

Decisions of the Environment Committee

5 June 2018

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Simberg	Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Thomas Smith	Councillor Jo Cooper
Councillor Laithe Jajeh	Councillor Geof Cooke
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Tim Roberts (in place of Cllr Williams)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment Committee held on 10 May 2018 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Councillor Lurie Williams gave his apologies for absence. Councillor Time Roberts was in attendance for him as a Substitute Member.

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

None.

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 and public comments that had been submitted and circulated. Members of the public had the opportunity to ask supplementary questions.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

Cllr Alan Schneiderman - Inquiry into problems at Oakleigh Depot and missed bin collections

Councillor Schneiderman introduced the item and requested that the Committee supported his Member's Item.

The chairman moved that the item be voted on as circulated.
In support of the Members Item – 4
Against the Members item – 6

The Chairman moved the following resolution that was unanimously agreed:

Resolved:

Having considered the report, the Committee

- Noted the members items
- Noted the resolution in item 7 that was considered earlier in the meeting
- Noted that the Strategic Director for Environment be requested to advise Members on further developments

Cllr Geof Cooke - Cross-borough boundary road safety – Pattison Road and Hermitage Lane

Councillor Cooke introduced the item and requested that the Committee supported his Member's Item.

Having considered the report

Resolved:

- the committee noted the Member's Item

Cllr Laurie Williams - Resident parking in East Barnet car parks

Councillor Tim Roberts was allowed to introduce the item in the absence of Councillor Laurie Williams, however the Chairman proposed that a site visit be arranged which resolved the matter.

Having considered the report

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted that a site meeting would take place between Officers and Ward Members

Cllr Jo Cooper - Alternate weekly bin collections

Councillor Jo Cooper introduced the item and requested that the Committee supported the Member's Item.

Having considered the report

Resolved:

- That the Committee agreed that the attending Governance Officer circulated the Item to the membership of the Policy and Recourses Committee the item.

7. STREET SCENE OPERATIONAL CHANGES 2018-19

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item. He outlined the operational changes that will be delivered within Street Scene Service during 2018/19 to deliver more efficient ways of working, increase the resilience of service delivery and contribute to the £1 million 2018-19 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) savings and income

target allocations to Street Scene Services. He gave an overview of the recommendations, he invited the Committee to consider and resolve.

The Chairman noted that Committee Members had received a representation form UNSION.

The Chairman, Councillor Dean Cohen moved the following resolution, this was seconded by Councillor Peter Zinkin.

1. That the Environment Committee notes the Barnet Conservative manifesto commitment that weekly refuse collections will be maintained, and that the proposed Alternate Weekly Collection (AWC) referred to in the November 2017 Environment Committee Business Planning report will not be introduced.

This was unanimously agreed.

The Chairman then requested that the report's recommendations be voting on.

2. That the Environment Committee noted the following operational service changes as set out in this report:

Service Change 1 –

- I. Reorganisation of recycling and refuse rounds and changes to resident's bin collection dates

Vote

For - 6

Abstained – 4

- II. Service Change 3 - Removal of recycling bring sites

Vote

For - 6

Against noting – 4

Councillor Dean Cohen moved an amendment to the following resolution, this was seconded by Councillor Peter Zinkin:

III. Service Change 4 - Christmas and New Year collections and the winter suspension of (up to six weeks) garden waste collection service

Vote

For - 6

Against noting – 4

IV. Service Change 6 - Time banded waste collections in town centres

Vote

For – 6

Against noting – 4

3. Councillor Peter Zinkin moved to amend recommendation 2 (which became resolution 3) to add to the recommendation as follows:

- that the Strategic Director for Environment investigate over the next few months methods for people that want to recycle household food waste

taking into account any cost. It was requested that options be considered at the next meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Thomas Smith.

Vote

For – 6

Against – 4

Therefore the it was resolved that:

- I. Service Change 2 - Stop all separate household food waste collections that the Strategic Director for Environment investigate over the next few months methods for people that want to recycle household food waste taking into account any cost. It was requested that options be considered at the next meeting.

Vote

- For – 6

- Against noting – 4

4. That the Environment Committee considers and approves the following fees and charges to support the service changes planned for 2018-19.

II. Service Change 5 - Charging for Replacement Waste and Recycling Containers as set out in out in Appendix B.

Vote:

For – 6

Against - 4

5. That the Environment Committee approves the Environmental Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) levels set out in Appendix C.

Vote

For – 6

Abstained – 4

8. DOCKLESS POOL BIKES IN BARNET

The Committee consider the report and the recommendations.

Following the consideration of the report by Members the Chairman moved the item to the vote.

Before the recommendations were considered however, the Committee agreed that the number of bikes be delegated to the Strategic Director for Environment. It was further noted that the Committee have the opportunity to review the pilot when the two year period is completed.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee gave thanks to Mr Klaff for his representation that he gave during the public engagement section of the meeting.

Having considered the report, the Committee unanimously:

Resolved

- That Environment Committee agreed to the commencement in June 2018 of the pilot of dockless pool bike provision as outlined in report.

- That Environment Committee agreed to the proposed next steps outlined in this report and that the company Urbo, are chosen to provide the dockless cycles for this pilot.

9. 2017/18 ANNUAL PARKING REPORT

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item.

Following the consideration of the report the Chairman move the item to the vote and therefore the committee:

Resolved:

1. That Environment Committee approved the 2017/18 Annual Parking Report as illustrated in Appendix A

2. That Environment Committee noted that once the 2017/18 Annual Parking Report has been designed it will be published on the Council's website

For the Recommendations – 7
Against the Recommendations – 0
Abstain – 3

10. END OF YEAR 2017/18 COMMISSIONING PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Strategic Director for Environment introduced the item. He stated that the report provided an annual overview of performance at the End of Year (EOY) 2017/18.

Having considered the report the Committee:

Resolved

That the Committee noted the finance, performance and risk information in relation to the Theme Committee's Commissioning Plan.

11. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered it's work programme and the frequency on Committee meetings.

Resolved:

- That a new meeting date be found
- That Members of the Committee receive an update following the dog consultation
- That The Strategic Director for Environment be requested to consider a phone box report

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chairman noted that he had an urgent item in relation to the proposed reduction in LIP funding. He requested that the Strategic Director for Environment provide a Committee with a verbal update which he duly did.

The Chairman stated that the item was urgent because the matter cannot wait until the next meeting and therefore urgent action is required.

Councillor Peter Zinkin moved a motion that the Chairman writes to Transport for London (TFL) and requests that the proposals be reviewed and reconsidered. Councillor Alan Schneiderman requested an amendment to this and stated that the Chairman should also write to the Secretary of State. He also requested that the correspondence to the TFL acknowledges that the Government had totally removed the TFL operating grant.

Councillor Alan Schneiderman's amendment to the Motion was voted on:

For – 3
Against – 7

Councillor Alan Schneiderman's amendment to the Motion was lost

Councillor Peter Zinkin's motion was voted on:

For – 7
Against – 0
Abstained – 3

Councillor Peter Zinkin's Motion was carried.

It was therefore resolved that:

- The Committee noted that the Chairman would write to Transport for London (TFL) and request that the proposals be reviewed and reconsidered for the benefit of the relationship of the Borough and TFL.

The meeting finished at 9.50 pm