

**MEETING**

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE AND TIME**

**THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 2015**

**AT 7.00 PM**

**VENUE**

**HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ**

Dear Councillors,

Please find enclosed additional papers relating to the following items for the above mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda.

Item No	Title of Report	Pages
5.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)	1 - 2

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Qn Number	Item No	Raised By	Question Raised	Answer
1	7	John Dix	Please can you clarify if the TUPE protocol is being met or not and if this transfer is not in keeping with current practise for transferees does this expose the council to the potential for legal action?	<p>The protocol applies to the former One Barnet Framework. There is no such protocol in place at present. Staff will be transferred under TUPE and as such the Council will not be exposed to unnecessary risk.</p>
2	7	John Dix	The report states that NLWA would “standardise opening hours”. Will this lead to ANY reduction in opening hours and what safeguards are in place to prevent NWLA reducing opening hours at any time in the future to reduce operating costs?	<p>The report states that NLWA plans to standardise opening hours, at this time no formal decision has been taken on what the standard will be. The current proposals would not change the number of hours that the Summers Lane CARC would be open.</p> <p>If NLWA proposed changes to the opening hours of Summers Lane in the future then Barnet would be consulted about such proposals. The borough would be required to give any and all proposals full consideration including how residents would be affected and any operational savings that would be made.</p>
3	7	John Dix	Paragraph 5.4.2 states that “The costs provided by NLWA used in this evaluation are indicative. Barnet would be charged the actual costs of operating the site. There is a risk that the cost of NLWA operating the site are higher than indicated”. How can the committee recommend a course of action where preferred option provides no financial certainty and may	<p>The borough has carried out an indepth cost comparison of the two options and the baseline costs. NLWA has contributed to this indepth cost evaluation. This work has provided a sound basis on which to consider and compare the two options.</p> <p>NLWA already operate 7 sites in the North</p>

	<p>cost more than it costs today?</p> <p>London area, which they have done for over two years, so it is considered that they have reasonable management and financial experience of operating sites. As set out in the report the NLWA costs are indicative as Barnet would be charged the actual costs of operating the site, as already happens at the other 7 sites in North London. It is felt that it would be incorrect not to highlight that there is a risk that the cost of NLWA operating the site could be higher than indicated, but it is felt that this a low risk based on their experience set out earlier.</p> <p>It should also be noted that the current cost of operating the site is not fixed, as it includes the cost of processing the materials at the site. This cost is dependent on what materials are brought to the site by residents, in what quantities and the cost / income for these materials. This will continue to be the case in the future.</p> <p>As NLWA is a sole purpose organisation, its funding is apportioned through levies to participating boroughs.</p>
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