

Wandsworth Voluntary & Community Sector Event

Wednesday 21st February
9.30am- 2pm



Welcome

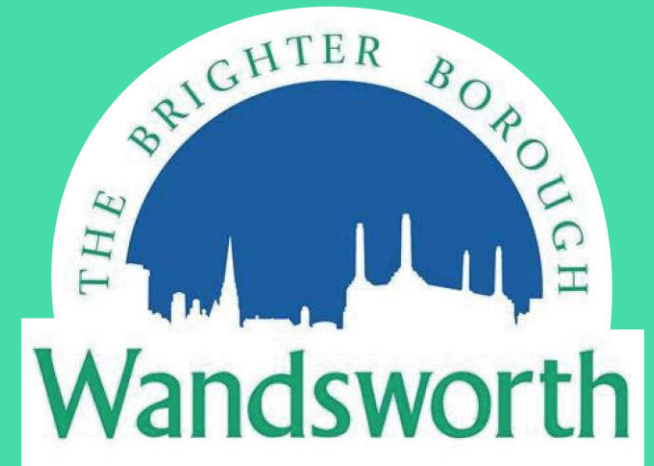
Leader of Wandsworth Council
Cllr Simon Hogg



Scene Setting

**Deputy Leader of Wandsworth Council
Cabinet Lead for the Voluntary and
Community sector**

Cllr Kemi Akinola



Agenda for today

10:30am - Workshop 1 – Vision & Values

11:00am - Coffee Break

11.15am - Update from the Council

11.25am - Workshop 2 – VCS Strategy

12:10pm - Workshop 3 – Delivering the Strategy

12:55pm - Close and Next Steps

1:00pm - Lunch and Networking



Guest speaker

**Director of Partnerships and Place
London Funders**

Helen Mathie





People, Partnerships & Place

• FEBRUARY 2024



Who are London Funders?



London Funders is the only cross-sector membership network for funders and investors in London's civil society.

- We're the place where public, private and independent funders come together to connect and collaborate.
- Our purpose is to bring funders together to build a better London by taking action on what matters to our city and our communities.

Why 'place'?

“Place-based work is social change that arises from and is defined by the relationship between an uncontested geography and the contested experiences and understanding that different stakeholders have in that geography”.

Ref: What's next for place based funding in London? Renaisi & London Funders 2021

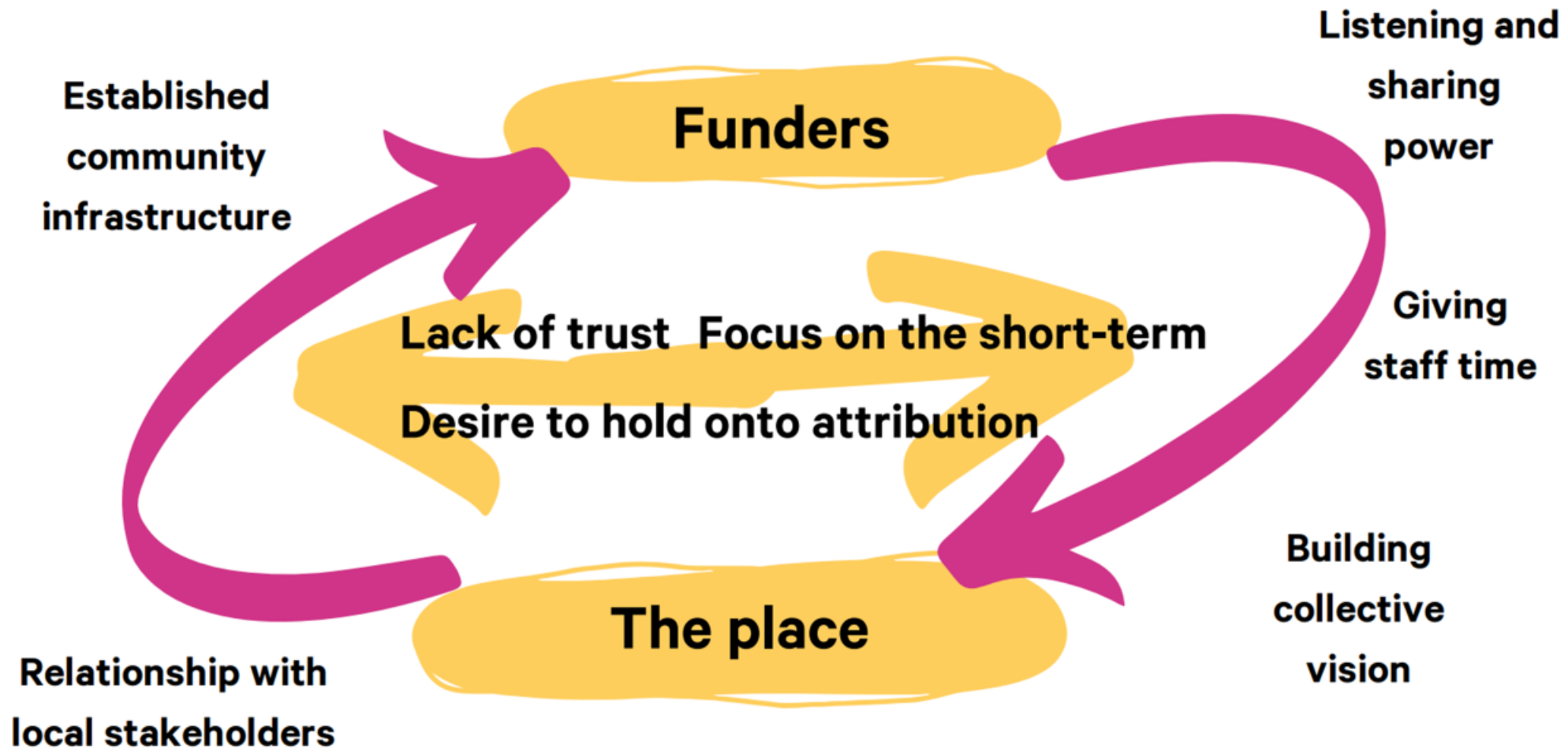


Place based work: common strengths

1. Place resonates with those who live or work there which helps build a clear and understandable long-term vision
2. Encourages consideration of people who are in the place but not in the decision making or delivery room
3. Breaks down service silos, bureaucracies and organisational distinctions by posing different questions about social change to those that are normally asked
4. Brings focus on sustaining relationships that engender long-term resilience, support and potentially systems change

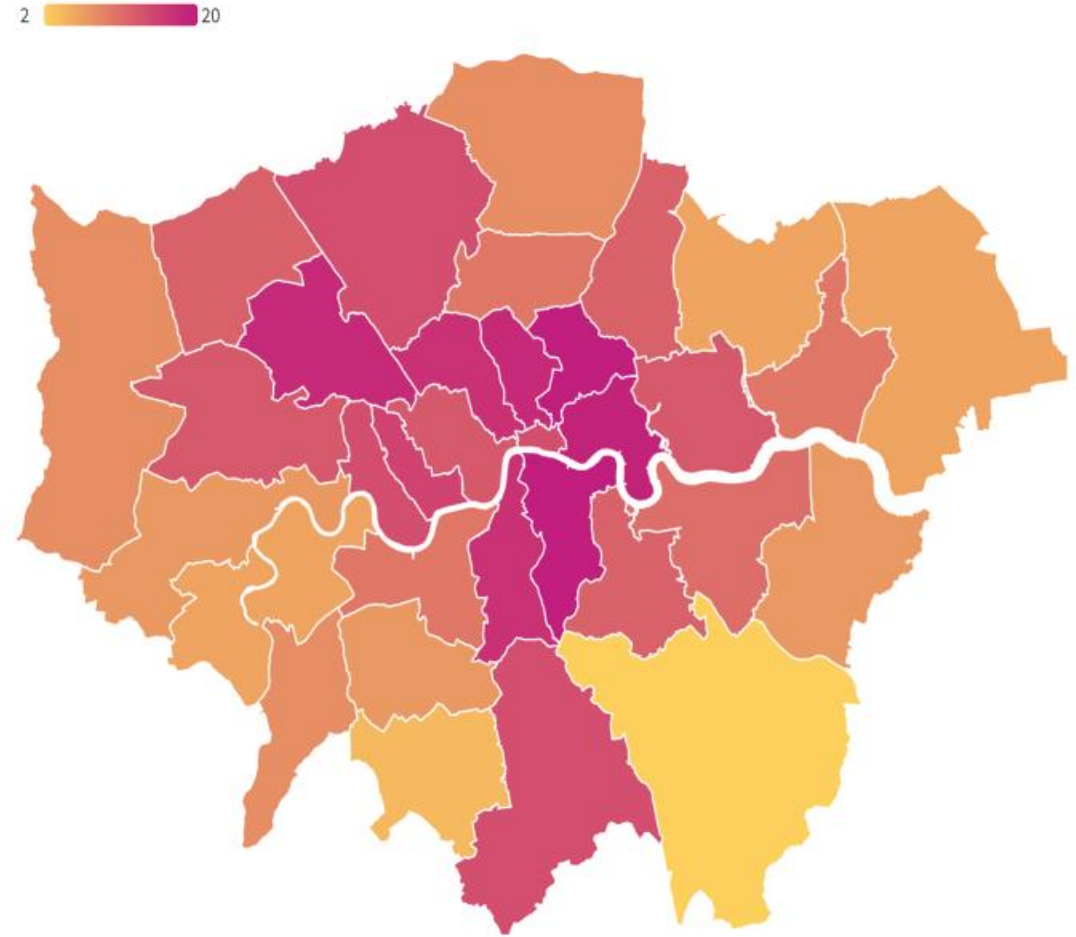
How might these show up in the work being done in Wandsworth?

Funding in place: drivers & obstacles



The role of funding in creating thriving places

- 44% of our members stated they funded/supported ‘all London Boroughs’
- 54% respondents in 2023 said they funded in Wandsworth
- The heatmap shows that the ‘coldest’ spots of members funding (less than 10% of survey respondents) are mainly in the outer London boroughs.

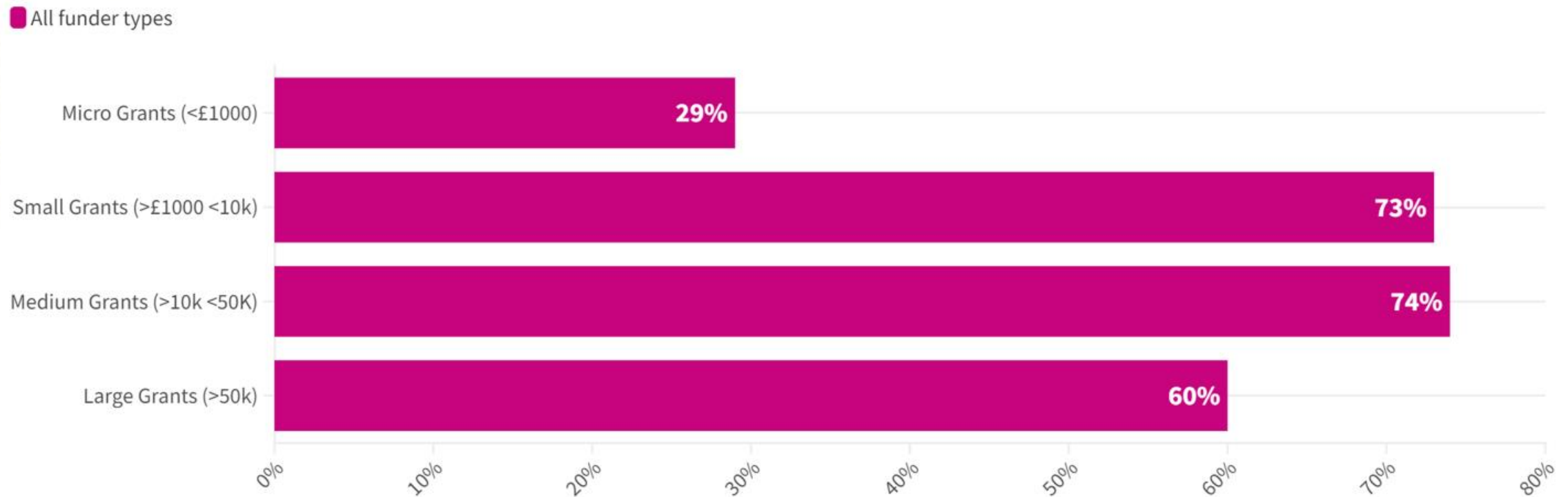


Source: 2023 member audit

The role of funding in creating thriving places

We estimate at least **£704m** was given out last year by our members in London.

Graph: size of grant distributed by funders in London

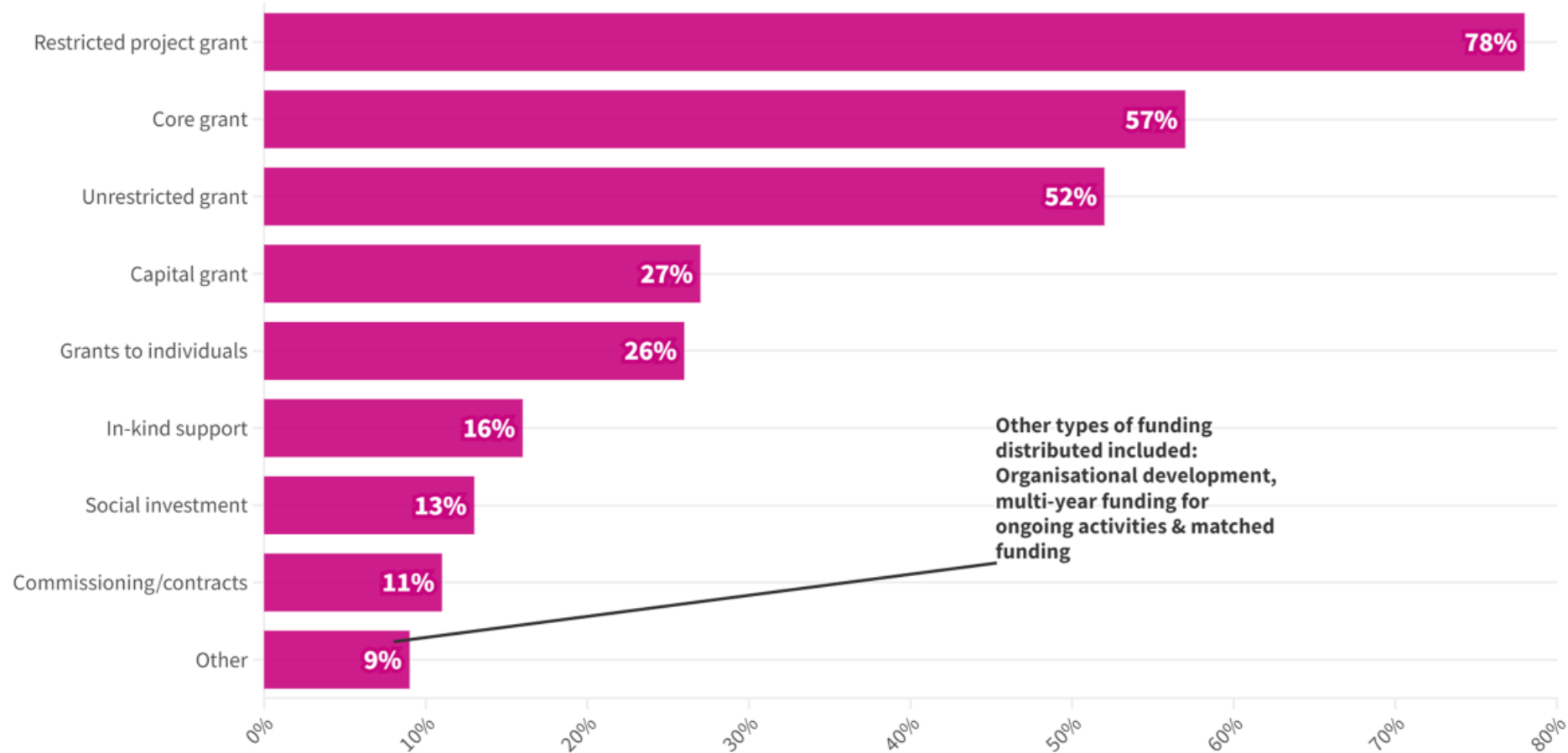


The role of funding in creating thriving places



What type(s) of funding have you distributed in the past financial year?


13 of 32



Shifts across the funding sector



- **Greater collaboration:** 83% say they collaborate with other funders
- **Equity:** 76% taking steps to embed equity in their grant making
- **Climate justice:** 48% taking steps to embed this in their work
- **'Open and Trusting'** grant-makers
- **Balancing systemic change with crisis driven funding**

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1. Don't waste time.
 2. Ask relevant questions.
 3. Accept risk.
 4. Act with urgency.
 5. Be open.
 6. Enable flexibility.
 7. Communicate with purpose.
 8. Be proportionate.

A few final considerations...

- Funding in the borough's VCS context: support across the eco-system
- The value of social infrastructure
- Collaboration: both funder collaboration and funding collaboration within the VCS
- Using data and insights to shape future funding

Reports on Place:

<https://londonfunders.org.uk/learning>





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Building a better London

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Voluntary and Community Sector **Needs Analysis** carried out by **Rocket Science**
February – July 2023

5 key themes – Funding and Resources , Leadership and Advocacy,
Volunteering, Partnerships and Collaboration and Organisational Development

3 things now –
Re-engagement event, co-develop vision and Voluntary & Community Sector strategy

What we've done so far & On-going –
VCS team engagement & support, VCS Newsletter, Partnership working group

Next phase =
VCS Strategy - Council wide
Consultations and Focus groups

And, if you were only to do three things now?

- Report back and re-engage the sector in order to develop a shared understanding of the findings and co-design a partnership response to the Needs Analysis*
- Commit to the co-production of a VCS / Civil Society Strategy for Wandsworth which sets out the vision and shared commitments of all partners*
- Co-develop the specification of a new VCS support service for Wandsworth which largely builds on the existing assets, infrastructure and support needs identified in this Analysis*

Rocket Science Wandsworth VCS Needs Analysis Report





Workshop 1 –

What is our collective vision for
the Wandsworth Voluntary and
Community Sector?

Example words and strategies on tables

Vision statements to be put around the room

Update Wandsworth Council: Strengthening **partnership and engagement**

Assistant Chief Executive

Jon Evans







Key achievements

£1,511,907

money given to voluntary sector to support local people.



1,607 people completed the 'EntitledTo' calculator during 2023.



£891,662

additional benefits identified that people could claim.



67 community spaces in operation.

15 energy audits now been completed for Wandsworth businesses and community organisations



1,989 new Freegle Members.
4,400 individual items swapped.



1923 warm packs distributed which could save on average **£200** per household.



67 extra young people benefiting from Free Schools Meals, worth **£84,000** to local schools.

4871 visits at funded Wandsworth library community spaces.

Libraries open for **160** extra hours per month.



143 applications for ULEZ Scrappage Scheme **99** payments of £1000 made.

123 vehicles have so far been scrapped.



308 visits to the Wandsworth Youth Bus.





Wandsworth Citizens' Assembly

AIR QUALITY



THE BRIGHTER BOROUGH
Wandsworth





Battersea Park

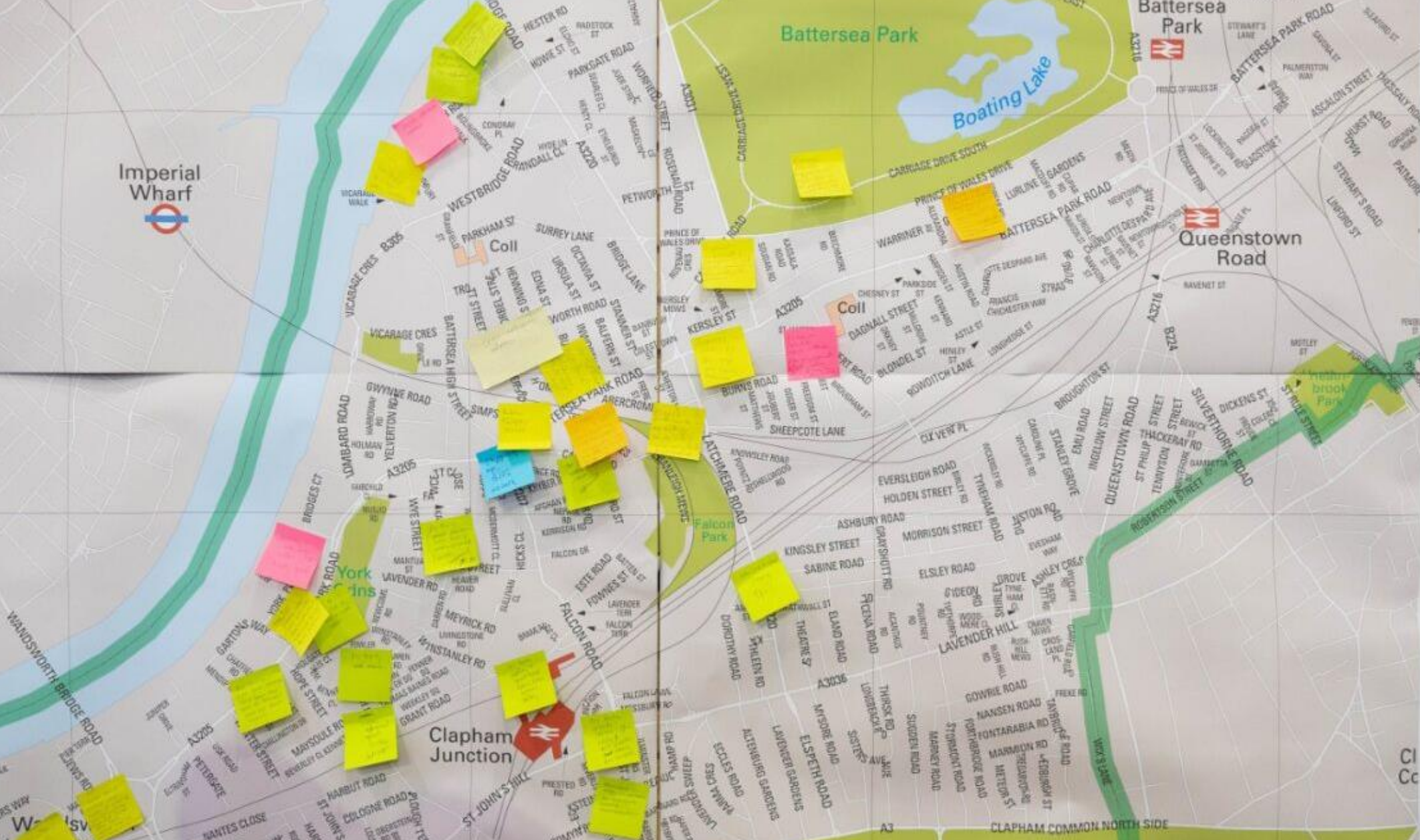
Boating Lake

Battersea Power Station (disused)

Battersea Park

Queenstown Road

Clapham Junction



Key recommendation - *Develop a Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy*

Workshop 2 – STRATEGY

With the 5 themes and key outcomes from the needs analysis report, how do tables see these being achieved? Anything missing?

Voluntary Sector and Council commitments?

Examples on tables





Workshop 3 – Delivering the Strategy

*Printed on tables - feedback from the Needs Analysis
report on practical support needed*

Which actions are most important to organisations
right now?

How do organisations see these priority actions
being delivered?



Next steps, thank you and close

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