Decisions of the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee

30 June 2021

Members Present:-

Councillor Jennifer Grocock (Chairman) Councillor Rohit Grover (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Dean Cohen Councillor Shimon Ryde Councillor Ross Houston Councillor Anne Hutton Councillor Arjun Mittra

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chairman of the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee, Councillor Jennifer Grocock welcomed all attendees to the meeting and noted the Covid-secure measures in place throughout the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 April 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Councillor Ross Houston declared an interest in relation to agenda item 10 (Members' Items Applications for Neighbourhood CIL Area Committee Budget) by virtue of being a trustee of Finchley Way Open Space.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

The Committee noted the comments submitted by Dr Suzanne King in relation to item 10 (Friends of Finchley Way Open Space) and by Brian Pien in relation to item 10 (Friends of Victoria Park) in support of the applications.

6. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE FINCHLEY AND GOLDERS GREEN AREA RESIDENTS FORUM (IF ANY)

None.

7. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

The Chairman invited the lead petitioner Ms A. Roberts who spoke about the petition, Improved safety in The Causeway, East Finchley. Ms Roberts spoke about the need to improve safety for residents and commuters using the footpath.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the petition.
- 2. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee decided to refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written response to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days.

8. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY UPDATE

The Committee welcomed the report and noted the correction of the wards referenced in Appendix 1 of the report.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount available for allocation during 2021/22, as set out in paragraph 6.2 and in the appendices.
- 2. That the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee notes the amount or reallocated underspends & overspends in Section 2.1

9. STANDARD MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

10. MEMBERS' ITEMS - APPLICATIONS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CIL AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET (IF ANY)

a) Councillor Ross Houston - Friends of Finchley Way Open Space Environmental Improvement

The Chairman welcomed the detailed application. Councillor Houston present the Member's item.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award the funding fully for £5,596 and noted the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

b) Councillor Danny Rich - Friends of Victoria Park Environmental Improvement

The Chairman welcomed the application and invited Councillor Rich to join the meeting. Councillor Rich presented the Member's item and spoke about the importance of planting trees and education about trees.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award the funding fully for £5,000 and noted the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

c) Councillor Rohit Grover - De-cluttering of street scene on Childs Way NW11

Councillor Grover presented the Member's item and referred to the photo in the application for illustration of the issue. Phillip Hoare, Assistant Director for Parking and Lead Officer noted that the application is supported from a technical point of view following assessment.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award the funding fully for £1500 and noted the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

11. MEMBERS' ITEMS - ROAD SAFETY & PARKING FUNDING REQUESTS (IF ANY)

None.

12. HAMPSTEAD WAY / MEADWAY, NW11 - PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Joyce Cheng, Design Manager to present the report. Following approval, the Committee agreed to amend recommendation 3 to include consultation with Ward Members before implementation of the scheme.

It was therefore RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the results of the speed and pedestrians surveys that was undertaken on Hampstead Way and Meadway, Garden Suburb, NW11.
- 2. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the Executive Director's decision to proceed with Option 2 as the preferred option, as shown on Drawings no. BC001967-06_FS_100-02-01 and no. BC001967-06_FS_100-02-02.
- 3. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the Executive Director of Environment agrees a statutory consultation should be carried out for the agreed option 2 and If any objection are received as a result of the statutory consultation the Executive Director for Environment will consider and determine whether the agreed Option should be implemented or not and if so, with or without modification, subject to funding being made available following consultation with Ward Members before implementation of the scheme.
- 4. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted that the Director of Environment will allocate funding of £30,140 from the road safety and

parking budget for the agreed option 2 to consult, design and introduce the approved proposals.

13. CRANBOURNE GARDENS, NW11 - FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ms Joyce Cheng presented the report.

It was RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the details of the feasibility study as outlined in this report.
- 2. That the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the Executive Directors decision to proceed with Option 2 as the preferred option.
- 3. Noted that the Director of Environment has allocated from Road Safety & Parking fund the funding of £13,200 to consult, design and introduce the approved proposals for the agreed Option.

14. PROGRESS UPDATE ON AREA COMMITTEE ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Phillip Hoare introduced the Scheme Update item which provides an update to the Committee of all Highways schemes agreed at the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee, to date.

It was RESOLVED that that the Finchley & Golders Green Area Committee noted the completed and in progress schemes set out in Appendix 1.

15. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman noted that the item on Road safety improvements on Long Lane is due to be reported to the Committee at its October meeting.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

16. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm