

## **Decisions of the Environment Committee**

13 September 2018

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)  
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Simberg	Councillor Jo Cooper
Councillor Thomas Smith	Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Laithe Jajeh	Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Alan Schneiderman	Councillor Sarah Wardle

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alison Cornelius

### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 5 June 2018 be approved subject to the typographical errors being corrected.

### **2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS**

Councillor Alison Cornelius gave her apologies and was substituted by Councillor Sarah Wardle.

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

None.

### **4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)**

None.

### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)**

Martin Hurrell made a public comment in relation to item 6 (Member's Item in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman – North Finchley CPZ). Members asked questions following the comments, which were then answered by Martin Hurrell.

Maria Byrne made a public comment in relation to item 6 (Member's Item in the name of Cllr Alan Schneiderman – North Finchley CPZ). Members asked questions following the comments, which were then answered by Maria Byrne.

Mrs Mankin made a public comment in relation to item 12 (Pesticide free Barnet).

John Dix made a public comment in relation to item 7 (Separate Food Waste Collection Cessation). Members asked questions following the comments, which were then answered by John Dix.

Details of the written comments and questions, and the published answers were provided with the agenda papers for the meeting.

Oral responses were given to the supplementary questions at the meeting and the audio recording of the questions and responses are publicly available online.

## **6. MEMBERS' ITEMS**

The Committee received the following Members Items:

### **1. Councillor Alan Schneiderman – North Finchley CPZ**

Councillor Schneiderman introduced the item and requested that the Committee supported his Member's Item.

The chairman moved that the item be voted on as circulated.

Following the vote the Committee,

**RESOLVED to approve the implementation of an experimental mini zone covering Highwood Avenue, Limes Avenue and Frederick's Place from 9:00am – 9:30pm Monday to Sunday. Following a review period of up to 1 year, a public consultation process will begin, (the area of which will be delegated to the Chief Officer, in consultation with Local Ward Councillors to agree perimeter controls in the area).**

### **• Councillor Geof Cook - Fixed Penalty Notice process – fly tipping**

Councillor Cooke introduced the item and requested that the Committee supported his Member's Item. Having considered the item:

**The Committee RESOLVED**

- 1. To instruct officers to urgently examine the option to provide a lower rate for a 1<sup>st</sup> offences for occupants of residences for FPN issued for littering/fly tipping in the vicinity of their home.**
- 2. Maintain the availability of a review process for members to review any FPN issued to residents.**

## **7. SEPARATE FOOD WASTE COLLECTION CESSATION**

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and drew the committee attention to the letters from the GLA dated 7 September 2018, that were published as a supplementary report. In view of ongoing discussion and correspondence, he suggested making an amendment to recommendation to 2 and an additional recommendation 4. The item and officer report was debated.

The Chairman therefore moved an amendment, that was seconded by Councillor Zinkin, to recommendation 2 to read as follows:

That the Environment Committee approve ~~stopping~~ *suspending* all separate household food waste collections from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 *until further notice*.

The committee voted as follows

For – 6  
Against – 4  
Abstain - 0

The motion was therefore carried

The Chairman also moved a new recommendation 4, that was seconded by Councillor Zinkin as follow:

To instruct officers to work with partners organisation in early 2019 to submit a reduction and recycling plan that represents a trajectory that is best environmental and economical solution for the Borough.

The committee voted as follows

For – 6  
Against – 4  
Abstain - 0

The motion was therefore carried

Councillor Schneiderman moved an amendment to recommendation 2 that was seconded by Councillor Cooke

That the Environment Committee continue separate household food waste collections and accept the GLA offer for an independent review of the Borough's Food waste collection.

The committee voted as follows

For – 4  
Against – 6  
Abstain - 0

This motion was therefore lost

The committee then voted on the recommendations, as amended, as follows:

For – 6  
Against – 4  
Abstain - 0

**The Committee therefore resolved**

- 1. To review and note the consultation discussions and correspondence with Mayor of London since the Environment Committee meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

2. To approve suspending all separate household food waste collections from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018 until further notice.
3. To approve the promotion of the options set out in Appendix M, which enable residents to recycle/compost food waste at home.
4. Instruct officers to work with partners organisation in early 2019 to submit a reduction and recycling plan that represents a trajectory that is best environmental and economical solution for the Borough.

## 8. **RECYCLING AND WASTE STRATEGY 2016 TO 2030 - UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and drew the committee attention to changes in the recycling and waste strategy.

Following discussions Councillor Schneiderman moved new recommendation 3, that was seconded by the Chairman as follow:

Instruct the Strategic director of Environment to implement a separate policy that will be include within the recycling and waste strategy reflecting the decision of the last committee regarding Christmas tree collection.

This was unanimously agreed and the motion was therefore carried.

The committee then voted on the recommendations individually and the votes were recorded as follows:

That the Environment Committee considers the report and notes the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy, and the action plan 2016 to 2020.

For – 6  
Against – 4  
Abstain – 0

That the Environment Committee agrees the draft Household Recycling and Waste Policies, set out at Appendix B, and agrees with their implementation as soon as reasonably practical.

For – 6  
Against – 4  
Abstain – 0

Instruct the Strategic director to Separate policy include within the strategy reflecting the decision of the last committee regarding Christmas tree collection.

For – 10  
Against – 0  
Abstain – 0

**The committee therefore resolved –**

1. To consider the report and note the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy, and the action plan 2016 to 2020.

2. To agree the draft Household Recycling and Waste Policies, set out at Appendix B, and agree with their implementation as soon as reasonably practical.
3. To instruct the Strategic director to produce a separate policy that will be included within the strategy reflecting the decision of the last committee regarding Christmas tree collection.

## **9. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY**

This item was withdrawn at the start of the committee to allow for further information to be provided.

## **10. PROVISION OF BUS SHELTERS, AUTOMATIC TOILETS AND BOROUGH WIDE ADVERTISING**

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and confirmed that no toilets would be removed until alternative arrangements were put in place as explained in the report.

The Chairman invited Members to indicate whether they had any questions regarding the information contained in the exempt report, which would require the Committee to go into private session. There were none.

Following discussion Councillor Schneiderman moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Cooke to amend recommendation 1 to read as follows:

That the Committee approves the re-commissioning of bus shelters, but notes that a separate report will be presented to a future Environment Committee ~~to determine the number of bus shelters to be provided under new contractual arrangements~~ ensuring that the current number of bus shelters are maintained under any new contractual arrangements

The committee voted as follows

For – 4  
Against - 6  
Abstain - 0

The motion was therefore lost.

Councillor Cooke then moved a new recommendation 5 that was seconded by Councillor Schneiderman as follows

That any proposal to add new advertisement on council land where it doesn't already exist should consult local ward councillors.

The committee voted as follows

For – 4

Against - 6

Abstain - 0

The motion was therefore lost.

The committee then voted on the recommendations as originally drafted.

The committee voted as follows

For – 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 4

**The committee therefore resolved**

- 1. To approve the re-commissioning of bus shelters, but notes that a separate report will be presented to a future Environment Committee to determine the number of bus shelters to be provided under new contractual arrangements.**
- 2. To approve the advertising policy attached at Appendix 2.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Environment to:**
  - (a) Grant consent under the Highway Act 1980 for the erection of objects or structures for the purposes of advertising and to permit advertising to be placed on existing structures in accordance with the policy at Appendix 2 and subject to following statutory processes and obtaining relevant statutory consents.**
  - (b) Enter into contractual arrangements with service providers to facilitate the provision of advertising on highway land and other Council land to facilitate the policy intentions in Appendix 2**
  - (c) Enter into a licence for highway land and lease or licence arrangements for other Council land as appropriate to facilitate the policy intentions in Appendix 2.**
- 4. To the removal of the existing Automatic Public Conveniences (APCs) on expiry of the existing contract and to delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Environment to establish alternative public convenience provision via local businesses and other Council buildings.**

## **11. PESTICIDE FREE BARNET**

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item.

Following the consideration of the report the Chairman move the item to the vote and the committee voted as follows.

For – 6

Against – 4

Abstain – 0

**The committee therefore resolved to note the guidance issued by the EU Commission and UK bodies in relation to the use of Glyphosate, which will be**

monitored by Officers in line with good practice in relation to the treatment and management of weeds and invasive species.

**12. DRAFT BARNET DOMESTIC CROSSOVER POLICY**

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report.

Following discussion, the Chairman moved a motion that was seconded by Councillor Simberg to amend the recommendation to read as follows:

That the Environment Committee notes the progress to date, approves the draft Domestic Crossover Policy for Barnet, *subject to retaining the current appeals process*, and authorises the Strategic Director Environment to finalise the Domestic Crossover Policy. ~~to include any decision made by this committee~~

This was unanimously agreed.

**The committee therefore resolved to note the progress to date, approve the draft Domestic Crossover Policy for Barnet, subject to retaining the appeals process, and to authorise the Strategic Director Environment to finalise the Domestic Crossover Policy.**

**13. QUARTER 1 2018/19 ENVIRONMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item.

Following the consideration of the report the Chairman moved the item to the vote and the committee unanimously agreed

**To review the financial, performance and risk information for Q1 2018/19 and make a referral to Financial Performance and Contracts Committee in accordance with the terms of reference of these Committees.**

**14. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee noted the work programme.

**15. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 9.59 pm