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Meeting                                      Finchley and Golders Green Area  
Environment Sub-Committee

Date    14 October 2010

**Subject**                                      **Member's item – Percy Road  
Playground N12**

Report of                                      Acting Democratic Services Manager

Summary                                      This report informs the Sub-Committee of a Member's  
Item and requests instructions from the Sub-Committee.

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Officer Contributors                      Nick Musgrove – Democratic Services

Status (public or exempt)              Public

Wards affected                              West Finchley

Enclosures                                      None

For decision by                              Finchley & Golders Green Area Environment Sub-  
Committee

Function of                                      Executive

Reason for urgency /  
exemption from call-in (if  
appropriate)                              Not applicable

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Contact for further information: Nick Musgrove, Democratic Services – Tel: 020 8359 2024.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**1.1 The Sub-Committee's instructions are requested.**

**2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

2.1 None

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 None in the context of this report.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

4.1 None in the context of this report.

**5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

5.1 Members' Items allow Members of the Sub-Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of the Sub-Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

**6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

6.1 None in the context of this report.

**7. LEGAL ISSUES**

7.1 None in the context of this report.

**8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

8.1 Constitution Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – Area Environment Sub-Committees perform functions that are the responsibility of the Executive including day-to-day promotion, management and development of: parks, open spaces, allotments, recreation and leisure facilities; libraries, museums, arts and tourism facilities., within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

8.2 Council Procedure Rules Section 2 - Committees and Sub-Committees – Paragraph 7.1 states a Member will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or sub-committee on which he/she serves.

8.3 The Democratic Services Manager must receive written notice of a Member's Item at least seven clear working days before the meeting. Any item received after 11p.m. will be recorded as received on the next working day. The item must be signed by the member and delivered by hand, fax or email. Under Council Procedure Rules, Section 2, paragraph 7.3 any item received after that deadline can only be accepted for consideration at the meeting if the Chairman agrees it as urgent.

## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

9.1 Councillor Ross Houston has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

Percy Road Playground N12

To consider the state and maintenance of the Percy Road Playground. The playground is often not cleaned (broken glass isn't swept up etc). This is now becoming an increasingly serious problem. There have been problems with locking up the playground and with it's use by older youths, with evidence of drug use in the past. The management of this playground has been an ongoing problem. The playground is next to Northside School, who council should consider consulting with over the playground management.

9.2 The item was received after the deadline but has been accepted as urgent by the Chairman of the Sub-Committee for consideration at this meeting (See 8.3 above).

9.3 The Interim Director of Environment & Operations will arrange for officer comment to be given verbally at the meeting.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10.1 Email from Councillor Ross Houston dated 5 October 2010.

10.2 Any person wishing to inspect the background paper above should telephone 020 8359 2024.

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