

Decisions of the Environment Committee

12 March 2020

Members Present:-

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

Councillor Laithe Jajeh	Councillor Alan Schneiderman
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Councillor Jo Cooper
Councillor Felix Byers	Councillor Geof Cooke

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the that took place on 20 January 2020, be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

The Chairman provided apologies of absence for Councillor Laurie Williams and Councillor Elliot Simberg. Councillor Geof Cooke noted in his capacity as the Labour Group whip that due to the coronavirus Councillor Laurie Williams was not in attendance for health reasons. As a result, the Conservative Group had agreed that Councillor Simberg would not attend.

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

The Chairman, Councillor Dean Cohen declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect to Item 10, Network Recovery Programme. He stated that the road that he lives in was on the reserve scheme list for footway relay.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

The Environment Committee noted the detail of a public question that had been submitted and circulated. Ms Lis Marmaris had the opportunity to ask a supplementary question which was responded verbally to by the Intimin Executive Director for Environment.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

None.

7. SPORTS HUBS MASTER PLANNING – BARNET AND KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, AND WEST HENDON PLAYING FIELDS

The report was introduced by the Assistant Director for Greenspaces and Leisure, Ms Cassie Bridger. She therefore provided an overview of the report. She requested that the Committee give consideration to the report and the recommendations.

Having considered the report the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. That the Committee noted the outcomes of the public and stakeholder consultation on the draft Master Plan for Barnet and King George V Playing Fields.
2. That the Committee approved the Final Master Plan for Barnet and King George V Playing Fields.
3. That the Committee noted the outcomes of the public and stakeholder consultation on the draft Master Plan for West Hendon Playing Fields.
4. That the Committee approved the Final Master Plan for West Hendon Playing Fields including the inclusion of Woodfield Park in the Final Master Plan.
5. That the Committee noted that the Business Cases for the Sports Hubs for Barnet and King George V Playing Fields, and West Hendon Playing Fields will be reported to a future meeting of the Environment Committee and other Theme Committees as appropriate.

8. ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2020/21

The Interim Executive Director for Environment, Mr Geoff Mee introduced the report. He outlined the Annual Delivery Plan for the Environment Committee, which provided Members with the Council's priorities for 2020/21 and how progress and performance will be monitored, including any risks to delivery.

Members had the opportunity to discuss the item and raise questions. In doing so Members spoke in favour for a report to be submitted to the Committee in relation to fly tipping and associated enforcement action.

Having considered the report the Committee.

Resolved:

That the Committee approved the Annual Delivery Plan for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix A.

The vote recorded was:

For – 5

Against – 0

Abstained – 3

9. QUARTER 3 (Q3) 2019/20 DELIVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE

The Interim Executive Director for Environment, Mr Geoff Mee introduced the report.

Members had the opportunity to discuss the item and raise questions.

Having considered the report the Committee.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the budget, performance and risk information for Q3 2019/20.

The vote recorded was:

For – 5

Against – 0

Abstained – 3

10. NETWORK RECOVERY PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Chairman introduced the report.

Councillor Alison Cornelius noted a typo with Appendix A and outlined that she wanted to make an amendment to the Proposed Carriageway and Footway Works within Totteridge Ward. The Chairman stated that if changes are to be suggested then this could be done so in consultation with the Interim Executive Director for Environment. However he further noted that good reason for any departure would need to be provided.

Councillor Peter Zinkin noted an error in the description for a matter within Childs Hill Ward. This was noted.

Members had the opportunity to discuss the item and raise questions.

Before moving to the vote the Chairman noted that if there are carriageway defects that had been recently caused by poor weather that Members contact the Interim Director for Environment.

Having considered the report the Committee unanimously:

Resolved:

1. That the Committee approved the capital expenditure of £6 million for the delivery of the 2020/21 Highway Network Recovery Plan (NRP) 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 approved, subject to full Council agreeing the final 2020/21 capital programme and Policy and Resources agreeing the 2019/20 slippage £0.954 million addition to the programme, the capital expenditure of £6.954 million for the delivery of the 2020/21 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.
3. That the Committee noted the changes to the Work Programme as a result of Ward Member consultation and engagement, as set out in Appendix A of this report.
4. That the Committee agreed the proposed investment proportions detailed in paragraph 5.2.4 of this report.
5. That the Interim Executive Director, Environment be authorised to alter the programme of carriageway and footway renewal works.
6. That subject to the overall costs being contained within agreed budgets, the Interim Executive Director, 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.

11. EXOR - ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The Chairman noted that this report be withdrawn from the agenda. The Interim Executive Director for Environment, Mr Geoff Mee provided an outline of the proposed item. In doing so he stated that the report was not ready for the Committee to consider it and therefore an Urgency Committee would be convened in order to resolve the matter.

12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Environment Committee noted it's work programme and in doing so requested that a street cleansing item be added to the work programme for the June meeting.

13. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 20:27