

Decisions of the Environment Committee

21 January 2019

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 Laurie Williams
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Geof Cooke

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Prior to the consideration of the minutes the Chairman requested that the Strategic Director for Environment provide a verbal update on the bin collection arrangements. Having heard the lengthy update Members of the Committee had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Cllr Cooper noted that she requested an equities assessment impact at the last meeting. The Chairman request to Strategic Director for Environment to include this within a report at a future meeting.

During the discussion Members requested that a written report be submitted to the next meeting 14 March 2019.

Resolved

- That the committee noted that a report in relation to the bin collection arrangements be added to the work programme and submitted to the next meeting on 14 March
- That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2018 were approved as an accurate record

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

None.

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)

Prior to the public participation session, the Chairman noted that Councillor Alan Schneiderman had wished to make alternative recommendations to item 10. The Chairman requested for Councillor Schneiderman to read out his motion and alternative recommendations to the item which he duly did. The Governance Officer in attendance made the motion publicly available. The Committee noted this and the Chairman therefore stated that this will be considered when the item be considered.

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

None

7. BARNET ANNUAL AIR QUALITY - 20182019

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and drew the Committee's attention to the current and future statutory and policy framework within which air quality is delivered.

During the consideration of the time, Councillor Alan Schneiderman moved to amend recommendation 3 and 4 as outlined below. This was seconded by Councillor Cooper.

3. Add to recommendation 3:

- requested that the further development the anti-idling campaign and requested that best practice from other Boroughs be sought and proposals reported at a future meeting

4. add to recommendation 4:

- *support the Mayors diesel scraping fund*

The Chairman requested that the item be voted on. The Committee unanimously agreed resolution 1, 2, 3 (as amended) and 5. In respect to resolution 4 the amendment was lost. Four Members voted for the amendment and five voted against.

Having considered the report the Committee:

Resolved:

1. That the Committee noted the impact of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone, highlighted in section 1.30 of this report and the proposed action listed in section 1.34 of the report stating officers will assess the impact of the ULEZ in Barnet and bring back any policy issues to the Environment Committee. The Chairman was requested to write to Mayor Khan asking for further consideration of the impact of the ULEZ on families with older vehicles of 6+ seats who will be seriously affected by the proposed charge.
2. That the Committee noted the criteria Barnet will need to meet in order to sustain the Clean Air Borough status as set out in section 1.35 and table one of this report.

3. That the Committee noted the progress Barnet has made to address air quality in 2017 as set out in the Annual Status Report attached as appendix 1 of this report, the key achievements listed in section 1.46 and table one of this report. That the committee requested that the further development the anti-idling campaign and requested that best practice from other Boroughs be sought and proposals reported at a future meeting.
4. That the Committee note the limitations Barnet has in improving air quality on roads administered by Transport for London (TfL) and Highways England (set out in section 1.49 of this report) and makes further requests to the Mayor of London, and the Secretary of State for Transport to take additional action to support Barnet in improving air quality in the borough from the effect of these roads.
5. That the Committee noted support of the key actions for 2018 onwards set out in section 1.47 of this report, specifically:

5a. Noted the results of the school's audits and the proposed LIP funding to conduct an audit in the remaining 14 schools. (*Section 1.57*)

5b. Noted and confirmed support for the Council to fund the air quality audit for Beis Medrash Elyon School, NW9 7DH (approx. £6k) and (subject to the findings of the audit), provide £10k of funding to the school to implement recommendations of the audit as set out in section 1.57 of this report.

5c. Noted and confirmed support of Barnet's inclusion in the pan-London projects funded by the Mayors Air Quality Fund (*Section 1.60*)

5d. Noted the bids Barnet has submitted to the Mayors Air Quality Fund – Finchley Central and Brent Cross - and agreed in principle to the delivery of the projects should funding be successful. (*Section 1.64*)

8. CAR PARK CHARGING - PARKS

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and reminded Members of the last meeting when he was requested to consider the implementation of charging for the use of car parks in Greenspaces. At that meeting it was resolved to develop and bring back to the Committee proposals setting out individual site basis prior to any implementation and present the proposals to a future meeting of the Committee. The Strategic Director of Environment therefore requested that Members consider the report and the recommendations

During the consideration of the item Councillor Elliot Simberg moved to amend the recommendation as noted below. This was seconded by Councillor Peter Zinkin.

Having considered the report the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

- That the Committee agreed to consult on a site by site basis and requested that a report is submitted to the Committee in order to consider the findings prior to the implementation of charging for the use of car parks in Greenspaces sites as proposed and reported to the policy and resources committee for noting

- That the Committee further agreed and requested that the Strategic Director of Environment give consideration in respect to annual permits.

9. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – SUBMISSION OF FINAL DRAFT LIP

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report. Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments

Having considered the report, the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

That the Committee approved the final draft Local Implementation Plan for submission to the London Mayor for approval.

10. UPDATE REPORT - NORTH FINCHLEY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ)

The Chairman noted that earlier in the meeting at item 5 Councillor Alan Schneiderman had move to amend the report's recommendations and therefore he verbally provided alternative recommendations that were tabled and made publicly available. This was seconded by Councillor Cooke.

Having considered the report, the Committee unanimously:

Resolve (as amended):

1. To approve the publication of Experimental Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) to extend the hours of control within Highwood Avenue, Limes Avenue and Frederick's Place to apply on Sundays between 11:00am-1.00pm and 5:00pm-7:00pm, as indicated by the area shown in red in Appendix A, and implement the scheme accordingly. The existing hours of control on Monday to Saturday will remain unchanged.
2. To approve the publication of Experimental TMOs to introduce at any time restrictions in the North Finchley area as outlined in Appendix B, and implement the restrictions accordingly.
3. That any objections to the Experimental Traffic Management Orders referred to in 1 and 2 above will be considered by the Strategic Director for Environment in consultation with the Ward Councillors, and a decision made, by way of a Chief Officer Decision, on whether the measures should be modified or removed before the end of the experimental period.
4. The experimental TMO will run for a period of no longer than 12 months and a review will be started after it has been in place for 6 months to determine whether to make it permanent, with or without modifications. This review will include at least 2 surveys of whether vehicles from other parts of FN are found parking in Highwood Avenue, Limes Avenue and Frederick's Place.
5. The review referred to in 4 above will be part of a wider public consultation within the FN CPZ (the area of which will be delegated to the Chief Officer, in consultation with

Ward Councillors to agree perimeter controls in the area) to determine if any other modifications are required.

6. To instruct officers to monitor progress of the further development (including construction of a new auditorium) of St Barnabas Church within Solar House and bring forward the proposed review if the capacity of the church increases before the review is planned to be undertaken.

7. To convert the existing shared use Resident Permit/Payment Parking Place located in Highwood Avenue (outside of Turvin Court and Nos. 1 to 7) to become Resident Permit Holders Only Parking Place.

8. To instruct officers to review the existing yellow lines in Highwood Avenue and Limes Avenue to assess if there is sufficient space to safely add additional Resident Parking Bay.

11. HIGHWAYS PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2019/20

The Strategic Director of Environment introduced the report and requested the Committee's approval for the delivery of the 2019/20 Highway Planned Maintenance and Network Recovery Plan.

During the discussion Councillor Peter Zinkin moved that recommendation 3 be amended as illustrated below. This was seconded by Cllr Schneiderman.

Having considered the report the Committee unanimously:

1. That the Committee approves, subject to full council agreeing the final 2019/20 capital programme, the capital expenditure of £6.525 million for the delivery of the 2019/20 Planned Maintenance and Network Recovery Plan work programme consisting of carriageway and footway renewal works as listed in Appendix A of this report, carriageway patching and associated works.
2. That the Committee agrees the proposed investment proportions detailed in paragraph 5.2.3 of this report.
3. That the Strategic Director for Environment is authorised to alter the programme of carriageway and footway renewal works, should the ~~community~~ *Ward Councillors* object to a scheme being implemented.
4. That subject to the overall costs being contained within agreed budgets, the Strategic Director for Environment is authorised to instruct Re to implement the schemes proposed in Appendix A by placing orders with the Council's term maintenance contractors or specialist contractors appointed in accordance with the public procurement rules and or the Council's Contract Procedure Rules as appropriate.

12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee agreed that the next meeting that was due to take place on 14 March take place at 6pm.

The Committee noted that the following items be added to the work programme:

- bin collection arrangements
- parking charges in parks
- Single use plastic and use of plastic in roads

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 20:58