



# Environment Committee

02 June 2021

**Title**

## Member's Items

**Councillor Alan Schneiderman – Protecting the Welsh Harp**

**Geoff Cooke – Barnet Citizen's Climate emergency Panel**

**Laurie Williams – Enhance Hedges to Encourage Wildlife**

**Claire Farrier – Restart Food Waste Collection**  
*(subject to membership appointment at Annual Council, 25/05/21)*

**Report of**

Head of Governance

**Wards**

All Wards

**Status**

Public

**Urgent**

No

**Key**

No

**Enclosures**

None

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## Summary

Members Items have been received for the Environment Committee. The Committee are requested to consider the items and provide instructions.

## Officers Recommendation

**That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to these Member's Items 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.

<p><b>Alan Schneiderman</b></p>	<p><b>PROTECTING THE WELSH HARP</b></p> <p>At the March Committee meeting it was agreed that a report would come back to a future meeting with options for a robust protection and maintenance plan for the Welsh Harp. In my member's item to that meeting, I asked the Committee to consider using the circa £200k s106 funds obtained and set aside for biodiversity on this Welsh Harp plan.</p> <p>Since the meeting, the Council has identified additional CiL monies to be used both centrally and via the Area Committees for local infrastructure works.</p> <p>The Welsh Harp is of strategic importance to the wider regional area, so I ask that the Committee consider use of some of this newly identified CiL funding to boost the developing plan for the Welsh Harp as part of Barnet's contribution.</p> <p>I also ask that the Committee is given an update on work on this plan.</p>
<p><b>Geoff Cooke</b></p>	<p><b>BARNET CITIZEN'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY PANEL</b></p> <p>It is widely recognised, although not yet by Barnet Council, that we facing a climate emergency. Alongside action at an international, national and community level, tackling the climate emergency should be at the heart of the council's work.</p> <p>Environment committee is asked to agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To declare a climate emergency.</li> <li>2. Ensure all council decision-making includes an assessment of the decision's environmental impact.</li> <li>3. To set up a <b>Barnet citizen's climate emergency panel</b> to support the development of climate change and sustainability action plans and to monitor the council's progress in implementing the plans and mitigating climate change.</li> <li>4. To start a recruitment process for the panel, inviting Barnet residents and representatives from businesses, community groups and local climate change and environmental groups to join.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Laurie Williams</b></p>	<p><b>ENHANCE HEDGES TO ENCOURAGE WILDLIFE</b></p> <p>Hedges allow wildlife to move about between gardens and other spaces and provide feeding and breeding opportunities.</p> <p>Environment committee requests a report or future item on how, including through council maintenance, these opportunities can be enhanced.</p>
<p><b>Claire Farrier</b> (<i>subject to membership appointment at Annual Council, 25/05/21</i>)</p>	<p><b>RESTART FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS</b></p> <p>Separate food waste collections in Barnet were scrapped in 2018 and should be restarted as soon as possible.</p> <p>Environment Committee is asked to agree the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the council makes a firm commitment to restart separate food waste collections.</li> <li>2. That the Environment Committee should receive a report at the next meeting on 6 October 2021 setting out details of how food waste collections will be restarted, including the timescale, cost and communications plan.</li> </ol>

## 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 N/A

## 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 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to

have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

#### **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.