

	<h2>Welsh Harp Consultative Committee</h2> <h3>11<sup>th</sup> July 2018</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Membership Applications</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>West Hendon</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report informs the Welsh Harp Consultative Committee of two applications from organisations that wish to join the Welsh Harp Consultative Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) (River) Brent Catchment Partnership</li> <li>(2) Cleaner Earth UK</li> </ul>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p>When considering the applications, the Committee must be satisfied that the organisation has sufficient interest in the Welsh harp to justify its nomination.</p> <p>That, subject to the Welsh Harp Consultative Committee’s terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Vote to approve or reject (River) Brent Catchment Partnership application for membership.</li> <li>(2) Vote to approve or reject Cleaner Earth UK application for membership/</li> </ul>

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 Two applications for membership of the Welsh Harp Consultative Committee have been received. The applications are as follows;

<p>Organisation (name and type)</p>	<p><b>(River) Brent Catchment Partnership</b> - independent governance body, set up to deliver improvements to all River Brent and tributary water bodies as required by the Thames River Basin Management Plan (under UK WFD Regulations).</p>
<p>Description of organisation</p>	<p>The River Brent Catchment Partnership (BCP) acts as a group of organisations (operating across all business sectors and including community groups) committed to improving the rivers, brooks and streams within the River Brent catchment in North and West London.</p>
<p>Interest in the Welsh Harp</p>	<p>The Welsh Harp is a very important site within the wider River Brent catchment, being at the confluence of the two main tributary river systems: the Silk Stream and Dollis Brook/upper Brent.</p> <p>The BCP takes a catchment based approach to improving the Brent rivers and valley environments including the Welsh Harp, working with all stakeholders from neighbouring communities. It is therefore interested in working proactively with all partners to help facilitate, resource and coordinate sustainable integrated environmental improvements to benefit local wildlife and people.</p> <p>Although the BCP is currently hosted by Thames21, which is represented at the JCC as an organisation due to its involvement at the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre, the Brent Catchment Partnership serves the interests of the River Brent independently of Thames21, and seeks to represent the best integration of interests between all partner organisations and general public.</p> <p>This request therefore seeks to recognise the role of the Brent Catchment Partnership as separate and independent from the representative and interests of Thames21.</p>
<p>Name and position of applicant</p>	<p>Dr Lucy Shuker – Development Manager for the Brent Catchment Partnership.</p>

Organisation	<b>Cleaner Earth UK- (Facebook based volunteer group)</b>
Description of organisation	Facebook group founded by Peter Eros. Aim of the group is to raise awareness of plastic pollution caused by littering on environment and society.
Interest in the Welsh Harp	We are both living in close proximity of the Recreational Ground part of Welsh Harp Nature Reserve and have ever growing concern about the impact of the serious issues of homelessness, crime gangs, fly tipping and the littering have on safety of the area for residents and responsible members of public visiting the area, which issues have not been resolved for years. Also we as people from rural background have even deeper concern of the impact human activity brings to wildlife and environment and we believe that awareness and sense of responsibility can be taught through example and making difference of the area you live and know is the starting point to make difference in a global scale.
Name and position of applicant	Peter Eros – Founder of Cleaner Earth UK

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 As outlined in the Welsh Harp Consultative Committees Terms of Reference, organisations may apply to the Committee to be represented. When making the decision the Committee must be satisfied that the organisation has sufficient interest in the Welsh Harp to justify its nomination.

Organisations may apply to the Committee to be represented. Applications should be forwarded in writing to the Clerk, who will arrange for the request to be reported to the Committee for decision.

## **3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**

3.1 Not applicable;

## **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

4.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

5.1 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

Not applicable

**5.2 Social Value**

5.2.1 Requests for Membership to the Committee provide an avenue for organisations with an interest in the Welsh Harp to join the Committee.

**5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

5.3.1 The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more Local Authorities. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of a Joint Committee with these other Local Authorities.

**5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

**5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Requests for Membership must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

**5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.