Decisions of the East Area Committee

26 January 2023

Members Present:-

Councillor Danny Rich (Chair)
Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Anne Hutton Councillor Jennifer Grocock
Councillor Arjun Mittra Councillor Rohit Grover
Councillor Giulia Monasterio Councillor Dean Cohen

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chair of the East Area Committee, Councillor Danny Rich welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting of the East Area Committee held on 24 October 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

None.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS (IF ANY)

Councillor Dean Cohen declared an interest (non-pecuniary) in relation to agenda item 6 (Neville Drive Parking petition) by virtue of knowing the lead petitioner.

Councillor Arjun Mittra declared an interest (non-pecuniary) in relation to agenda item 10 (NCIL Member's item Halliwick Rercreation Ground) by virtue of being school governor to neighbouring school.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

6. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair noted that four petitions were received which were considered in turn.

a) Petition: Parking in Neville Drive

The lead petitioner, Sandra Teacher presented the petition and outlined the issues. The Committee welcomed the item and Officers agreed to conduct a site visit to explore the options.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to a chief officer to provide a written response to the lead petitioner within 20 working days.

b) Petition: Stop proposed perimeter path on Lyttleton Playing Fields

The Committee noted the matter outlined in the petition. In order to provide clarification, Councillor Grover informed the Committee that no such proposal has been made as referred in the petition and the Council is not aware of such proposal being made.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee noted the petition and the information provided during the meeting as set out above and that no further action is taken.

c) Petition: Include Ravensdale Avenue and Friern Watch Avenue in Friary Park traffic plans

The lead petitioner, Tony Allaway presented the petition and outlined the issues.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to a chief officer to provide a written response to the lead petitioner within 20 working days.

d) Petition: Parking in N11 - Oakleigh Rd South/Brunswick Park Road and adjoining roads

Councillor Paul Lemon spoke on behalf of the lead petitioner and outlined the issues as set out in the petition.

It was RESOLVED that the matter be referred to a chief officer to provide a written response to the lead petitioner within 20 working days.

7. RESIDENTS' ISSUES (IF ANY)

The Committee noted the submitted residents' issue and the written response which was published and circulated.

a) Issue: Road prioritisation Ballards Lane (West Finchley Ward)

Elizabeth Wan presented the issue to the Committee.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee, having noted the issue and the written response, decided:

- that an appropriate named officer contact the resident within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.

8. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING - NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) & ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING FUND UPDATE

The Chair welcomed the report which sets out the CIL budget and Road Safety & Parking budget allocations for the East Area Committee and the status of current schemes

It was RESOLVED:

- 1. That the East Area Committee noted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available for allocation during 2022/23, as set out in paragraph 7.2.2 of this report and in Appendix 1.
- 2. That the East Area Committee noted the CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 2.1 of this report
- 3. That the East Area Committee noted the Road Safety & Parking Fund available for allocation for 2022/23 in paragraph 7.2.5 of this report and as set out in Appendix 2.

9. STANDARD MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

There were none.

10. MEMBERS' ITEMS - AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATIONS (IF ANY)

The Chair noted that each NCIL application would be considered in turn.

a) Councillor Anne Hutton – Summerside Primary Academy

Councillor Anne Hutton presented the application. The Committee welcomed speakers from Summerside Primary School who spoke in relation to the application and provided the Committee with information about the benefits of the scheme.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £58,577.05 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

b) Councillor Paul Lemon – Brunswick Park – Playing Facilities

Councillor Paul Lemon presented the application.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £35,000 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

Votes were declared as follows:

For – 5

Against – 1

Abstained - 2

c) Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb - Halliwick Recreation Ground - environmental project

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb presented the application. The Committee welcomed the Chair of the Friends of Halliwick Recreation Ground who spoke about the scheme and its benefits.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £ 50,000 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

d) Councillor Daniel Thomas – St Mary at Finchley improvements

Councillor Daniel Thomas presented the application. The Committee heard from guest speaker who spoke about the partnership working with Barnet Mencap.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award funding partially for £100,000 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

e) Councillor Arjun Mittra – Warm Hub for Green Man

Councillor Arjun Mittra presented the application. The Chair highlighted the importance of ensuring that all items are compliant with CIL funding regulations. It was therefore suggested that Officers provide an update in due course to the Chair and Councillor Mittra.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully up to the requested amount £15,260 and subject to compliance with financial audit and CIL funding requirements and any required due diligence - noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

11. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

The Chair invited Officers to provide an update on the previously considered petition (Improvements to the Underpass between Trinity and Manor Park Road East Finchley Underpass). Officers noted that at the previous meeting, the Committee approved funding for the project and that due to circumstances information could not be provided and that an update would follow shortly to the lead petitioner.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm