

Decisions of the Environment Committee

11 June 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Brian Salinger (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Claire Farrier
Councillor John Hart
Councillor Dr Devra Kay
Councillor Graham Old
Councillor Joan Scannell

Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Adam Langleben (In place of
Alan Schneiderman)
Councillor Stephen Sowerby (In place of
Peter Zinkin)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor
Alan Schneiderman

Councillor Peter Zinkin

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015 be approved

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Peter Zinkin who was substituted by Councillor Stephen Sowerby, and Councillor Alan Schneiderman who was substituted by Adam Langleben.

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

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Details of the Public Questions and the answers given by the Chairman were circulated and published on the Council's website prior to the meeting. There were no supplementary questions asked at the meeting.

A Public Comment was received from Mr Derek Dishman.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

(a) MEMBER'S ITEM - SINGLE YELLOW LINES ON A BANK HOLIDAY - COUNCILLOR DEAN COHEN

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Councillor Dean Cohen which requested Members of the Committee to consider the communication of parking enforcement on single yellow lines.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representation from Councillor Dean Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the report be noted
- That the Committee agreed to instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to submit a report to the Committee that:
 - Outlines a full range of options including cost
 - Addresses signage at locations where most PCN's are issued
 - Provides detail on the impact of the Borough not taking enforcement action on Sundays
 - Provides a definition of what bank holidays are and the implication this has on the Council's Highways

(b) MEMBER'S ITEM - BARNET COPTHALL, ALLIANZ PARK - CPZ - COUNCILLOR JOHN HART

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Councillor John Hart which requested Members of the Committee to consider controlled parking zone within the Mill Hill Ward.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representation from Councillor Dean Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the report be noted
- That the Committee agreed to instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment to submit a report to the Committee that:
 - Outlines signage at locations
 - Request that the Committee consider the communication options, including engagement with Saracens.

7. TRANSFER OF SUMMERS LANE CARC

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item the Committee;

RESOLVED:

- That the Environment Committee agreed to transfer the Summers Lane Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre to North London Waste Authority from 4 October 2015, which is Option B in this report.
- That the Environment Committee agree to delegate to the Commissioning Director for Environment in conjunction with the Street Scene Director permission to instruct Property Services in order to negotiate and enter into a lease with the North London Waste Authority.
- That the Committee agreed to add a break clause in respect the contractual agreements.

8. ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES - MANAGING HIGHWAYS PRIORITIES

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item the Committee;

RESOLVED –

- That the Environment Committee noted the report and the relationship with Area Committees.
- That the Environment Committee noted the potential opportunities to deliver local environmental priorities by devolving a proportion of CIL funding to Area Committee budgets, subject to agreement from Policy & Resources Committee on 09 July 2015.
- That the Environment Committee instructs the Commissioning Director for Environment to establish relevant guidance for Area Committees to follow, as outlined in section 1.18 of the report
- That the Committee note that decision made by Area Committees be in line with Council policy.

Having been put to the vote the Committee voted:

- In Favour: 6
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 5

9. SCHOOLS PERMIT ENGAGEMENT

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item the Committee;

Resolved:

- That the Environment Committee agreed to proceed to consult on the introduction of a Schools Permit Scheme with all parking permit holders and residents that live in a CPZ where a school is located.
- That Environment Committee agreed that any scheme should seek to ensure residents can park as near to their home as possible by offering a maximum number of permits to a school based on the availability of parking space and where schools determine which staff receives those parking permits.
- That the Committee noted that the School should have a school travel plan
- The Committee noted that any further decision required by the Committee be reported back to a future meeting.

10. MOVING TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item, the Committee

RESOLVED -

- That the Committee noted the powers available to the Council under the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003, regarding Civil Enforcement of Moving Traffic Contraventions.
- That the Committee agreed to make a recommendation to Full Council to approve that the enforcement responsibility is transferred from the Police to the Traffic Authority (the Council) and that the Council will use the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003 (LLA & TfL Act 2003) to take on the Civil Enforcement of certain moving vehicle contraventions (Moving Traffic Contraventions, MTC) with an anticipated 'Appointed Day' of 1 January 2016.
- That Committee agreed to delegate to the Commissioner Director for Environment to make a submission to London Councils to seek the necessary approvals from The London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) to commence MTC enforcement.
- That Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Commercial and Customer Services to be responsible for the exercise of the civil enforcement powers and to allocate responsibility to such Officers as may be required to act on their behalf.
- That Committee noted that a substantial public communications plan and awareness campaign will be carried out during the project. This is to ensure the schemes objectives are sufficiently published and that to Barnet residents and the public are fully aware of the approved Parking Policy's aims and objectives for introducing MTC.

- The Committee agreed that following a report to Full Council (as captured above) the Environment Committee receive a report that seeks approval of the locations whilst providing the Committee with an update.

11. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chairman requested an update regarding the Council's street trading policy which was received.

Resolved:

- That the Committee receive a report at a future meeting which provides information on the Council's position on this matter which includes the status of the Edgware market and any highways issues that may require a decision.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm