



Chipping Barnet Area Committee

6 July 2016

Title	Progress update on Area Committee Actions July 2016
Report of	Commissioning Director - Environment
Wards	High Barnet, East Barnet, Underhill, Oakleigh, Totteridge, Brunswick Park and Coppetts
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Progress update report on actions requested by Chipping Barnet Area Committee
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Summary

This report provides Chipping Barnet Area Committee with an update on the actions agreed by the Committee, on-going Committee approved schemes and new requests that were approved at the March 2016 Committee.

Appendix 1 of this report provides a summary of the actions requested by the Committee, progress made to date, action required by officers and recommendations to be considered by Chipping Barnet Area Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee notes the update and actions set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides a progress update and recommended actions of the actions requested by the Chipping Barnet Area Committee. These are referenced for the purpose of tracking progress and reporting back to future Committee meetings.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The recommendations provide an update on progress and action following 30 March 2016 Chipping Barnet Area Committee.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 provides a progress update on these progress update on all action/schemes previously approved for progression by the Chipping Barnet Area Committee. It should be noted that not all of these schemes are Area Committee funded but some are funded using alternative funding such as Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 2016/17 and/or the 2016/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Officers have assessed the appropriate actions needed to progress the requests of the Chipping Barnet Area Committee and have set out the appropriate recommendations. There are no alternative options to consider. However, the Committee could decide not to proceed with the recommended options.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Following the decision of the committee, actions listed in the progress report (Appendix 1) will be followed up, commissioned and tracked. Reports will be provided to a future Committee where stated. The Commissioning Director for Environment is responsible for maintaining a log of actions arising from area committees and commissioning the works. The Commissioning Director for Environment will ensure that items are progressed to committees for decisions and/or updates as and when required.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Area Committee Budgets contribute to the objectives as set out in the Council's 2015-2020 Corporate Plan:

That Barnet's local environment will be clean and attractive, with well-

maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic, increased recycling and less waste sent to landfill.

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

5.2.1 The cost implications of the actions requested by the Committee for the individual schemes were agreed at previous Chipping Barnet Area Committees. These will be funded from either the 2016/17 budget for the area committee or the 2016/17 Capital allocation for Pavement Work.

5.2.2 The Committee should note that there are possible further cost implications to the council relating to the individual schemes. These costs will be detailed in the proposed update reports or specific scheme reports presented at future Committee meetings for Members to consider and authorise, reject or refer to the Environment Committee.

5.2.3 Scheme funded using The LIP funding 'Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Programmes 2016/17' are detailed in Appendix 1. For the LIP 2016/17 Programme and of the £3,413,000 allocation £1,300,000 has been identified for the following generic areas, Traffic Management and Road Safety Programme (£500,000), School Travel Schemes Programme (£500,000), Parking Review Programme (£100,000) and 20mph Schemes programme (£200,000).

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 Not relevant to this report

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 Under the Council's Constitution, 15A Responsibility for Functions, Annex A – the terms of reference of the Area Committees includes to:

- Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources Committee, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a local level including but not limited to local highways and safety schemes;
- Administer any local budget delegated from Policy and Resources Committee for these committees in accordance with the framework set by the Policy and Resources Committee.”
- Powers to deal with small public works

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 If the Council did not carry out due diligence in conducting the proposed approach to interventions requested by the Committee for example consultation and feasibility studies there would be a risk that resources would not be used effectively or that the full cost implications of implementing the actions of the committee are not identified. Therefore the approach recommended in this report mitigates this risk and ensures that the Committee are able to make informed decisions on actions which are supported by an assessment of the works required, full cost implications and realistic time

scales for completion. This approach also ensures the management of expectation of members and residents and promotes transparency.

5.5.2 Schemes address issues such as road safety, schemes will improve the safety and would also help to reduce potential accidents. Schemes will also be beneficial in reducing congestion and where traffic is kept moving the emissions from vehicles are reduced, thereby reducing air pollution.

5.5.3 However, schemes also include construction elements with inherent hazards.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have 'due regard' to achieving a number of equality goals:

- (i) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act;
- (ii) (ii) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and
- (iii) (iii) to foster good relations between persons with a relevant protected characteristic and those without.

The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.6.2 Proposed changes associated with the proposals are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of the community.

5.6.3 LB Barnet Council owes a duty of care to all road users and endeavours to ensure a safe environment for vulnerable user groups.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Consultation and engagement required for each action is set out in the progress report – Appendix 1.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 Not relevant to this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The report of 27 January 2015 Environment Committee Highways Planned Maintenance 2015-16.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20549/Highways%20Planned%20Improvement%20Programme%20201516.pdf>
 - 6.2 Report to Environment Committee, 11 June 2015.
<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s23705/Review%20of%20Area%20Committees%20their%20relationship%20with%20the%20Environment%20Committee.pdf>
 - 6.3 Minutes of previous minutes that are relevant to Appendix 1 can be found here: <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=711>
 - 6.4 An update on the review of Area Committee Actions (2015-2016) Report to Chipping Barnet Committee 21 October 2015
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s26583/An%20update%20on%20the%20review%20of%20Area%20Committee%20Actions%202015-2016.pdf>
 - 6.5 A Progress update on Chipping Barnet Area Progress Report on approved schemes including Budget Update to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on 13 January 2016.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s28649/Progress%20Report%20on%20Approved%20Schemes%20Including%20Budget%20Update.pdf>
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