

	<p style="text-align: center;">Environment Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 March 2016</p>
Title	Member's Item – Potholes – Councillor Agnes Slocombe
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Environment Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

Councillor Slocombe has requested that a Member's Item be considered on the following matter:

'An increasing number of residents are complaining about the number of potholes on Barnet's roads, the time taken to make repairs and the poor quality of many of those repairs. We also note that this is leading to many insurance claims against the Council that could be avoided.

I request a report on the methods used to repair potholes, the number of potholes reported each quarter in 2015/16 and the time taken for repairs to be made. In addition, how many insurance claims have so far been made for damage caused by potholes in 2015/16 and how much money has been paid out?'

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be

within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.