

COMMITTEE
WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE

DATE AND TIME
TUESDAY 20 JULY 2010 AT 7.00PM

VENUE
HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, HENDON NW4 4BG

TO: **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE** (Quorum: One quarter of the membership, including at least two local authority members)

Councillors London Borough of Barnet:

John Hart	Brian Schama
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Councillors London Borough of Brent:

Member	First Alternate	Second Alternate
Javaid Ashraf	-	-
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Organisations:

British Waterways	Brent Sport Council
Hendon Rifle Club	Environment Agency
London Wildlife Trust	Local Agenda 21
Old St Andrew's Residents' Association	Natural England
Strategy Directorate of GLA	Princes Park Youth Football Club
Welsh Harp Conservation Group	Training Ship Broadsword
Welsh Harp Sailing Association	Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre
West Hendon Community Forum	Woolmead Residents' Association

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee 20 July 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Environment and Culture</p>
<p>For Information Wards Affected: ALL</p>	
<p>Welsh Harp Management Plan</p>	

Forward Plan Ref:

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report presents progress on the Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan. The Management Plan is jointly managed by the three main local land-holding organisations: Brent Council, British Waterways, and the London Borough of Barnet.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the Report.

3.0 Detail

Welsh Harp / Brent Reservoir Management Plan

- 3.1 The Welsh Harp / Brent Reservoir Management Plan is available on the internet at the Brent Council website www.Brent.gov.uk/parks
- 3.2 Barnet Council will be reporting, as a separate report, on the Action Plan.

Management works

- 3.3 Management works:
- 3.4 Water weed issues: The Welsh Harp Sailing Association have been leading on the problem of excessive water weed on the Reservoir.

British Waterways

- 3.5 Clean-up on the southern side of the Reservoir: British Waterways are continuing to lead on this three-year programme.

Environment Agency

- 3.6 The Environment Agency are leading on a River Brent catchment working group; which has met for the first time, and included representation from British Waterways, Barnet Council and Brent Council.

Heritage Lottery Award

- 3.8 Maintenance of the Heritage Lottery Fund award project continues.

Biodiversity Action Plan

- 3.9 Refer to the Management Plan and the draft Action Plan including focus on the priority habitats that are common to more than one of the 'zones' of the Management Plan. Information will also be presented on BARS (Biodiversity Action Reporting System) which is the online system for national reporting of Biodiversity Action Plans. For information that is currently on BARS (listed as appropriate under Barnet or Brent) see <http://www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk/>

Events / Other

- 3.10 Brent Council Sports Service and Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre: The Healthy Walks Programme continues to March 2011. Walks meet at the Welsh Harp Open Space car park, Birchen Grove, every Thursday (except on Bank / Public Holidays) from 10am-11am. The walks are 'low to moderate' in pace. For details contact Brent Council Sports Service, tel: 020 8937 3707, [www. Brent.gov.uk/sports](http://www.brent.gov.uk/sports)
- 3.11 Capital Ring: Stocks of the leaflets are available from Brent Council.
- 3.12 Kingsbury Open Day: Spring Bank Holiday Monday 31 May 2010. The Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre had a successful day, while other organisations were also present at the Welsh Harp Open Space.
- 3.13 "175 Years of Brent Reservoir": Barnet Council's exhibition will be displayed at the London Canal Museum, 12/13 New Wharf Road, London N1 9RT (near to King's Cross and Camley Street), tel: 020 7713 0836 from 14 April to 5 September 2010. Later in the year the exhibition will be shown at the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre and at the Brent Museum.

4.0 Financial Implications

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- 4.1 None specific, but some of the priorities identified in the Management Plan will require additional resources and decisions by, as appropriate, Brent Council, Barnet Council or British Waterways, if they are to be implemented in the future. For Brent Council Parks Service, the Management Plan is implemented and improvements programmed via the Brent Parks Service Parks Strategy, and Service Plan; both of which derive from the Council's Corporate Strategy. Thus implementation is partially dependent upon revenue and capital budgets for grounds maintenance and for parks management. The Parks Service pursues other sources of finance and opportunities for partnership working that may become available.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), land owners or occupiers are required to give notice to and consult with Natural England for any operation in an area of land that is of special interest by reason of any of its flora, fauna, or geological or physiographical features (this requirement applies to operations within a SSSI, and to operations outside the SSSI that may affect the features of interest); and Natural England will issue consent, issue consent with conditions or refuse consent. CROW (and section 28G of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) places a duty on all public bodies to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of the authority's functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the site.
- 5.2 It is good practice for land owners or occupiers to produce Management Plans for the SSSI, which when approved by Natural England, enable the carrying out of the works specified in the Management Plan. This can reduce the administrative work inherent in obtaining consent for individual items of management work.
- 5.3 The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 requires that from 1 October 2006 all public authorities in England and Wales have a general duty to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of their functions.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe that there are no diversity implications.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

- 7.1 None specific.

8.0 Environmental Implications

8.1 The Welsh Harp Management Plan co-ordinates environmental works in the Reservoir area.

Background Papers

Dated correspondence and other documents referred to in the Report including:

Brent Reservoir / Welsh Harp Management Plan.

Equality Impact Assessment Completion Form: Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee: Welsh Harp Reservoir Management Plan: 20 January 2005. Form dated 06b.01.2005.

Contact Officers

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Welsh Harp Reservoir: Management Plan Zones Map