

Decisions of the Environment Committee

24 July 2014

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)

Councillor Brian Salinger (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Maureen Braun
Councillor Claire Farrier
Councillor John Hart
Councillor Dr Devra Kay
Councillor Graham Old

Councillor Joan Scannell
Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Councillor Laurie Williams

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2014 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

There were none.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In relation to Item 6, Parking Policy, the Legal officer advised the Committee that at Council meeting on 15 July there were a number of dispensations for members agreed in order to allow to them to fully participate in certain matters where otherwise they may have a DPI (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest); one of the dispensations agreed related to matters to do with 'an allowance, travelling expense, payment or indemnity' and as such made it possible for Members to fully participate on this item.

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
Dean Cohen	11 - LB Barnet response to Crossrail 2 Consultation	A potential pecuniary interest. Councillor Cohen left the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.
	6 - Parking Policy	Pecuniary: Councillor Cohen advised that he currently did not hold a valid members' parking permit but had held one up until the May 2014 Local Elections.
Brian Salinger	11 - LB Barnet response to Crossrail 2 Consultation	Non pecuniary interest as Councillor Salinger's house is within walking distance of

		the proposed Crossrail station.
	6 - Parking Policy	Pecuniary as Councillor Salinger holds a Members parking permit.
John Hart		Pecuniary as Councillor John Hart holds a Members parking permit.
Joan Scannell		Pecuniary as Councillor Scannell holds a Members parking permit.
Maureen Braun		Pecuniary as Councillor Braun holds a Members parking permit.
Alan Schneiderman		Non pecuniary as Councillor Schneiderman does not hold a Members parking permit.
Claire Farrier		Non pecuniary as Councillor Farrier does not hold a Members parking permit.
Dr Devra Kay		Non pecuniary as Councillor Kay does not hold a Members parking permit.

VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

With the agreement of the Committee the Chairman varied the order of business to take Items 11, 5a and 5b before Item 4.

4. LB BARNET RESPONSE TO CROSSRAIL 2 CONSULTATION

Councillor Brian Salinger in the Chair

RESOLVED - That the Committee approves the response to the Crossrail 2 consultation as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Further resolution;

The Committee requested that the following comments be considered as part of the consultation:

- due to the significant construction and traffic issues that local residents are consulted on the detailed proposals when they become available.
- consideration is given to the feasibility of extending the line into the North London Business Park.

5. MEMBERS' ITEMS

(a) **A BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY**

Following consideration and discussion of the item;

1. Councillor Farrier, seconded by Councillor Schneiderman proposed the following recommendation:

That a Borough wide Road Safety Forum is put in place with a remit of ensuring that the Borough wide Road Safety Strategy address Borough wide issues.

2. Councillor Schneiderman added the following to the recommendation;

That the evidence from the Borough wide Road Safety Forum feeds into the re-write of the Borough wide Road Safety Strategy.

3. Councillor Dean Cohen, seconded by Councillor Brian Salinger proposed the following recommendation:

That the Area Committees produce a report that will feed into the Borough Road Safety plan, which is due to be considered by this Committee in March 2015

4. Councillor Brian Salinger added the following to the recommendation

That the existing Residents Forums are also used to feed into the Borough Road Safety plan.

Councillors Farrier's recommendation with the addition from Councillor Schneiderman was put to the vote. The votes were recorded as follow;

In favour	5
Opposed	5
Abstain	1

The Chairman used his casting vote and voted in opposition to the motion. The recommendation was lost.

Councillors Cohen's recommendation with the addition from Councillor Brian Salinger was put to the vote. The votes were recorded as follows;

In favour	6
Opposed	5
Abstain	0

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED -

1. That the existing Residents Forums are also used to feed into the Borough Road Safety plan.
2. That the Area Committees produce a report that will feed into the Borough Road Safety plan, that is due to be considered by

(b) ROAD SAFETY MEASURES FOR CHESTERFIELD ROAD

Following consideration and discussion of the item, the Committee

RESOLVED -

1. That officers continue with and complete the feasibility study and consider any initiatives and options including the following;
 - 20mph speed limits,
 - reviewing the bus routes and direction of flow, along with bus stop and stand locations,
 - potential additional or improved crossing points in the area near to the park and school,
 - whether underutilised land near to the school could be used in helping achieve safety improvements in the area and also
 - continuing the good work done with the school via their School Travel Plans to educate and encourage improved Road Safety and modal shift to other forms of transport.
2. That the recommendations on how to proceed are considered and decided by the Chipping Barnet Area Committee.
3. That where funding issues arise from the recommendations, a report is brought to the Environment Committee for decision.
4. That the recommendation requesting *improved local youth facilities so children have somewhere safe to play* in the location is referred to the Children, Education and Libraries and Safeguarding committee for consideration.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Details of the questions asked of, and the answers given by the Chairman were circulated and published on the Council's website prior to the meeting. Verbal responses were given to supplementary questions asked at the meeting.

Public comments were received from Derek Dishman on Item 7, Parking Policy.

7. RESPONSE TO AN ITEM RAISED ON PARKING MEASURES BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee heard representations from Mr Derek Dishman.

Following discussion and consideration of the item;

Councillor Schneiderman, seconded by Councillor Devra Kay moved the following recommendations;

Recommendation 1**That 30 min free parking scheme is introduced in all Town Centres**

The recommendation was put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

In favour	5
Against	6
Abstentions	0

The recommendation was declared lost.

Recommendation 2**That cash parking is re-introduced to the existing meters straight away.**

The recommendation was put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

In favour	5
Against	6
Abstentions	0

The recommendation was declared lost.

Recommendation 3**That all Members free parking permits are withdrawn.**

The recommendation was put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

In favour	5
Against	6
Abstentions	0

The recommendation was declared lost.

Councillor Brian Salinger seconded by Councillor Joan Scannell moved the following recommendation;

Recommendation**That that current arrangements in place for Members Parking Permits are retained.**

In favour	6
Against	5
Abstentions	0

The recommendation was carried.

RESOLVED -

1. That Committee considered the implications of introducing 30 minutes free parking in all town centres as detailed in this report, noting that each town centre has particularities that warrant suitably tailored schemes for each, and agreed that

a standard 30 minute free parking scheme is not appropriate for all the town centres.

2. That Committee noted the decision of Cabinet to re-consider the possible reintroduction of cash pay and display meters in the 2015/16 municipal year and deferred consideration of this item until the review of the Parking Policy (Cash meters) at the Committee's April 2015 meeting.
3. The Committee agreed that current arrangements in place for Members Parking Permits are retained.

8. PARKING POLICY

The Committee considered the report;

RESOLVED -

1. That the Committee approves the proposed draft Parking Policy for public consultation.
2. That Committee approves the consultation and engagement plan for the consultation of the Parking Policy and authorises officers to commence the consultation on 28 July 2014 and finish on the 20 October 2014, or on other appropriate dates as soon as possible if these cannot be met.
3. That the results of the consultation be reported back to Environment Committee on 18th November 2014 together with officer recommendations and a revised policy if appropriate.

9. CONSULTATION ON NEW HIGHWAYS PLANS AND PROCEDURES

The Committee considered the report;

RESOLVED -

1. That the Committee note the contents of this report, the draft policies and the summary briefing sheets which highlight the key issues, implications and service benefits associated with these draft documents.
2. That the Committee approve a twelve week period of public and stakeholder consultation in respect of the following draft documents:
 - A. Traffic Management Act Network Management Plan (NMP)
 - B. Network Recovery Plan (NRP) – Addendum to the existing LBB Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP)
 - C. Operational Network Hierarchy (ONH)
 - D. Developer's Design Guide (DDG)

The Committee requested the following issues are considered ;

- that with regards to the removing of paving slabs other surfaces are considered including asphalt and bonded gravel. And that residents on the individual roads are consulted on the types of surfaces.
- that the correct material is used around trees to limit the damage to footways.
- that disability groups in Barnet are added to the statutory groups that should be consulted.

10. **CONSIDERATION OF IMPACT OF REQUEST FOR 30 MINUTES FREE PARKING IN TEMPLE FORTUNE**

The Committee considered the report

The recommendations as set out in the report were put to the vote. Votes were recorded as follow

In favour	6
Against	0
Abstain	5

RESOLVED -

1. That the committee note the officer response to the petition as laid out in this report
2. That the committee agrees that officers arrange on-foot surveys of Temple Fortune town centre to establish parking utilisation and turnover in each parking area.
3. That the committee recommends to Policy and Resources Committee that, subject to the results of recommendation 2, parking tariffs be reduced in line with other town centres with known parking underutilisation issues (i.e. an initial 35% reduction) in appropriate parking bays
4. That the committee agrees that subject to Policy and Resources Committee implementing recommendation 3 officers undertake additional surveys, and make further recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee to modify the charging strategy accordingly to establish 85% occupancy
5. That the committee request officers to review programmes of work to enable these actions to be prioritised for funding within existing budgets and undertaken as soon as possible.

11. **LB BARNET RESPONSE TO TFLS CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT CYCLING SAFETY ACTION PLAN**

The Committee considered the report.

RESOLVED - That the Committee approves the response to TfL's consultation on the Draft Cycle Safety Action Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

12. CORPORATE GRANTS PROGRAMME, 2014_15 – FRIENDS OF CHILDS HILL PARK

The Committee considered the report;

RESOLVED - That Friends of Childs Hill Park be awarded a one-off grant of £7,500, subject to the council's Standard Conditions of Grant Aid and the special conditions shown in the grant assessment enclosed.

13. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the report.

The meeting finished at 9.57 pm