

Decisions of the Environment Committee

15 July 2015

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)
Councillor Brian Salinger (Vice-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 Tim Roberts (In place of Claire
Farrier)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2015 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology of absence was received by Councillor Claire Farrier, Councillor Tim Roberts attended as a substitute.

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

There were none.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

A Public Comments was received by Mary O'Connor.

6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Alan Schneiderman which requested Members of the Committee to consider the Impact of the street trading policy on high streets and town centres.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representation from Councillor Dean Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the report be noted

- Those Members of the Committee be invited to attend the Licensing Committee on 20 July 2015. At this meeting Members will be requested to consider the street trading policy. Members were reminded how they are able to engage with the meeting in the event that they are not a member of the Licensing Committee.

(a) MEMBERS ITEM - COUNCILLOR ALAN SCHNEIDERMAN - STREET TRADING POLICY

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Having considered the Member's Item and oral representation from Councillor Dean Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the report be noted
- Those Members of the Committee be invited to attend the Licensing Committee on 20 July 2015. At this meeting Members will be requested to consider the street trading policy. Members were reminded how they are able to engage with the meeting in the event that they are not a member of the Licensing Committee.

(b) MEMBERS ITEM - COUNCILLOR DR DEVRA KAY - AIR POLLUTION

The Committee considered a Members' Item submitted by Councillor Dr Devra Kay which requested Members of the Committee to consider air pollution in Barnet as outlined within the report.

Having considered the Member's Item and oral representation from Councillor Dean Cohen the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the report be noted

7. PLANNED MAINTENANCE Q1 - UPDATE

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item the Committee;

1. That the Committee agree the updated list of planned maintenance carriageway and footway schemes to be progressed in 2015-16 (Appendices C1, C2, C3, and C4) within the available Network Recovery Plan budgets be duly noted for information

2. That the Committee agree the recommended additional footway scheme sites (Appendix C1a) be approved.

3. That the Committee note the details for drainage/structures and road marking schemes

4. That the Committee agree the carriageway schemes deferred in 2015-16 (C2a, C3a and C4a) due to revised budget allocations be prioritised as part of a process later in the year to recommend a 2016-17 network recovery plan programme applying the operational network hierarchy and current condition survey information. The Committee note that the completion of a survey should be carried out in conjunction with any other planned work.

5. That the Committee agree an additional programme of flexible footway schemes be prioritised and agreed for implementation. The programme to be prepared using the operational network hierarchy, current condition survey information and guidelines for appropriate asset management treatments and funded from the £2m the current capital budget. The Committee agreed that they receive a list of options which sets how the budget of £2m be used for footway schemes.

8. BACKLOG OF HIGHWAY WORKS FOR AREA COMMITTEES

The Commissioner Director for Environment presented the report.

Following discussion and consideration of the item the Committee;

RESOLVED:

- That the Committee approve progression of the unfunded works in the backlog list totalling £705,000 to be funded from the capital allocation of £1m.
- That the Committee agreed to instruct the Commissioning Director to include the following workstreams with the list of backlog issues:
 - The Vale
 - Broadfields Avenue
 - Park Avenue
 - Aerodrome Road

Having been put to the vote the following was recorded:

For – 10

Against – 0

Abstained – 1

9. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chairman stated that Councillor Tim Roberts had raised an urgent issue with him and therefore allowed this matter to be raised formally. Therefore Councillor Roberts noted his concerns regarding the configuration of Dollis Valley Way. He requested that the Committee consider Traffic Calming measures at this location. He further added that the developers at the site had agreed to fund any implementation.

Having discussed and considered this matter the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Committee agree to support the installation of vehicle activation signs and welcomed this to be fully funded by the developer.

The Chairman further added that he had been concerned of the misuse of unregistered land in respect such areas being fly tipped and in some circumstances encountering rough sleepers.

Having discussed and considered this matter the Committee:

Resolved:

- That the Commissioning Director for Environment produce a report to the next meeting which outlines options to combat this issue.

The meeting finished at 21:20