

WALSALL SOUTH AREA PANEL

Area Manager's Report

Updated Friday 3rd July 2015

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report seeks to inform Elected Members for the Walsall South Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the local area. The information in this report was correct at the time of writing, Friday 3rd July 2015.
- 1.2 Walsall Council strategic priorities are:
- Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities
 - Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people
 - Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work
 - Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people
- 1.3 Walsall South Area Partnership has a number of key priorities which have been identified through work with Ward Councillors, partner agencies, Walsall Intelligence Network and the local community:
- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Creating cleaner and tidier neighbourhoods
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - Remove the impact of sex workers and drug dealers
 - Improving educational achievement
 - Improving job prospects and employability
 - Improving roads maintenance and traffic flow
- 1.4 Walsall South Ward Councillors: Cllr Anson, Cllr Arif, Cllr Ditta, Cllr Hussain, Cllr Nazir, Cllr Nawaz, Cllr Washbrook, Cllr Martin, Cllr Russell, Cllr Sarohi, Cllr Sohal, Cllr Whyte
- 1.5 Walsall South Partners: Community Safety, Walsall Youth Support Services, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Probation Service, Walsall Intelligence Network, Environmental Health, Reassurance Team, Walsall South Area Partnership, Public Health, NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Walsall Town Centre Management Team, Engineering and Transport, Clean & Green Services,

Caldmoreaccord Housing Association, Walsall Housing Group (whg), Watmos Community Homes, Walsall Voluntary Action, West Midlands Fire Service, Social Care and Inclusion, Birchills Children's Centre, Chuckery & Paddock Children's Centre, Sure Start Palfrey Children's Centre, Sure Start Alumwell Pleck Children's Centre, Area Family Support Team, Trading Standards, Community Development, Park Hall Community Association, Palfrey Community Association, Joseph Leckie Community Association, Caldmore Traders Association, Caldmore Village Festival Group, Chuckery Festival Group, Caldmore Community Garden, Bath Street Centre – Befriending Service, Walsall Black Sisters Collective, Aaiana Community Hub, Time4Real project, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Clean & Green Services, Sports & Leisure Services, Jobcentre Plus, Citizen Advice Bureau, Welfare Rights, Walsall College, Libraries, Walsall South Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Walsall South Friends of the Parks Groups, Walsall Community Chaplaincy Service, First Base, Addaction, Lantern House, Hi's N Lows, The Glebe Centre, Victim Support, Walsall South Schools, Walsall Adult Community College (WACC).

A list of groups that I have visited since the beginning of March can be found in **Appendix 1**. I have also set up an email distribution list which currently has around 180 contacts that I regularly send information relating to Walsall South, which so far has been well received.

Also attached in **Appendix 2** is the community engagement document that will be used with the consultation around Community Hubs/Networks. This document contains abridged information from the Walsall South Profile 2015 document, along with a number of questions to ask the community their views on what is needed in their locality.

2. Safer Walsall: Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

- 2.1 CCTV for Walsall South - Area Manager working with Surveillance Unit, currently have a camera deployed in Spout Lane due to ASB concerns including street drinking and fly tipping. There is also a Domehawk camera deployed in Carless Street alleyway, again to address ASB concerns which include street drinking and fly tipping.
- 2.2 St Matthew's Church Hill – a community event was held on Saturday 20th June 12:00 to 4:00pm, despite the weather there was a fair turnout and a varied range of stalls and activities for all the family.
- 2.3 Friends of Palfrey Park – organising a litter pick event around Palfrey Park on Saturday 18th July, commencing at 11am.
- 2.4 Caldmore & Palfrey Community Clean-up Event - UKIM Youth group from Aisha Mosque and Islamic Centre, Caldmore Village Festival group and Bath Street

Centre organised a Tidy Event Saturday 28th February, meeting at the Mosque. Nineteen volunteers turned up with a large number of black bags collected.

- 2.5 The Church at Junction 10, Pleck – will be knocked down to build a new church which will seat up to 500 people. The new building along with the auditorium will have a cafe area, food bank, crèche and seminar rooms. The new facility will hold a regular luncheon club, women's group and counselling services.
- 2.6 Walsall South Big Spring Clean – during the week commencing 18th May we held 9 litter picks, around Caldmore, Palfrey, Primley Avenue Park, Queen Street Cemetery, Chuckery, Old Birchills, Pleck, The Butts and St. Matthew's. Throughout the week we removed many bags of rubbish, several lorry loads of fly tipping and had volunteers from a number of council departments and partners, including councillors, plus local residents and local businesses. Thanks to Clean & Green, Youth Support Services, Community Safety, Sustrans, Walsall Housing Group, Councillor Russell, Councillor Nawaz, St. Matthew's Church, St. Luke's Church, Friends of the Earth, Chamberlain & Hill, Caldmore Community Garden and Friends of Palfrey Park.
- 2.7 Carless Street – there have been a number of initiatives at this location, such as new meshing put up by Community Safety to help prevent fly tipping, the deployment of a CCTV camera and a flashing LED sign warning that CCTV is in operation in the area. Sadly to date, none of these initiatives appear to be making a difference to the behaviour of people frequenting the alleyway.
- 2.8 Spout Lane – there have been a number of clean ups at this location, on several occasions Clean & Green have removed large amounts of domestic accumulations, especially cans and bottles. Also settees and white goods have been removed. There is a CCTV camera in this location, but despite this and the work of a number of partners, none of these initiatives appear to be making a difference to the behaviour of people frequenting this location.
- 2.9 Oxford Street car park – this location was cleaned and over 100 black bags of domestic accumulations were removed. Working as a multi-agency approach, officers from Clean & Green, Area Partnerships, Community Safety, Walsall Housing Group, local Ward Councillors and local shop workers have worked together to keep the area clean.
- 2.10 Innovate Walsall – have employed a Neighbourhood Community Worker, Helena Dunnett-Orridge. Helena is employed as part of the Near Neighbours and Nehemiah projects which aim to bring social cohesion and create interfaith social action events across the St. Matthew's and Paddock wards.
- 2.11 Walsall Town Festival – has been developed by members of the Creative Walsall Network, in partnership with Walsall Council's Town Centre

Management and Creative Development teams, Creative Black Country and local volunteers. The ethos of the festival is to promote Walsall and give local people a platform. Some of the activities taking place during the event, which runs from 18th July – 26th July include workshops, classic vehicles, Walsall on Stage, Chuckery Festival, Theatre Caravan, No Fit State Circus, Amazing Goscote Red Barrows, Narrowboat Experience, Diversity Matters, Move Truck and a craft and community market.

3. Children and Young People: Improving safeguarding, learning and life chances for children and young people

3.1 Walsall South's Youth Support Services - The South Area teams are currently working with a number of targeted groups alongside our Universal delivery. Young Carers has now been running since April and the numbers engaging are steadily increasing, a referral Pathway has been implemented and we are receiving regular referrals. In September we will be opening this group up to work with Siblings.

Short Breaks for young people with Complex health care needs will also be delivered at least 3 days every week over the summer.

There are two CSE awareness programmes being delivered each week with pupils from JLA.

We are also running sports sessions across the area in partnership with the Police, this initiative is Reducing Crime through Sport and is Funded by Sports England. The sessions are proving very popular, we are at the moment looking at delivering sessions in the Birchills area in September.

Below is an overview of one detached session that takes place each week:

The south area detached team have been working in Palfrey park setting up the Hoppa youth Bus. We have managed to develop positive relationships with several different groups of young people who utilise Palfrey Park.

The area was made up of predominantly Asian community, however over the last few years there has been a steady influx of eastern European people, mainly Slovakian, and Polish descendants.

Initially there was some tension within the area but all seems to be fairly cohesive at the moment although there was a recent stabbing of a young person by another young person from outside of the area, not related to the area cohesion.

Over the past three months we have engaged and worked with four different groups of young people, Asian males 16 to 19, Asian males 12 to 15, mixed group white and dual heritage young people 12 to 15. And a large group of eastern European young people both male and female from 11 to 19 year olds.

The diversity working in such an environment is very interesting but also complex especially with the vulnerability of the eastern European young people, language barriers, and lack of understanding for example recent sessions we have discussed the holy period of Ramadan and how to be mindful of other

cultures and religions, especially around drinking of alcohol as this issue in particular as raised tension on a previous occasion very near to this location.

There is also vulnerability with young Asian males been targeted by older youths to become involved in drug dealing?

And there is vulnerability issue's with the mixed group white and dual heritage young people 12 to 15 getting involved in motor cycle crimes and the usage of illegal substances.

The detach teams aims in Palfrey Park :-

- The detach team aims to maintain the current level of community cohesion in palfrey park and surrounding area.
- Work with young across a range of issue through discussions topic based, such as Drinking substance misuse, and what is Anti Social Behaviour.
- Promoting and sign posting other positive activities for young people to get involved in.
- Deter and prevent any youth Anti Social Behaviour.
- Provide Hoppa provision and access to it resources.

3.2 Sure Start Palfrey and Paddock & Chuckery Children's Centre – both centres have a full packed programme. For more information please contact Palfrey 01922 642382 and Paddock & Chuckery 01922 644005

3.3 Sure Start Birchills and Alumwell/Pleck – both centres have a full packed programme including; Chatter Box Playgroup , Well Baby Clinic, Health Trainer sessions, Stop Smoking service, Sewing classes, antenatal classes, introduction to solids, Breast Feeding Support group. For more information please contact Birchills 01922 646574 and Alumwell/Pleck 01922 637794

3.4 Big Centre TV, Walsall Studio School – launched Saturday 28th February broadcasting to millions of viewers on Freeview channel 8. Over 30 students from the school will have the opportunity to gain work experience at the TV Centre. The Centre was official opened by the Mayor of Walsall and saw both students and professionals working alongside each other.

3.5 Joint patrols to tackle truancy – Walsall Council and West Midlands Police are providing joint patrols. They will be travelling around the area in a marked vehicle to speak to children who are seen out and about during school time. The project is part of a national programme and will also look at targeting anti-social behaviour. The project runs until July 2015 and will check children of all ages, but also provide support for families if there is an identified need.

3.6 YMCA Green Lane – YMCA is currently based in Hospital Street but will be relocating to Green Lane. It will offer supported housing for 16 to 25 year olds with 21 bedrooms all single occupancy; these will mainly be low risk young people who are being supported into independent living or on to training/college

courses. The running procedures will remain the same as present; there is 24 hour staff cover and also CCTV. Support workers are available during the daytime and security is available throughout the night.

- 3.7 Polar Explorers – St. Matthew’s Holiday Club – Running from Monday, 24th August until Friday, 28th August, St. Matthew’s Church is running a holiday club, each day between 10am until 1pm, primary aged children are welcome to attend, costing £10 per child (additional siblings £5 each) for the week. To book your place telephone 01922 626039 or email admin@stmatthewswalsall.co.uk. Limited places so book early, end date for registration is 17th July.
- 3.8 WHG Summer Fun in the Parks – WHG is working with local partners to deliver a week of free action packed activities for all the family in the Arboretum in the week commencing 3rd August for 5 days. Events and activities include Wide Horizon Outdoor Adventure, Family Walk, Family Woodland Wildlife and Nature Trail, World Cup Football and IM Basketball.
- 3.9 Walsall Council Park Fun Days – Walsall Council is offering a number of fun days again this summer. All events run from 10.30am – 4pm and offer inflatables, charity stalls, music, children’s rides, storytelling, refreshments and face painting. All events are free entry, however, charges do apply on attractions. The fun days in our area are Pleck Fun Day on the 17th August in Pleck Park and Palfrey Fun Day on the 24th August in Palfrey Park.
- 3.10 Lincoln Road – over recent months, transport charity Sustrans have been talking to local people about Lincoln Road, specifically the area around Chuckery Primary School. We have been finding out how this bit of street is used, any issues that people are concerned about and changes they would like to see. An event has been arranged on 8th July for anyone to pop along to Chuckery Primary School to find out more, see design ideas and have their say and vote for features that they would like to see implemented. For more information about this, contact Chloe Booth – chloe.booth@sustrans.org.uk.

4. Business and Jobs: Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

- 4.1 As part of the Gigaport corridor – the derelict factories in Albert Street have been pulled down to enable the land to be used for regeneration purposes as part of the business corridor. It will be used as a car park in the short term, for up to 40 places, while discussions take place on its future use.
- 4.2 Commercial development at the Waterfront – as part of the government’s pledge for an extra £24 million investment in the Black Country. The commercial premises will be created at this Town Centre site with the hope of generating 160 jobs.

5. Health and Well-Being: Improving health, including well-being and independence for older people

- 5.1 Sex Worker (SW) Project - this project's coordinated approach helps reduce some of the negative impacts on the individuals and the wider community. For example, one of the partners discovered that one of the SWs was pregnant and she hadn't yet engaged with services, historically SWs try to hide pregnancy and this puts mother and baby at great risk. Through the group we were able to raise the child & adult safeguarding concerns and get Nurse intervention to help the expectant mother.
- 5.2 Physical Activity – Lifestyle Services Team offer a variety of services across Walsall South including smoking cessation, exercise sessions and healthy diet advice. For more information please visit their website www.lifestyle.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk/lifestyle-services.aspx or phone the team on 01922 444044
- 5.3 Joseph Leckie Community Association – are providing free swimming and multi-sports activities for women and young girls aged 14 to 25 years 5:30 – 7:00pm at Joseph Leckie Academy. For more information www.josephleckieca.wordpress.com
- 5.4 New Yoga Studio, Park Hall – Byoga has recently opened at Park Hall shopping centre. It was formally opened by the Mayor with Cllr Martin and Cllr Sohal in attendance. The centre provides yoga for all ages for additional information please contact Belinda 07719 777759.
- 5.5 Asthma Care, Manor Hospital – has been improved by the Paediatric Asthma Team who set up a care pathway after higher than average Asthma admissions. The multi-disciplinary pathway care team is lead by Dr Muhammad Tariq and will be piloting an emergency department discharge programme in March.
- 5.6 Aston University's Sports Campus, Birmingham Road – will be building a new £250,000 floodlit all weather pitch. The project has received funding from Sport England to improve their facilities. The University is hoping to increase regular participation in sport by 14 – 25 year olds in the area.
- 5.7 Living an independent life – WHG have launched a new Wellbeing service. The service is for anyone, you don't have to be a WHG customer to benefit from the service. They will tailor the wellbeing service to suit you. An hourly rate is charged for the services. To find out more, call 0300 555 6666.
- 5.8 Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service – following a 6 month consultation process with stakeholders and service users an Integrated Service model for alcohol

and drugs for adults and young people was put out for competitive tender in November 2014. The services within the scope of the tender include those delivered by Lantern House, Addaction, Walsall Healthcare Trust and T3 (CRI). The scope of the integrated service model includes:-

- training of the universal workforce to raise awareness of drug and alcohol issues and the application of basic screening tools and techniques
- open access drug and alcohol services
- harm reduction, blood borne virus and pharmacy needle exchange services
- court mandated drug and alcohol treatment services
- structured drug and alcohol services – adult and young people
- prescribing services
- primary care GP shared care services
- alcohol and drug hospital and family liaison services
- community based detoxification services
- residential detoxification and residential rehabilitation assessment and placement service

Services from the Glebe Centre were not included in the tender but are planned to be tendered with a new contract to start in 2016.

The tender was explicit in that a single agency or a lead agency of a consortium was the preferred option to deliver the integrated service.

4 bids were received and evaluated by a panel made up of partner agencies including West Midlands Police, Community Safety, Clinical Commissioning Group, Housing, Mental Health commissioners, service users and primary care representatives from pharmacists and GPS.

The evaluation panel concluded that the contract should be offered to CRI.

The contract is a 3 year contract with the option to extend it by 2 years with 12 month options.

The tender required the provider agency to secure a service base from where the service would be coordinated and delivered. The Old Clinic on Bradford Street has been secured and is presently being refurbished intending to be ready for the contract to start on the 1st July, 2015.

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Walsall South Profile – Summary Information

Walsall Community Plan and Community Hubs / Network Information June 2015

The following priorities inform the Walsall Plan:-

- Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work.
- Improving Health including well being and independence for older people
- Creating Safe, Sustainable and Inclusive Communities – Reducing levels of crime and providing the right environment for people to live in.
- Improving Safeguarding, Learning and the Life Chances for Children and Young People

Walsall Council are discussing the community hubs/network concept for the borough

Community Hubs – Shaping a Fairer Future

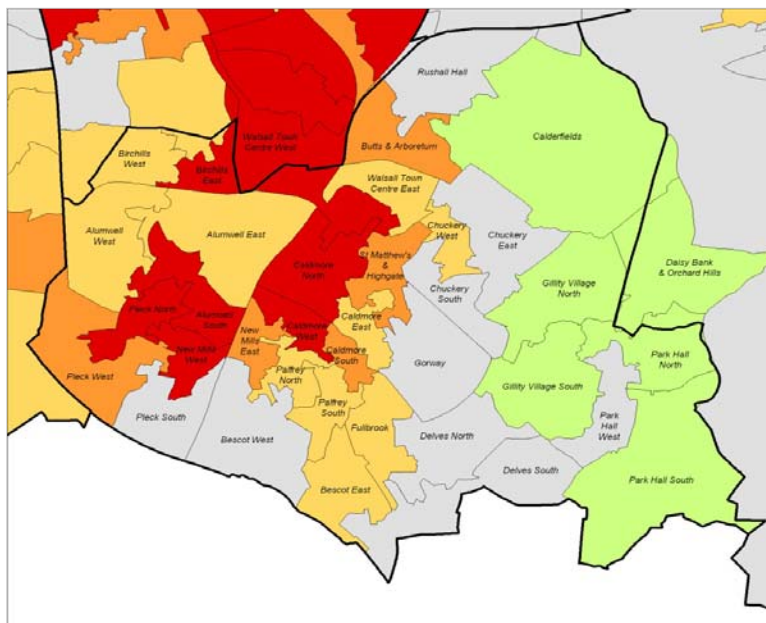
- The purpose of community hubs is to provide locally-based focal points for the delivery of services.
- They will encourage greater community involvement in decisions about what services should be provided and how they are designed.
- The outcome we want to see is better access to all services and more localised delivery.
- This does not just cover council services and is not just physical access to buildings.

From this definition it is clear that community hubs are intended to support several distinct but closely related objectives:

- How we make better use of physical assets to co-locate services (council and partners) for the benefit of residents
- How we involve local people more in the design of services provided in their community
- How we encourage more innovation in delivery models using the voluntary sector where appropriate
- How we devolve more responsibilities to local levels
- How we improve access more generally across all channels.

Walsall South Profile – Summary Information:

- Relatively young population profile, with a higher than borough average proportion of children and younger adults
- Very diverse ethnic mix, with a large (and increasing) Asian population
- Variable levels of life expectancy across the Area Partnership
- High levels of privately rented properties and under 65s living alone



Life Expectancy

- Average life expectancy (LE) for females in Walsall is 82.7 years
- Female LE in Paddock (84) is above average
- Female LE in St. Matthew's, Pleck and Palfrey is below average
- Average life expectancy (LE) for males in Walsall is 77.8 years
- Male LE in Paddock (79.4) is above average
- Male LE in St. Matthew's, Pleck and Palfrey is below average

Obesity

- Across Walsall South the proportion of obesity in Reception (aged 4/5) and older (aged from 8 to 11) children are statistically significantly higher than the Walsall average

Diabetes Prevalence

- Most community areas in Walsall South have higher estimated prevalence for diabetes than Walsall average (8.7%), with the exception of Caldmore and Delves which are statistically significantly lower than Walsall average

Community Safety

- Relatively high level of crime in the Area as a whole — although crime across the borough is currently at an all time low
- Town centre is a particular hot spot for crime and anti-social behaviour within the Area Partnership as reflected in existence of town centre Police Priority Area.
- Theft from shops and stalls is the most commonly recorded type of crime

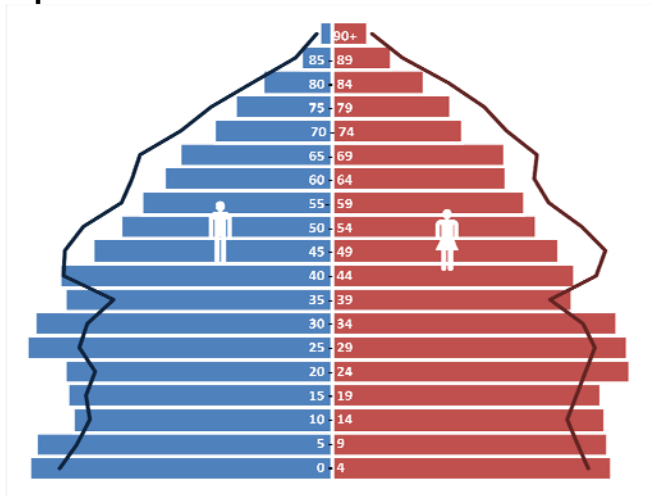
Unemployment and Benefits



Source: DWP, Working Age Client Group, May 2014

- Over 1 in 7 adults (5,750) dependent on an out-of-work benefit.
- Slightly above borough level and well above national level of claimants.
- Largest group are those on employment support allowance/incapacity benefit: 3,100 people.

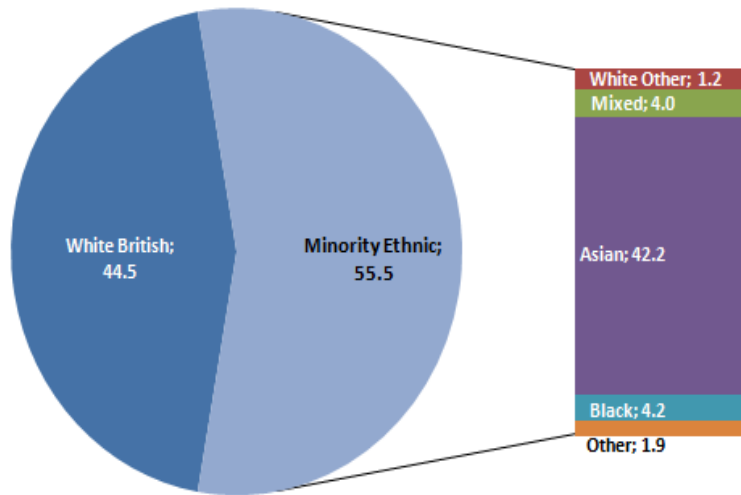
Population Structure



- Total Population: 60,600
- Younger age profile than borough overall
- More young children and younger working age in particular
- Much fewer older people aged 45+

Source: ONS, Mid-2013 Population Estimates

Ethnicity



- Pakistani: 17.6%
- Indian: 13.9%
- Bangladeshi: 6.4%
- Other Asian: 3.7%
- Minority ethnic groups (Asian in particular) account for a majority of residents, almost double the borough average (Walsall av. 23.1%)

Source: ONS, 2011 Census

Housing Tenure

Tenure	Total	AP %	Walsall %	E&W %
Owned outright	6,455	29.3	31.1	30.8
Owned mortgage	5,996	27.2	31.9	33.5
Socially rented	5,324	24.2	24.1	17.6
Privately rented	3,908	17.7	11.7	16.7
Living rent-free	357	1.6	1.3	1.4

Source: ONS, Census 2011

- High proportion of privately rented properties
- Average level of socially rented, and slightly below average owner occupied households
- 10.7% of households 'overcrowded'* (Walsall av. 6.5%)
- 3.3% of households without central heating (Walsall av. 2.8%)



Your views are welcomed regarding Community Hubs / Networks in Walsall South

1. Based on the profile information and your local knowledge what would be your main priorities for the Walsall South area?

2. How can local residents be encouraged to use local groups and services?

3. Would there be any advantages of co-locating and integrating services together? Why?

4. How can Walsall Council communicate effectively with service providers (council and other public services) on this?

5. What could be the potential role of schools in improving access to services?

Your views will be collated as part of the Community Hubs / Network discussions:

We would like to keep in touch with you, to update you on relevant information and to inform you of volunteering opportunities within the community.

Please provide contact details

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Thank you in advance for your support.

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