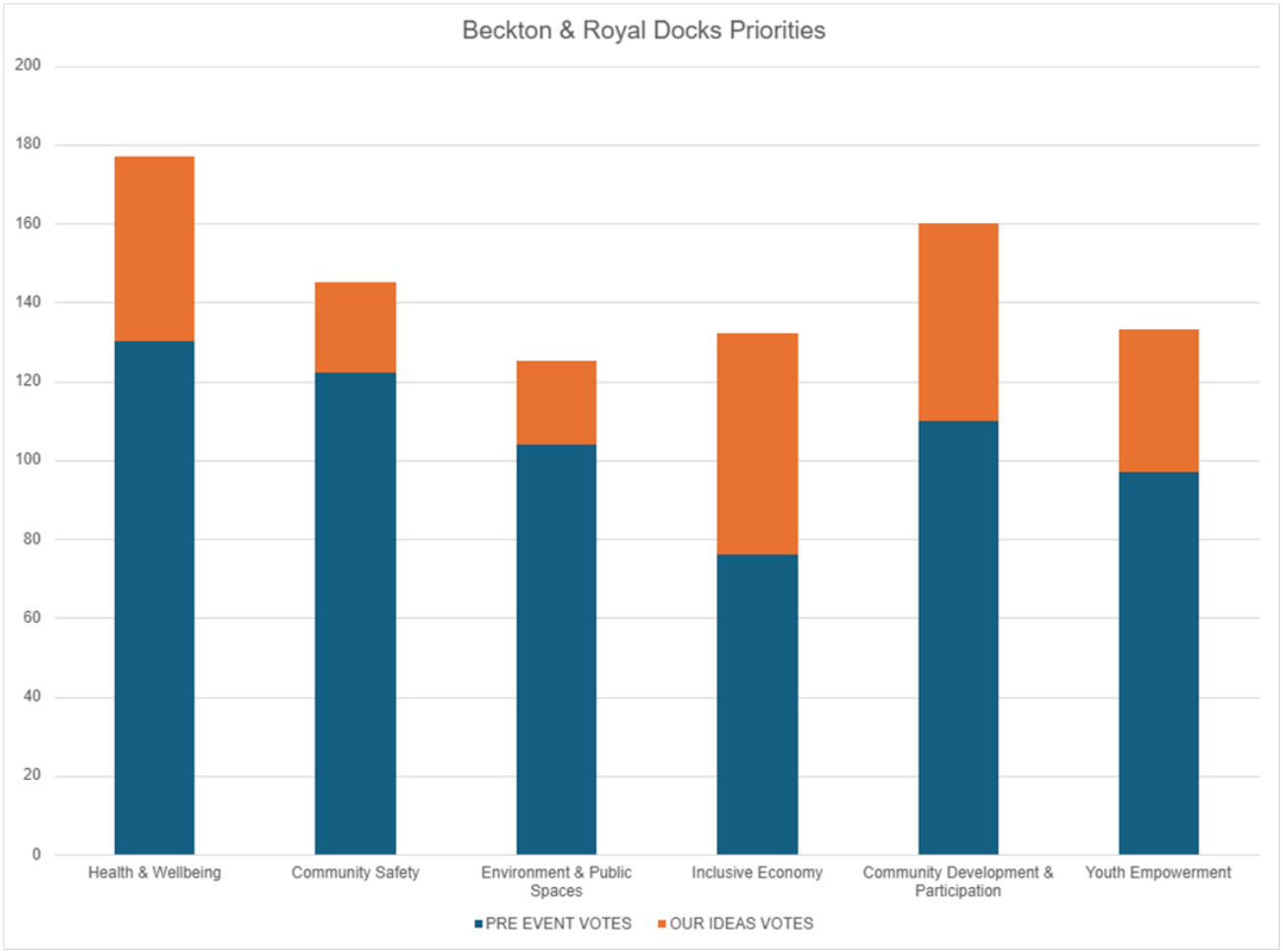

Health and Wellbeing

Community development & participation

Community safety

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Our Ideas

Let’s choose the priority your table will focus on

What is your project idea?

Go round the table

1. Share any project ideas you may have. You don't need to have a project idea to be part of this conversation.
2. As a group, decide which one or two ideas to focus on.
3. Experts and neighbours to provide feedback to help develop your idea.

Prompts

- **Is this idea addressing the priority?**
- **How do you know this is needed locally?**
- **What benefits could it bring locally?**
- **Has this been done before?**
- **How much funding do you think is required?**
- **Can this idea be delivered in one year?**
- **Is this idea short term or long term?**
- **Does this idea have a big impact or small impact?**
- **Does this idea sound realistic?**

What are your project ideas?

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Next steps

Councillor Charlene McLean
Cabinet Member for Resident Engagement & Resident Experience

Apply for funding

- Applications will open on Friday 18 July and close on Sunday 14 September
- We will be accepting applications via Plinth, video, audio or word document
- We will be running online support clinics in July
- Your Community Neighbourhood Teams will provide personalised support.

Why should you apply for funding?

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Access seed funding

Gain community buy-in

Develop your knowledge & skills

Grow your network

Join an online support clinic

VCFS-led projects	Resident-led projects	Youth-led projects
• Tuesday 22 July 5-7pm	• Thursday 24 July 5 - 7pm	• Wednesday 30 July 5 - 7pm

Event feedback

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Don’t forget to give feedback before you leave, scan QR code to fill in the form

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