



Environment Committee

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Title	Member's Items
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All Wards
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

Members Items have been received for the Environment Committee from Councillors Jo Cooper, Alan Schneiderman, Laurie Williams and Geof Cooke. The Committee are requested to consider the items and give instructions.

Officers Recommendation

That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to these Member's Items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Environment Committee for considering and determination. The Environment

Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Cllr Jo Cooper	<p>Make Barnet Plastic Free</p> <p>I request that the Environment Committee commits to making Barnet a plastic free borough.</p> <p>300 million tons of new plastic is made each year, half of which is for single-use. In many cases there are practical alternatives available that are either re-usable or sustainable.</p> <p>I request that a report is brought back to a future meeting with a plan setting out the steps to achieve a plastic free borough, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• undertaking an audit of single-use plastics used by the council and all council commissioned services, replacing them with sustainable or re-usable alternatives where practicable.• ensuring, where possible, all future council commissioning exercises eliminate the use of single-use plastics, replacing them with sustainable or re-usable alternatives where practicable.• informing members of the public in its online and written communications about reducing plastic waste.• working collaboratively with businesses and other organisations to encourage them to reduce the amount of plastic waste they produce.
Alan Schneiderman	<p>London Climate Action Week</p> <p>The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has announced that a 'London Climate Action Week' will take place between 1-8 July 2019. I request that the Environment Committee and LB Barnet support this initiative by promoting its events and awareness of the climate challenge through the council's website.</p> <p>https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/london-climate-action-week</p>
Cllr Laurie Williams	<p>A 'Bee Corridor' for Barnet</p> <p>Studies have shown a large drop in the number of pollinating insects across the UK and that the loss of wild habitats has played a part in this.</p> <p>I request that the Environment committee instructs officers to develop a plan to create plots in Barnet's parks and open spaces as meadows where wildflowers can be sown. This will help to form a 'bee corridor' across Barnet, linking up with a similar initiative in Brent.</p> <p>https://www.brent.gov.uk/council-news/press-releases/pr6968/</p>

Cllr Geof Cooke	<p>Barnet Council's Response to Mayor's Air Quality Audit of Schools</p> <p>I request that the Committee be updated with Barnet Council's response to Mayor Sadiq Khan's Air Quality Audit of London Schools which highlights unacceptable pollution levels at some locations in Barnet.</p> <p>The Mayor's report named Wessex Gardens Primary and Tudor Primary schools.</p> <p>I request that the Committee is updated with the details of what funds the Mayor has provided to help tackle the problem; what funds the Council are themselves committing to this issue; and also the details of what the money will be spent on to mitigate the problem.</p> <p>I request that the Committee explore the possibility of suitable planting on Council land between the Tudor School and the North Circular to absorb pollutants as is being done elsewhere.</p>
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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

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

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or

Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

5.4 **Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues 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**

6.1 None.