

<u>MEETING</u> ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
<u>DATE AND TIME</u> TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 2015 AT 7.00 PM
<u>VENUE</u> 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
5.1	PUBLIC QUESTIONS	1 - 4

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Qn Number	Item No	Raised By	Question Raised	Answer
1	7	John Dix	How many of the savings identified in Appendix A will be subject to the Gainshare contract obligation and if so what will be the quantum of those Gainshare payments based on the savings indicated?	Procurement support in negotiating existing contracts at a lower price is eligible for gainshare as part of the CSG contract. Gainshare is payable once guaranteed procurement savings have been achieved. The re-negotiation of the parking contract will be considered for gainshare if the guarantee is met – based on the predicted saving, this is likely to be in the region of £45k.
2	7	John Dix	For efficiency E4 please can you clarify which parks are identified to return to "natural" areas and what consultation will take place with local communities before any changes are enacted?	Detailed plans for individual parks have not been compiled. The Draft Parks and Open Spaces Strategy is due to be considered by the Environment Committee in January. The introduction of naturalised areas in parks will be the subject of local consultation with “friends” groups and local park users.
3	7	John Dix	For efficiency E6 please can you clarify if this will result in any further dimming of street lighting or switching street lighting off during certain periods of the night?	The proposal is looking to reduce back office costs and invest in more efficient lighting. There are no plans to further dim street lighting or turn lights off during the night.
4	7	John Dix	For efficiency E10 before you enact these savings would it be sensible to actually ask residents if they would	There are no current plans to introduce an additional levy charge to residents for

			rather pay a little more to maintain or even enhance the current level of street cleansing given that street cleansing already has the 6 th highest level of poor/extremely poor rating at 21% and is 2% below the London average satisfaction level according to the latest residents perception survey?	investment in individual services
5	7	John Dix	For Growth G2 please can you clarify if either Pesach or clinical waste/sharps collections, which are currently free, will be considered for charging?	The Council do not intend introducing a charge for the collection of household clinical waste / sharp materials
6	7	John Dix	For Reducing Demand R3 please can you clarify what is meant by “loss of management control” in relation to parks and open spaces, will this involve the outsourcing or sale of any parks or public spaces and to what effect will this impact on free public access to these spaces?	In terms of impact on public satisfaction there is a potential risk of the loss of management control if, say, a local friends group took over the operational maintenance of a local green space. This is a risk that would have to be mitigated by whatever agreement mechanism was put in place to monitor performance. The proposal will look at alternative models for the governance of parks that would be built around protecting public access and improving the use and public satisfaction of the Borough green spaces.
7	7	John Dix	On Appendix B what will the £1.183 million at Hendon cemetery and crematorium be spent on and to what	The investment planned for Hendon cemetery and crematorium is to deliver improved office and private consultation space, deliver a wake

			<p>extent will the cost of this investment be offset before any Gainshare payments are made to Capita for increasing revenue?</p>	<p>facility, rebuild the staff mess and undertake essential repairs to the chapel and create a new memorial garden.</p> <p>This investment is intended to provide a fit for purpose facility which will allow the bereaved families to be treated with dignity. The investment should also reduce carbon footprint, encourage recycling and composting of floral tributes and therefore should lead to cost reduction and /or increased income in the waste service (which is not included in the scope of Re’s services). It is not anticipated that the investment will result in increased income in Re and therefore Re’s contract in relation to gainshare will remain unchanged.</p>
8	7	John Dix	<p>On Appendix B please can you clarify what the £12.495 million to spent on the local implementation plan is for, in detail; clarify whether it is grant funding or external funding and if external funding what is the source and terms of the funding i.e repayment term, interest charges or specific conditions.</p>	<p>The Local Implementation Plan is funded from TfL. An outline report was agreed by Environment Committee for the current year and a report for 2016/17 will be considered by the committee in March 2016. The funding does not attract any form of repayment terms or interest.</p>

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