

## Decisions of the Environment Committee

6 October 2021

Members Present:-

Councillor Dean Cohen (Chairman)  
Councillor Peter Zinkin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Geof Cooke	Councillor Elliot Simberg
Councillor Laithe Jajeh	Councillor Laurie Williams
Councillor Alan Schneiderman	Councillor Claire Farrier
Councillor Sarah Wardle	

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Felix Byers                      Councillor Alison Cornelius

### 1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting dated the 2 June 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

### 2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Felix Byers who was substituted for by Councillor Sarah Wardle and from Councillor Alison Cornelius.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

### 4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

### 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

Details of the question asked and the answer provided was published and circulated at the meeting. Verbal response was given to supplementary questions at the meeting.

### 6. MEMBERS' ITEMS

Councillor Alan Schneiderman – BARNET'S ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Alan Schneiderman was invited by the Chairman to introduce the item. Councillor Schneiderman gave a summary of the issue and requested that the Committee give support to this item.

Following discussion on the item,

**The Committee unanimously agreed that officers would engage with the Barnet Allotment Federation and report back to a future meeting.**

Councillor Geoff Cooke - IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY ON COOL OAK LANE

Councillor Geoff Cooke was invited by the chairman to introduce his item. Councillor Cooke gave a summary of the issue. Following discussion, and two adjournments to seek further constitutional advice, the Chairman moved a recommendation that was duly seconded for committee make no decision on Councillor Cooke's Members item to allow this item to be considered at Hendon Area Committee on 27 October 2021, because of the "6-month rule" under Article 7:19 of the constitution.

The Chairman noted that it was more appropriate for Hendon Area committee to deal with the item as it had the budget to take immediate action on the issues raised under the Road Safety & Parking fund (authorised by the Executive Director of Environment).

The Committee on the recommendation voted as follows:

For: 5  
Against: 4  
Abstain: 0

**The recommendation was therefore carried and the Committee RESOLVED to make no decision on the item.**

## **7. AIR QUALITY REPORT**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration. He introduced Ralph Haynes who responded to questions from the Committee

Following consideration of the item, Councillor Zinkin moved a new recommendation, that was seconded by the Chairman, for the Executive Director to review the ULEZ expansion impact on the boundary areas with the North Circular to enable prompt feedback to TfL and the Mayor of London.

The Committee voted on the recommendation as follows:

For - 5  
Against - 0  
Abstain - 4

The new recommendation 3 was therefore carried.

Councillor Schneiderman then moved a recommendation that was seconded by Councillor Farrier for Barnet to join the London Boroughs vehicle anti-idling action project.

The Committee voted on the recommendation as follows:

For - 4

Against - 4  
Abstain – 1

As the vote were tied, the Chairman used his casting voted to vote against the recommendation. The recommendation was there lost.

Councillor Zinkin then moved an alternative recommendation, that was seconded by Councillor Jajeh, for the Executive Director to explore the success of the anti-idling enforcement scheme in Camden, including how many PCNs have been issued and paid to idling vehicles and report back how such a scheme would work in Barnet.

The Committee voted on the recommendation as follows:

For - 5  
Against - 0  
Abstain – 4

The new recommendation 4 was therefore carried.

**The Committee therefore RESOLVED:**

- 1. To note the progress made to address air quality from September 2019 to December 2020 as set out in this report and the 2020 Annual Status Report as shown in Appendix 1.**
- 2. To note the assessment of Barnet’s actions against the Cleaner Air Borough Accreditation Criteria (Appendix 3).**
- 3. That the Executive Director review the ULEZ expansion impact on the boundary areas with the North Circular to feedback o TfL and the Mayor of London.**
- 4. That the Executive Director explore the success of the anti-idling enforcement scheme in Camden, including how many PCNs have been issued and paid to idling vehicles and report back how such a scheme would work in Barnet.**

## **8. FLY TIPPING**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration. He introduced Craig Miller who responded to questions from the Committee

Following consideration of the item, Chairman moved a new recommendation, that was duly seconded, that subject to the success of the Re-deployable CCTV Pilot scheme, the Executive Director explore how to secure additional funding to scale up the roll out of the scheme to additional appropriate locations.

The Committee unanimously voted on the recommendation. The new recommendation 4 was therefore carried.

**The Committee unanimously RESOLVED**

- 1. To note the contents of the report.**
- 2. To note the updated Fly Tipping Working Group action plan as outlined in appendix 1.**
- 3. That the Executive Director for Environment reports back in the next municipal year an update on progress of the implementation of the action plan.**
- 4. That subject to the success of the Re-deployable CCTV Pilot scheme, the Executive Director explore how to secure additional funding to scale up the roll out of the scheme to additional appropriate locations.**

## **9. TIME BANDING REVIEW**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration. He introduced Craig Miller who responded to questions from the Committee

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations in the report.

### **The Committee Unanimously RESOLVED**

- 1. To note the contents of the report**
- 2. To endorse the formation of three cross service Area Environmental Working Groups to improve the street scene and reduce fly tipping by working with the fly tip action group and developing the most appropriate solution for each area.**
- 3. That any proposed changes required to the Barnet Waste Regulations as a result of this review be reported to Full Council for consideration**

## **10. LIP FUNDING**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations on the report.

### **The Committee Unanimously RESOLVED**

- 1. To note the impacts of disrupted LIP funding in 2020/21 and 2021/22 on Barnet's LIP delivery plan and the formulation of the LIP Working Group**
- 2. To note that a new three-year LIP delivery plan needs to be produced for the period 2022/23-2024-25**

3. To delegate the approval of the first stage of the LIP delivery plan (incorporating proposals being delivered or starting in 2022/23) to the Executive Director for Environment in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment Committee.

#### **11. HIGHWAY NETWORK RECOVERY PROGRAMME 2022/23**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations on the report.

#### **The Committee Unanimously RESOLVED**

1. To approve the capital expenditure of £11.486 million for the delivery of the 2022/23 Highway Network Recovery Plan (NRP) Work Programme consisting of carriageway and footway renewal works, carriageway and footway patching, flood management and drainage works, and other associated works.
2. To agree the proposed investment proportions detailed in paragraph 5.2.5 of this report
3. To authorise officers to undertake Member engagement to finalise the Work Programme.

#### **12. PURCHASE OF VEHICLES**

The Chairman invited the Executive Director for Environment to present the report. The Executive Director provided a full overview of the report and requested that Members give consideration.

Following consideration of the item, the Chairman moved to vote on the recommendations on the report.

**The Committee Unanimously RESOLVED to authorise the commencement of multiple procurements during the next 18 months, via existing vehicle purchase frameworks, for the purchase of vehicles required by the Council's front-line services and the award of those contracts to the successful providers.**

#### **13. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED that the Committee note the Forward Work Programme.**

#### **14. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 9.40 pm