User & Providers Vision for the Future of Broadwater Farm Community Centre – September 2024

This document sets out the user and providers' group (UPG's) initial thinking about the values which need to shape their work, and the beginning of a vision for change for the Community Centre's future.

Values

The UPG would like members to:

- **Work in an inclusive way**, giving everyone an opportunity to speak, making it safe to share opinions and listening carefully when not speaking
- **Show commitment and accountability,** turn up to meetings and get to know the other members of the UPG, get engaged in the discussions and take responsibility for being involved
- **Be optimistic,** be open to change and willing to be ambitious
- **Work together with the Council in a good spirit,** create a shared vision, have information from the Council about what is or isn't possible and what is planned, create together a scope or brief for the Community Centre's future development
- **Be open with others about the group's work**, to reach different audiences, to share positivity, to be transparent. The group is keen that its work is informed by key engagement events with the wider community, so that whatever is progressed reflects the views of a wide range of stakeholders and local residents, much greater in number than the UPG members
- **Follow good practice**, for example working to a published Terms of Reference, and informed by national models of practice.

Mission

Building on the strengths and legacy of the Community Centre, the UPG and Council will collaborate to bring about a space that can offer a wider range of leisure and cultural activities than at present, is inviting to users, is joined up to the surrounding open spaces and facilities, and that generates pride.

Ambitions

The ambitions for the Community Centre space are that it is:

- Adaptable for different activities
- Is connected with different communities, spaces and buildings – a building that sits within a wider environment
- Seen as having something for everyone
- A centre of community leadership, insight and experience
- Inviting and welcoming to enter and use
- Accessible
- Safe
- Progressed and developed in a way that embraces key elements of sustainability, whether social, economic or environmental
- Affordable – both to use, and to financially sustainable