



Environment Committee

15 November 2021

Title

Member's Items

Councillor Alan Schneiderman - TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN BARNET

Geoff Cooke - IMPROVE SAFETY AND FACILITIES IN STONEYFIELDS PARK

Councillor Claire Farrier - SUPPORT THE HARD WORKING FRIENDS OF BARNET'S PARKS

Councillor Laurie Williams - SUMMERS LANE RECYCLING AND REUSE CENTRE

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.

Alan Schneiderman	TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE IN BARNET As the COP26 climate conference comes to a close, it's disappointing that an analysis of environmental indicators (including Co2 emissions, renewable energy, home efficiency, recycling and green spaces) by the 'InYourArea' website has placed Barnet in the bottom third (218 out of 314) of local authorities in England. Barnet needs to do so much better by setting out a comprehensive climate change action plan to urgently tackle these issues. We understand that a Barnet sustainability strategy is being (very slowly) developed. We request that residents and Barnet's climate change and environmental groups are invited to make submissions to be considered for inclusion in the sustainability strategy.
Geoff Cooke	IMPROVE SAFETY AND FACILITIES IN STONEYFIELDS PARK Local residents are concerned about the poor safety and facilities in Stoneyfields Park, Edgware. The following issues have been highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor lighting in the alleyway that goes into the park has led to those using it, including women and school children walking to and from school feeling unsafe. Better lighting in this area is urgently needed.• The wooden viewing platform overlooking the pond is well used but is rotting and has gaps in the fence. This is a health and safety hazard and needs to be urgently repaired.• The park benches are vandalised and have been poorly repaired. These need to be replaced with new benches in more

	<p>open and friendly locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are insufficient litter bins in park, contributing to a problem with litter. More bins are needed, including to replace those in a poor and shabby state. <p>We therefore ask the Committee to consider this issue for action, and if necessary, ask for it to be considered by the Hendon Area Committee.</p>
Claire Farrier	<p>SUPPORT THE HARD WORKING FRIENDS OF BARNET'S PARKS</p> <p>Barnet has many 'friends' groups whose volunteer members do so much work to maintain and improve our parks and open spaces. We therefore ask that officers report back on how to ensure that plans and proposals for parks and open spaces are prepared in consultation with the relevant friends groups, and how communication with groups could be improved. We also ask for the report to consider how a friends group could be promoted for every park and open space, and how the borough's friends network could be supported by the Council.</p>
Laurie Williams	<p>SUMMERS LANE RECYCLING AND REUSE CENTRE</p> <p>In order to make it easier for residents to visit the Summers Lane Recycling and Reuse Centre and help to reduce fly tipping, we ask that the council discusses an extension to opening hours with the North London Waste Authority and the potential to remove the requirement to pre-book all visits.</p>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2.2 **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED**N/A

3. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

4.1 **Corporate Priorities and Performance**

4.1.1 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.

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

4.2.1 None in the context of this report.

4.3 Legal and Constitutional References

4.3.1 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.

4.3.2 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.

4.4 Risk Management

4.4.1 None in the context of this report.

4.5 Equalities and Diversity

4.5.1 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.

4.6 Consultation and Engagement

4.6.1 None in the context of this report.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

5.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None.