

Decisions of the Environment Committee

11 September 2019

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Elliot Simberg
Councillor Laithe Jajeh
Councillor Alison Cornelius
Councillor Felix Byers

Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Jo Cooper
Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Geof Cooke

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 04 June 2019 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Alison Cornelius who was substituted by Councillor Nizza Fluss.

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

| Member | Item | Interest Declared |
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| Councillor Dean Cohen | Item 10 Cophall Sports Hub | Councillor Cohen declared that he had a pecuniary interest as he personal connection with Saracens. Councillor Cohen left the room and as such did not participate in the discussion or voting of this item. |

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

The Environment Committee noted the details of public questions that had been submitted and circulated.

Master Sam Candler was invited by the Chairman to speak in relation to item 6 and ask a supplementary question. His mother Emily Candler was able to answer questions from Committee Members. Ms Collette Symonds also asked a supplementary question.

The Environment Committee noted this and had the opportunity to ask questions.

6. REFERRED ITEMS FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA COMMITTEE

In respect to item 6 Ward Member Councillor Alison Moore spoke in support of both items. Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor Moore.

Referral from the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee - Church Lane /High Road – Feasibility Study.

The Chairman introduced the report and noted the public questions that had been submitted. The Committee considered the item in depth and in doing so noted the report of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 09 July 2019. Members further noted that a petition had been submitted to the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee on 04 April 2019. The Chairman reminded Members that resolutions 1-6 as identified in appendix A had been agreed by the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee and therefore the Environment Committee was requested to consider resolution 7 that was illustrated in section 1 of the report.

The Executive Director for Environment gave a verbal representation and outline some possible options and stated that the Council would do so in consultation with Transport for London and Ward Members.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- The Committee noted the report and considered resolution 7
- That the Executive Director for Environment report to Members the time scales of the options for the junction.
- That the Environment Committee agreed that physical measures such as anti-skid or raised tables be considered and funding be agreed as part of the NRP.
- That a safety analysis be completed in consultation with Transport For London in order to improve and implement road safety at the Junction. Members noted that this would include an assessment of three phase traffic lights at the junction.
- That Ward Members be consulted

Referral from the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

Member's Item in the name of Councillor Arjun Mittra – 20 mph for East Finchley.

The Chairman introduced the report and noted the public questions that had been discussed.

Members considered this item at length and gave thought to the request.

During the consideration of the Item Councillor Alan Schneiderman moved that: A report be submitted to the Committee in relation to the implementation for East Finchley Ward to become a 20mph zone to the Environment Committee that outlines any

impact and cost. That the report also include detail on the progress made on 20mph zones within the Borough to date.

Councillor Nizza Fluss requested that the report also include a survey to illustrate data within the report that outlines what is more dangerous in the amount of deaths, 20mph or 30mph.

This was voted on:

For - 4

Against - 6

The motion was lost.

The Chairman, Councillor Dean Cohen then moved that:

- It be requested that the Executive Director for Environment consider a selection of roads around the Martin school for 20 MPH roads.
- That a feasibility study be completed and a report detailing this be submitted to the Finchley and Golders Green Committee for resolution.
- That it be agreed that when the Environment Committee receive the Road Safety report when available the details of this item and an analysis of accidents be documented.

The Chairman requested this be voted on that therefore it was unanimously agreed.

The Environment Committee resolved the above as described.

7. MEMBERS' ITEMS

Councillor Felix Byers - Alteration to operating hours of Council CCTV camera on Queens Avenue, N20

Ward Member Councillor Thomas Smith was invited by the Chairman to make a representation. Councillor Smith spoke in support of the Members Item. Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor Smith.

Resolved:

Having considered the item the Chairman moved that:

- In consultation with the School and with the agreement of Ward Members a solution be sought to protect children during pick up and drop of times.
- That the amenity be protected.

The Chairman requested this be voted on that therefore it was agreed.

The vote recorded were:

For – 6

Against – 1

Abstain – 3

Councillor Alan Schneiderman - Barnet Hospital CPZ

Councillor Alan Schneiderman agreed that his Members Items be considered at item 9.

Councillor Jo Cooper - Glyphosate - Free Barnet

Councillor Jo Cooper introduced her Members item and gave an overview of the chemical. She informed Members on what some other Boroughs are doing in relation to this topic. Councillor Cooper requested that the Committee support the item.

The Chairman noted that the Council were monitoring what options are available. He noted that a report would be submitted to the Committee to illustrate the possible options at a future meeting in relation to weed control.

Councillor Cooper stated that an action plan should be implemented in order to phase out the chemical.

The Director for Environment of Environment gave a verbal representation and recommended that a report be submitted to the Committee that contains information on weed control and the methods that are deployed to manage weed growth. He added that the report could set out an update for Members, what budget is available and what outcomes can be delivered using current and alternative weed control methods.

Having considered the report and the discussion the Chairman moved that:

- the Executive Director for Environment be requested to submit a report to the Committee that outlines the operation of weed control across the Borough. It was noted that the report include how other Boroughs operate weed control services.

The Chairman requested that this be voted on. The Environment Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- that the Members Item be noted
- that the Environment Committee request that the Executive Director for Environment submit a report to the Committee that outlines the operation of weed control across the Borough. It was noted that the report include how other Boroughs operate weed control services.

8. BARNET HOSPITAL PERMIT REPORT

Ward Member Councillor Paul Edwards commented on the item. Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Councillor Edwards.

The Managing Director from the Royal Free Hospital Mr Andrew Paniker spoke in relation to the item. He outlined that it was vital that the Hospital have the required levels of staff on site. He therefore stated the importance of staff parking to achieve that. Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr Paniker.

During the consideration of the item, Members agreed to amend recommendation 3, as highlighted below.

Having considered the item the Committee:

Resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee noted the outcome of the surveys conducted in zone BH and approved the issue of permits to allow staff at Barnet Hospital to park in permit bays for the applicable zone while the holder is carrying out hospital duties subject to the conditions agreed at the Environment Committee of 11 May 2017, and 11 January 2018
2. That the Environment Committee agreed the exclusion zone of streets identified as already having high levels of parking (so cannot accommodate additional parking) or likely to experience similar pressures from hospital staff.
3. That the Environment Committee agreed that the maximum number of concurrent permits to be issued to Barnet Hospital is 100 and that the number of permits will be reviewed within 6-**12** months from the date the scheme is agreed along with the extent of the exclusion zone. ***Concurrently with a review of the whole CPZ in consultation with Local Ward Members.***
4. That the Environment Committee agreed to delegate to the Executive Director of Environment (in consultation with the Chair of the Environment Committee) the authority to determine the cost of the permits, as set out in paragraphs 2.17-2.18.

The vote recorded was:

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstained – 4

The Chairman thanked Mr Andrew Panniker for his attendance and making a representation.

9. REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN (RRP)

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report. He therefore provided Members with an update following the meeting of the Environment Committee on 13 September 2019.

Mr Blake noted that there was a slight formatting issue within the report and therefore it was noted that Members would receive an updated report via the Governance Service.

Mr Blake further noted that the under the Mayor of London's Environment Strategy (LES) all London Boroughs are required to develop a RRP covering the period 2018 to 2022.

Councillor Alan Schneiderman requested:

- That the report be referred to Policy and Resources Committee in respect to Single Use Plastic within the operations of the Council as a whole only for consideration
- That the Council commits to reintroducing a separate waste service as previously agreed and as was operating before.

The Chairman requested that the reports recommendation and Councillor Schneiderman's request as documented above be voted on:

Resolved:

- That the Environment Committee reviewed and approved Barnet's Reduction and Recycling Plan (RRP) as set out in Appendix A

The vote was:

For – 6

Against – 3

Abstained – 1

- That the Environment Committee **unanimously** agreed to refer the report to Policy and Resources Committee in respect to Single Use Plastic within the operations of the Council as a whole only for consideration
- That the Council commits to reintroducing a separate food waste service as previously agreed and as was operating before.

The vote recorded was:

For – 4

Against – 6

10. COPTHALL SPORTS HUB & MILL HILL OPEN SPACES MASTERPLAN

Prior to the consideration of the item Councillor Dean Cohen withdrew from the meeting because he had earlier in the meeting made a declaration. As a result of this Councillor Peter Zinkin became Chairman for this item.

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report, in doing so he gave a full outline of the report. Mr Blake also gave details on the Copthall Leisure Centre opening.

The Chairman welcomed Ms Cassie Bridger to the meeting in order to answer questions relating to a ecological survey. She noted that following the approval of the item studies would be carried out.

Councillor Geof Cooke made comments in relation to the Council's long term transport strategy that were noted. He stated that it was important that Officers coordinate timescales and communicated well to deliver the strategy.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. **Environment Committee noted the responses to the first phase public consultation responses undertaken from May – July 2018 (Appendix A).**
2. **Environment Committee noted the responses to the second phase public consultation responses and feedback undertaken from April – May 2019 (Appendix D)**
3. **Environment Committee approved the final masterplan for Copthall Sports Hub Masterplan (located at Appendix C) as the long-term vision for the site.**
4. **Environment Committee approved the final Copthall and Mill Hill Open Spaces Masterplan (noting recommendation 3) at Appendix A and C respectively as the long-term vision for the sites.**

5. Environment Committee delegated authority to the Executive Director for Environment to develop and implement Business Cases for the delivery of the Copthall Sports Hub and Mill Hill Open Spaces masterplan the details of which to be reported to a future Committee meeting.
6. Environment Committee noted the timescales associated with delivering new facilities (referred to from section 1.60) and delegates authority to the Executive Director for Environment to develop and submit an Outline Planning Application for the Copthall Sports Hub Masterplan.
7. Environment Committee endorsed the making of an application for CIL and/or Section 106 funding to fund necessary infrastructure works to enable the development of the Copthall Sports Hub (as described in section 6).
8. Environment Committee noted that the associated project costs described in Section 6 will be met from the approved greenspaces development capital programme.

11. COLINDALE PARKS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report. He stated that the report outlined the specific progress which has been made in the development of draft masterplan proposals for Colindale Park and Rushgrove Park, located at Appendix A and B.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee approved the Draft Masterplan for Colindale Park and agreed that the Draft Masterplan is submitted for full public and stakeholder consultation with the outcomes being reported to a future meeting of the Committee together with Outline Business Cases for their development and operation.
2. That the Environment Committee approved the Draft Masterplan for Rushgrove Park and agreed that the Draft Masterplan is submitted for full public and stakeholder consultation with the outcomes being reported to a future meeting of the Committee together with Outline Business Cases for their development and operation.
3. That the Environment Committee noted the progress to date in relation to Montrose Playing Fields / Silkstream Park.

12. CHARITY DISCOUNT FOR BUSINESS PERMITS

The Chairman Introduced the report.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

That the Environment Committee approved the offer of a 50% discount on the cost of business parking permits for those organisations who can evidence receipt of charitable business rates relief as outlined in paragraph 1.2.

13. BARNET ANNUAL AIR QUALITY REPORT 2019/2020

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report.

During the consideration of the item Councillor Geof Cooke moved that Officers be instructed to inspect land between Tudor School and the North Circular Road with a view to plant appropriate vegetation in order to reduce air pollution. This was supported by the Committee and became a substantive resolution as illustrated below.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

That members note the following:

1a - The progress made to address air quality in 2018/19 as set out in the 2018 Annual Status Report attached as Appendix 1.

1b - Revised London Local Air Quality Management (LLAQM) Air Quality Action Matrix and Barnet's position (Appendix 2)

1c - Assessment of Barnet's actions against the Cleaner Air Borough accreditation criteria (Appendix 3)

1d - 2019 annual review of Barnet's 2017-2022 Air Quality Action Plan (Appendix 4)

1e - *That the Executive Director for Environment be instructed to inspect land between Tudor School and the North Circular Road with a view to plant appropriate vegetation in order to reduce air pollution.*

14. PAVING SLAB ENHANCEMENT – PRIVATELY FUNDED HIGHWAY WORKS

The Environment Committee received the report.

Councillor Schneiderman spoke against the proposals and stated that this would lead to a two-tire system whereby those that can afford it will receive a better service in comparison to those that can't. The Chairman said that the Council will continue to invest in the road network.

Members of the Committee had the opportunity to consider the report and ask questions of the Executive Director of Environment Committee.

During the consideration of the item Councillor Zinkin requested that recommendation 5 be amended as follows:

5. That the Environment Committee approves that any work resulting from this proposal is only undertaken by the Council's Term contractor for Highway Works and work will only commence once funds have been received. *That no work take place until after 01 April 2020 in order to ensure that any requests for work can be fitted into*

the NRP. In addition to this the Committee requested that this be reviewed in one year in order to consider any impact this decision may have on planned work.

The Chairman requested that this be voted on:

For - 3

Against - 4

Abstention - 3

This motion was lost.

Having considered the report the Chairman requested the item be voted on and therefore:

Resolved:

- That the report's recommendations were lost.

The votes recorded were:

For - 3

Against - 4

Abstention - 3

15. PROCUREMENT OF HIGHWAYS TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report.

Having considered the item the Committee:

Resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee noted the risks identified in the report and the conclusion that it will be very difficult to complete a successful procurement before the existing contract ends.

2. That the Environment Committee requestd Officers to investigate and report on options to mitigate and/or remove these risks.

3. That the Environment Committee requestd Officers to investigate and report back to Committee on options to engage a Highways Maintenance Contractor on a shortterm basis to deliver service requirements post LoHAC expiry pending completion of a longer-term arrangement.

The votes recorded were:

For – 9

Against – 0

Absent – 1

16. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ANNUAL SPENDING SUBMISSION 202021 - KEY DECISION

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee noted the adjustments to the 2019/20 schemes compared with the Annual Spending Submission made in November 2018 as identified in Appendix 1.
2. That the Environment Committee agreed the proposals in Appendix 2 for submission to TfL as the LIP Annual Spending Submission for 2020/21.

17. DELIVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 (Q1) 2019/20

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake introduced the report.

Having considered the item the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee noted the adjustments to the 2019/20 schemes compared with the Annual Spending Submission made in November 2018 as identified in Appendix 1.
2. That the Environment Committee agreed the proposals in Appendix 2 for submission to TfL as the LIP Annual Spending Submission for 2020/21.

18. WORK PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 2019 TO MAY 2020

Resolved:

The Environment Committee noted the work programme.

The Environment Committee noted that the Transport Strategy would be reported in January 2020.

The Environment Committee noted that the LED lighting report be reported in November 2019.

19. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Executive Director for Environment, Mr Jamie Blake informed Members that an issue had occurred at Oakleigh Road Depot and stated that a crack had developed following ground movement. He stated that Willmott Dixon had requested to carry out works to correct the position that will commence in November 2019. Members noted that work would likely be carried out over a period of 6 months. Members noted that Officers were looking at options in order to continue to deliver services. Mr Blake said that Member of the Council will be updated when possible. It was noted that any works to the Council would not be costed to the Council.

The meeting finished at 21:51