

Decisions of the Environment Committee

13 July 2017

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor John Hart	Councillor Graham Old
Councillor Gabriel Rozenberg	Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Philip Cohen
Councillor Dr Devra Kay	Councillor Agnes Slocombe

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Alon Or-Bach

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Alon Or-bach, therefore Councillor Claire Farrier attended as a substitute Member.

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

Councillor John Hart made a Non-Pecuniary Interest. He stated that he was affiliated to Darland Lake Nature Reserve. Councillor Hart took part in the consideration and voting on the item.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

The Environment Committee noted the details of public questions that had been submitted by residents who were given the opportunity of asking a supplementary question.

The Committee heard public comments from Mrs Cathy Pash (who spoke in the absence of Mrs O' Connor), Mr Philip Strom and Mr Dovi Heller. In all cases Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask all speakers questions.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

None

7. GOVIA THAMESLINK RAILWAY - PRESENTATION

Mr Larry Heyman and Mrs Katherine Cox were in attendance in order to provide a verbal presentation on the performance of network rail.

Members of the Public and Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chairman thanked Larry Heyman and Mrs Katherine Cox for their attendance and the presentation provided.

8. RECYCLING AND WASTE STRATEGY 2016 TO 2030 - UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report. He provided the Committee with an update on the Recycling and Waste Strategy 2016 to 2030 and its action plan following the Environment Committee's approval on 12 May 2016.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

Resolved:

That the Environment Committee noted the progress towards the goals of the waste strategy, and the action plan 2016 to 2020.

9. 2016/17 ANNUAL PARKING REPORT

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report.

The Committee outlined that it was important that residents are informed why renewals were being declined and also it was noted that communication of this required consideration.

The Committee stated that the operational management of disabled bays should be monitored closely and therefore it was requested that this be reviewed.

The Committee outlined that it would be helpful if future reports on this item include relevant costing.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee resolved:

Resolved:

- That Environment Committee approves the 2016/17 Annual Parking Report
- That Environment Committee note that once the 2016/17 Annual Parking Report has been designed it will be published on the Council's website

The Chairman requested that this be voted on:

For – 6

Against – 0

**10. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - REGULATORY SERVICES OUTPUTS
13-7-17**

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report.

The Committee supported the report and welcomed the good work that Officers had conducted in relation to producing the item.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

That the Environment Committee noted the Regulatory Services operations report for 2016/17 in Appendix 1 and the Food Law Enforcement Plan for 2017/18 in Appendix 2.

11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON HIGHWAY ADOPTION POLICY

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report. He stated that the report sought to approve and formalise the existing highway adoption criteria for the adoption of highway made under the Highways Act 1980 ("the 1980 Act"). The Committee noted the supplementary document to the report.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee noted the current approach for Highway Adoption as set out in this report
2. That the Environment Committee approved the criteria for Highway Adoption as set out in this report and in Appendices A; B; C & D
3. That the Environment Committee approved that the Commissioning Director for Environment carry out any changes required to the appendices in item (2) above under delegated powers as a result of future updates to legislation, best practice, Council policy and/or procedure.

12. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL'S PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report

Councillor Alan Schneiderman proposed an amendment to recommendation 3 that outlined:

that a master plan be developed for Victoria Park '*subject to a full consultation*'

This was seconded by Councillor by Councillor Devra Kay and subsequently agreed by the Committee:

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee notes progress to date on the Colindale Parks Improvement Scheme and delegates authority to the Strategic Director:
 - Environment to procure appropriately qualified external design consultants and construction contractors relative to the development of detailed designs for and subsequent delivery of Colindale and Rushgrove Parks; in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
2. That the Environment Committee agrees:-
 - that a master plan be developed for the West Hendon Playing Fields and associated sites so as to create a Sports Hub;
 - that a master plan be developed for the Barnet Playing Fields and associated sites so as to create a Sports Hub;
 - that blended funding streams are pursued for the development of these Sport Hubs in line with the agreed Greenspaces Capital Investment Programme and the Playing Pitch strategy for Barnet; and delegates authority to the Strategic Director: Environment to procure appropriately qualified external support to develop the master plans for the sites in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
3. That the Environment Committee agrees:-
 - that a master plan be developed for Victoria Park subject to a full consultation;
 - to request the release of the ring fenced funding to support the development and improvement of Victoria Park in line with the agreed Greenspaces Capital Investment Programme.
 - and delegated authority to the Strategic Director: Environment to procure appropriately qualified external support to develop the master plan for the site in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.
4. That the Environment Committee supported the principle of the transfer, by a long lease, of the Darland Lake Nature Reserve to an alternative and appropriate organisation and refers the transfer to the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee for consideration.
5. That the Environment Committee agrees the principle of the transfer of the freehold of Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb back to the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and refers the transfer to the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee for consideration.
6. That the Environment Committee agrees:-
 - that master plans be developed for the North West Greenbelt Sites (Barnet Gate Woods, Moat Mount Open Space, Scratchwood Open Space and Stoneyfield Park);
 - that blended funding streams are pursued for the development of these sites in line with the agreed Greenspaces Capital Investment Programme; and delegated authority to the Strategic Director: Environment to procure appropriately qualified external support to develop the master plans for the sites in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

13. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – 2016/17

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report. He outlined the progress with the implementation of the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (POSS) adopted by the Committee in May 2016.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

That the Environment Committee noted progress on the Environment Committee Commissioning Plan 2016/17 addendum (Appendix A).

14. BROOKSIDE WALK LIGHTING PROPOSAL

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report. He provided some background information as highlight in section 1 of the report. He also reminded Members of the resolution which the Hendon Area Committee approved on 26 October 2016. The Committee noted the supplementary document to the report.

Having considered the report and whilst noting the two public comments made earlier in the meeting the Environment Committee unanimously resolved:

1. That the Environment Committee agreed to fund any additional expenditure over £25,000 which is above the amount which the Hendon Area Committee are able to approve. The Environment Committee noted that the decision to proceed with the scheme is that of the Hendon Area Committee.
2. The Committee agreed that if the Hendon Area Committee were minded to fund the scheme the Environment Committee agreed that the scheme should can be funded through the Network Recovery Programme capital budget that was outlined in section 3 of the report
3. The Committee noted that this item would be reported to the Hendon Area Committee on 24 July 2107.

15. TACKLING AIR POLLUTION AROUND BARNET'S SCHOOLS

The Commissioning Director for Environment introduced the report.

Having considered the report the Environment Committee resolved:

1. That the Committee noted the progress Barnet has made in relation to delivering the Mayor's London Air Quality Strategy locally in its Air Quality Action Plan – set out in section 1.6 of this report.
2. That the Committee:
 - a) Noted that two schools in Barnet will undergo an air quality audit as per the Mayor's scheme and that implementing the recommendations of the audit could have cost implications.
 - b) Noted there are a further 13 schools within Barnet that are above the EU legal limits of 40 micrograms per cubic metre of air that could potentially benefit from a detailed air quality audit.
 - c) Agreed to receive a report setting out the outcomes and recommendations of the two schools air quality audits in Barnet.

3. That the Committee considered and noted the further recommended measures to improve air quality outlined in section 1.17 of the report, namely:
- Improve sustainable and active travel, specifically around schools
 - Barnet joining the North London Freight Consolidation Project on a trial basis of two years. (Funding has already been secured through the Mayor's Sir Quality Fund MAQF)

That the Committee considered and noted comments on the following measures for escalation to the Mayor of London, recommended by officers as requested in the Council motion as set out in section 1.10 of this report. This includes:

- For the Mayor to note that 14 out of the 15 schools in Barnet that are above the EU limits of Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) are sited either on or around the 5 TfL administered roads: North Circular Road (A406), Edgware Road/West Hendon Broadway (A5), the M1, Brent Street (A502), and Watford Way/Hendon Way (A41)
 - Request the Mayor to assess the impact the ULEZ will have on improving air quality in the areas around the 15 schools identified in his report
 - Requesting that buses that serve routes within 100m of the affected fifteen schools in Barnet are prioritised for transferring to cleaner buses i.e. that Double-deckers should be hybrid, and single-deckers electric or hydrogen.
4. The Committee agreed that a letter be sent to the Mayor of London to outline the Committee's concerns in relation to the air pollution.

The Chairman requested that this be voted on:

For – 8

Against – 0

Abstained – 3

16. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted that an item in relation to a Members Item which was reported to the Committee on 15 March 2017 titled Parking of Large Vans that turn Residential Streets with No Parking Restrictions into Car Parks be added to the Work Programme

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted the Work Programme
- That the Committee noted that the item mentioned above be reported to the next meeting

17. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were no urgent items.

The meeting finished at 21:42