

Decisions of the West Area Committee

30 January 2023

Members Present:-

Councillor Nagus Narenthira (Chair)

Councillor Ernest Ambe	Councillor Mark Shooter
Councillor Matthew Perlberg	Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis	Councillor Kamal Gurung

Also in attendance
Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Apologies for Absence
Councillor Anne Clarke

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Anne Clarke who was substituted for by Councillor Alan Schneiderman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

6. PETITIONS - TO FOLLOW

The Chair noted that three petitions were received which were considered in turn. The order was changed to accommodate speakers.

1. Take Measures to Tackle Antisocial Behaviour in Colindale Area

Councillor Humayune Khalick outlined the issues faced in the local area as Ward Councillor, particularly around loitering and alcohol consumption. Ongoing consultation with the police and ward panel was taking place but more time was required to find a suitable solution.

Councillor Sara Conway added as Community Safety Lead that the concerns raised have been discussed with Officers, the Police and Ward Councillors. It was noted that the Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) did cover some of the areas in which issues were being faced by local residents.

After a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that:

- **The Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1**

- **The Area Committee instructs an Officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue (s) raised with a recommended course of action.**

3. Enforce Parking Restrictions – Neeld Crescent NW4

The Lead Petitioner, Belinda Darzy, addressed the Committee highlighting the problems arising from no parking restrictions in the area.

Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty addressed the Committee reinforcing the longstanding issues along Neeld Crescent. The Ward Councillor requested for the statutory consultation to be expedited.

Councillor Ernest Ambe has been aware of the number of complaints made by residents about parking.

Officers confirmed that a statutory consultation would be held in February to get the views of the residents.

After a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that:

- **That the Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1**

- **The Area Committee refer the matter to a Chief Officer to provide a written response to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days**

2. Amend CPZ days and times on Garth Road and Cloister Road

The Member Liaison Officer suggested to meet with the Lead Petitioner on site to review the issues and progress them accordingly from April under the new Road Safety and Parking budget.

RESOLVED that:

- **That the Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1**

- **Refer the matter to a Chief Officer to provide a written response to the**

Lead Petitioner within 20 working days

7. RESIDENTS' ISSUES (IF ANY)

The Committee noted that an Officer response to the issue was published in advance of the meeting.

The Member Liaison Officer said that the issue has been referred to TFL for a response.

Having considered the issue, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that the Road Safety and Parking issue be referred to the Director of Highways & Transport.

8. AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS FUNDING - NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) & ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING FUND UPDATE

In response to Members with regards to the road safety and parking budget, the Lead Officer explained that the remaining balance reflected the number of road safety schemes which have been commissioned under the West Area Committee, as opposed to a reduction to the budget allocation.

RESOLVED that at the West Area Committee:

-Notes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available for allocation during 2022/23, as set out in paragraph 7.2.2 of the report and in Appendix 1

-Notes the CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 2.1 of the report

-Notes the Road Safety & Parking Fund available for allocation during 2022/23 in paragraph 7.2.5 and as set out in Appendix 2

9. STANDARD MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

10. MEMBERS ITEMS' - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

The West Area Committee considered the following applications:

Maxability Funding

The Chair introduced the application.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Awards funding of £10,966.81 and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget

Lyndhurst Park – Environmental Project

Councillor Sara Conway presented the application.

The proposal was an environmental project and would lead to the growth of community organisations.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Awards funding of £27,500 and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget

Basing Hill Park – Improvement Project

Councillor Matthew Perlberg presented the application. It was noted that the hedge row along the stretch of the park would provide screening to the park as well as reduce air pollution getting into the park from a very busy road.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Awards funding of £22,522.50 and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget

Hendon Park – Play Equipment

Councillor Mark Shooter presented the application. It was noted that the equipment in the park used by a large area of residents was very outdated and the scheme would be iconic for Hendon, improving the lives of residents.

Cllr Perlberg highlighted that general improvements such as lighting and pathways which have deteriorated should be taken into consideration alongside the implementation of the play equipment.

Cllr Schneiderman asked it be noted that if approved, a significant portion of the Area Committee's budget would be spent on this project.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Awards funding of £115,387.42 and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget

Green Our Neighbourhood

The Lead Officer advised that the current CIL criteria was due to be amended at the next Policy and Resources Committee in February which would allow for a wider range of applications to be considered by Area Committees.

It was noted that many elements of the proposed scheme did not fall clearly within the current CIL criteria. The Chair added that more work was needed with support from Officers and the community to ensure eligibility of the scheme.

In response to Cllr Mearing-Smith, it was noted that any reservations put forth by Officers would be made clearer in future reports.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to defer the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Defers the application for funding for further information due to the reasons outlined above.

Cattle Trough Triangle – Landscape Improvements and Rain Garden junction of Platts Lane and Hermitage Lane

Cllr Nigel Young introduced the application. Resident Oona Hagen spoke on Behalf of residents and the Redington Frognaal Group.

It was noted that the tarmac was becoming dangerous and did not act as a positive gateway to Barnet. Planting would improve bio diversity, solve problems with flush floods and reduce pollution.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

-Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report

-Awards funding of £20,003 and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8.01pm