

	<p>Environment Committee</p> <p>14 July 2016</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Member's Item Laurie Williams - Food hygiene inspections Alan Schneiderman - Pesticide use in Barnet Agnes Slocombe - Bus services in Barnet Alon Or-bach - Trade waste and fly tipping in town centres Dr Devra Kay - Grass verges and weeds</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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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

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Environment Committee for considering and determination. The Environment Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Name of Councillor	Members Item
Laurie Williams	Food hygiene inspections Councillor Williams has requested that the Environment Committee consider food hygiene inspections in Barnet, including the number of inspections and prosecutions this year and in each year since 2003. He further requests that the committee receive a report at a future meeting. Councillor Williams states that according to the Food Standards Agency, in June 2016, there are over 150 restaurants, takeaways and other food businesses in Barnet where improvements are needed to food hygiene – of these 17 are rated '0' requiring urgent improvement and a further 54 are rated just '1' where major improvement is necessary. Across the UK, the number of food safety inspections has fallen by 15% since 2003, with the number of prosecutions falling by 35% over the same period. This presents a potential health risk to consumers from unhygienic food standards not being dealt with.
Alan Schneiderman	Pesticide use in Barnet Councillor Schneiderman requests that the Environment Committee receive a report at its next meeting to outline the use of pesticides, and in particular glyphosate herbicide, on Barnet's streets and parks – including what assessment has been made on their safety given that the use of these chemicals has been banned or restricted in several countries.
Agnes Slocombe	Bus services in Barnet Slocombe requests that the Committee invite a representative from Transport for London to a future Environment Committee meeting to discuss bus services in Barnet, including potential improvements and concerns over the frequency, capacity and reliability of current services.
Alon Or-bach	Trade waste and fly tipping in town centres Councillor Slocombe requested that the Committee consider the receiving at a future meeting a report on the number of complaints received regarding trade waste and fly tipping in each of Barnet's town centres, the number of enforcement actions taken and how the main hotspots can be tackled, including through the use of the Council's new waste and enforcement strategies.
Dr Devra Kay	Grass verges and weeds Councillor Dr Kay states that it is now summer and Councillors and residents have made complaints that some of our grass verges are

	overgrown and weeds alongside roads and pavements are getting out of control. Therefore she requested that the Environment Committee be updated with this year's programme for trimming grass verges and removing weeds.
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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.