

Decisions of the Environment Committee

11 January 2018

Members Present:-

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

Councillor John Hart	Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Gabriel Rozenberg	Councillor Philip Cohen
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Councillor Graham Old	Councillor Alon Or-Bach

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Before the Committee considered the minutes of the previous meeting Councillor Phil Cohen requested that members received information in relation to the Members Items that the Committee considered in his name. The Strategic Director for Environment confirmed that a letter would be sent to Members of the Committee updating them on the issue.

Having considered the above the Committee:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 07 November 2017 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Councillor Doctor Kay gave her apologies for absence. Councillor Tim Roberts was in attendance as a substitute Member. An apology of lateness was received from Councillor John Hart.

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

Agenda Item 6 – Members Item in the Name of Councillor Peter Zinkin – Include Barnet Hospital in the Teachers permit scheme

Councillor Peter Zinkin declared a non-Disclosable Pecuniary interest. He stated that he was the Barnet appointed Governor of the Royal Free Group. Councillor Zinkin took part in the consideration and voting process of the item.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

Include Barnet Hospital in the Teachers permit scheme

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

Resolved:

Having considered the report, the Committee requested that the Strategic Director for Environment:

- Considers the proposal and conducts a parking survey in order to establish if the proposal can be established, or not
- that in the event of the completion of a parking survey a report be submitted to a future meeting.

The votes recorded were:

6 – for

5 – against

Thanks to Council's Gritting Staff

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

Cllr Alan Schneiderman requested that a report be submitted back to the Committee to include:

- the challenges that staff faced on 11 December and also a review be submitted to the Committee
- a review of the gritting operation.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee:

Resolved:

- briefing note be circulated to Members of the Environment Committee regarding the recent gritting operation on the 11th December
- that a report be submitted to a future Environment Committee that outlines:
 - a review of the Council's gritting policy and arrangements
 - how other agency's work with the Authority
 - lessons learned from the 17/18 gritting operations

7. PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT RE-COMMISSIONING

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item and the intentions of the report. He invited Members to consider the report including the appendices to the report and the recommendations as illustrated.

Councillor Alan Schneiderman move a motion in his name and requested that the procurement process is postponed until a full business case is submitted to the

Environment Committee, this was seconded by Councillor Alon-Orbach. This was put to the vote and recorded as follows:

- For the motion – 5
- Against the motion – 5

The Chairman used his casting vote and therefore the motion was lost.

Having considered the report, the Environment Committee:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Committee note the content of this report, based on the findings of the independent expert's work on an in-house model, including the cost and income implications were the service to be brought in house.**
- 2. That the Committee note the content of the independent expert's report, including the exempt information at Appendix B.**
- 3. That the Committee agree to the continuation of the present procurement based on retaining the use of the private sector as a delivery vehicle for the Parking enforcement service.**

The votes recorded were:

- For – 5
- Against – 5

The Chairman used his casting vote and therefore the recommendations were carried.

8. HIGHWAYS PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item and the intentions of the report. The committee noted a supplement to appendix A which had been circulated.

The Chairman requested that Woodlands N14 footway be considered in addition to the carriageway which the Strategic Director for Environment confirmed it's inclusion.

Having considered the report, the Environment Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Committee approved the capital expenditure of £8 million for the delivery of the 2018/19 Planned Maintenance and Network Recovery Plan work programme consisting of carriageway and footway renewal works as listed in Appendix A of this report.**
- 2. That the Committee agreed the proposed investment proportions detailed in paragraph 5.2.3 of this report.**
- 3. That the Strategic Director for Environment be authorised to alter the programme of carriageway and footway renewal works, should the community, through local Ward Members object to a scheme being implemented.**

4. That subject to the overall costs being contained within agreed budgets, the Strategic Director for Environment is authorised to instruct Re to implement the schemes proposed in Appendix A by placing orders with the Council's term maintenance contractors or specialist contractors appointed in accordance with the public procurement rules and or the Council's Contract Procedure Rules as appropriate.

9. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2018/19 ADDENDUM

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item and the intentions of the report

Having considered the report the Environment Committee:

Resolved:

- **That the Committee reviewed the draft Corporate Plan 2018/19 addendum, including the key activities and targets for the Environment Committee, and noted the report prior to consideration of the Corporate Plan 2018/19 addendum by Policy and Resources Committee on 13 February 2017.**
- **The Committee agreed to amend the performance target of the satisfaction footways from 31% 39% for 2018/19. It was noted that this was in line with the London average.**

The votes were recorded as

Vote for – 6

Against – 0

Abstain – 5

10. SCHOOL PERMIT SCHEME

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Environment Committee noted the outcome of the surveys conducted in zones C and BX and the details of planned surveys in Zones CE, WH1 and C1.**
- 2. That subject to the condition set out below, the committee approved the issue of school permits to allow staff at the listed school to park in permit bays for the applicable zone while the holder is carrying out school duties or travelling for the purpose of carrying out school duties, subject to the conditions agreed at the Environment Committee of 11 May 2017.**
- 3. That the Committee agreed that the condition referred to above should be: That the parking survey should show that demand at the busiest surveyed time should not exceed 85% of the total number of resident permit bays occupied in the surveyed area if one or more additional vehicle were to be added.**

4. That the committee agreed that an area of adjacent streets should be excluded (exclusion zone) in each case and that where more than one school falls within a zone, these areas should apply to permit holders from all schools in the zone. This exclusion zone will be set by the Strategic Director for Environment following consultation with ward members.

5. That the committee agreed that the maximum number of concurrent permits to be issued to staff at each School be limited to 25.

6. The committee noted the above exclusion zone and cap on permits and delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Environment plus Ward Members to review and vary them in response to changes in circumstances.

7. the Committee agreed that in respect to St Catherine's school a further discussion take place with the Chief Officer and Ward Members. Subject to that consultation the Committee agreed that the Strategic Director of Environment be given delegation power to resolve.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

Councillor Alison Cornelius introduced the item and reminded the Committee that a motion had been reported to Full Council. The Chairman invited the Community Safety Manager to make a representation, he outlined that Officers had completed a take and finish group in November. He illustrated the options in the report and highlighted the bye laws, he requested that Members give consideration to the report and its recommendations.

The Environment Committee suggested that the maximum number of dogs for each handler is four.

Having considered the report, the Environment Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- 1. That the Environment Committee noted the current approach being implemented using the Community Protection Notice process to deal with dog nuisance and dog fouling issues highlighted in this report.**
- 2. That the Environment Committee agreed to delegate to the Strategic Director for Environment, authority to instigate a consultation, consider the responses to it and decide whether to introduce a PSPO for Brook Farm Open Space and Barnet Playing Fields.**
- 3. The Committee noted that the Strategic Director for Environment will write to all Members of the Council to consult on further sites in order to introduced PSPO.**

12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved:

That the Environment Committee noted the work programme.

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 20:32