

Decisions of the Environment Committee

24 September 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)

Councillor John Hart
Councillor Dr Devra Kay
Councillor Graham Old
Councillor Joan Scannell
Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Peter Zinkin
Councillor Adam Langleben (In place of Claire Farrier)
Councillor Stephen Sowerby (In place of Brian Salinger)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – Having made two minor amendments on page 4 of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2015 the Committee approved the document as an accurate account.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology of absence was received by Councillor Claire Farrier who was substituted by Councillor Adam Legleben. An apology of absence was also received by Brian Salinger who was substituted by Councillor Sowerby.

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

Councillor Joan Scannell declared a Non-disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 12 as she is a Saracens season ticket holder.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

A Public Comment was received from Fiona McGahon who addressed the Committee in relation to item 6.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Councillor Laurie Williams which requested Members of the Committee to consider the car parking arrangements on East Barnet Road.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representations from Councillor Williams, a Public Comment from Ms Fiona McGahon and from Ward Member Councillor Philip Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee note the report and support its intentions
- That the Committee agreed to instruct the Commissioning Director for Environment within the powers of delegation to:
 - Deliver an amendment to the Council's Parking Policy to support the residents on East Barnet Road and therefore implement
 - That Officers work to a four week deadline if the Commissioning Director for Environment has the power to implement.
 - That Ward Member's be informed of any developments

7. ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15 ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted the progress made during 2014/15 and agreed to use the information provided to help in future decision making.
- That the Committee request that regular updates are sent to Members of the Committee and requested that a greater amount of financial information be provided.

8. ALLEY GATING - EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY INTERVENTION

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee noted the costs and the cost benefits of an alley gating scheme set out in appendix 1 of the report

- That the Committee agreed to delegate the alley gating approach to the Area Committee in order for consideration to be given as part of area based interventions.
- That the Committee request that Officers consider gating footway paths and bridleways
- That the Committee request that Officers consult with Barnet Homes in respect to this issue.
- That the Committee note that this report be sent to Members and Substitute Members of the Community Leadership Committee for information.

9. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP) 2016/17 ANNUAL SPENDING SUBMISSION

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That subject to resolution 2 below the Environment Committee approved the 2016/17 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Annual Spending Submission as detailed within Appendix C for submission to Transport for London
- That the Committee agreed that in respect to the 'Options appraisal A1-M1 link' on page 7 of the tabled appendix, the Commissioning Director for Environment clarify the position with the Committee Members.

10. BANK HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT OF SINGLE YELLOW LINES

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Environment Committee noted the reasons why single yellow lines are required on Bank Holidays and authorises that parking enforcement continues for the reasons set out in this report.

Having been put to the vote the following was recorded:

For – 6

Against – 4

Abstain – 1

- That the Environment Committee agreed that the signs at the top 10 locations listed in Appendix 3 where the most PCNs have been issued be reviewed and improved to ensure motorists are clear when the parking controls operate and to improve compliance.

Having been put to the vote the following was recorded:

For – 6
Against – 0
Abstain – 5

11. DAMAGE TO THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY CAUSED BY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Environment Committee noted the contents of the report
- That the Environment Committee agreed to give authority to require a new condition requiring the deposit of a sum of money to cover the cost of repairs of any potential damage to the highway, such sum to be determined based on the reconstruction costs of the affected area of highway, be added to Hoarding and Crane Licence conditions issued under the Highway Act 1980 and be delegated to the Commissioning Director for Environment.
- That the Environment Committee noted that a pilot scheme be trialled for a period of three months in Finchley and Golders Green where a large number of development activities are currently underway, whereby an Officer will inspect development sites in this area and where visible damage to the highway fronting the development is observed, serve notice under Section 133 of the Highways Act 1980 on the property owner informing them of the Council's intention to recover the cost of the damage from them.

12. SARACENS EVENT DAY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) UPDATE

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item and an oral representation Ward Member Councillor Sury Khatri the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee agreed to the Event Day CPZ Boundary Review be amended to exclude the Mill Hill Broadway Area bounded by the A1 Barnet By-Pass to the east, A5100 The Broadway to the north, the M1 to the West and Bunns Lane to the South.
- That the Committee agreed to defer the remaining Officer's recommendations in order for Officers to conduct a site visit with Ward Members.
- That the Committee agreed that no further submission on this matter be presented to the Committee until a consensus be reached with Ward Members
- That the Committee requested that in the event that a report is submitted to the Committee to determine this matter, Officers consider the content of the report

which was submitted to the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on Thursday 7th February, 2013 and the items resolution.

13. MOVING TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Having considered the Item the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Environment Committee noted the contents of the report and the timescale towards implementation.
- That the Committee agreed that following the implementation of each camera a 4 week grace period will be in operation resulting in the vehicle owner receiving a warning letter.
- That the Committee instruct Officers to review this decision in one year and if require to report the findings to the Committee.

14. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK-PROGRAMME

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report.

15. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chairman introduced a report which outlined that on Tuesday 28 July Councillor Kath McGuirk submitted an Opposition Motion to Full Council. The Chairman noted that the Motion was not debated or voted on that therefore the Environment Committee were required to consider the report.

Having considered Item and oral representations from Ward Member Councillor Kath McGuirk the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee note the report and support the Motion.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm