

Decisions of the East Area Committee

19 September 2023

Members Present:-

Councillor Paul Lemon (Chair)
Councillor Geof Cooke (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb
Councillor Arjun Mitra
Councillor Claire Farrier (substitute)

Councillor Dean Cohen
Councillor Michael Mire
Councillor Jennifer Grocock

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Danny Rich

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Paul Lemon welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

The Chair noted an amendment to the minutes regarding his statement on the procedure for petitions at the start of the previous meeting to read;

The Chair noted that following changes agreed to the Constitution at Full Council, Petitions between 25-500 will receive a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member.

He also noted that petitions received thus far require a response from the relevant Cabinet Member. Responses to petitions will be published on the e-petitions section of the website once an officer has responded and that updates will be shared with Committee Members in due course.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2023 be agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment set out above regarding the process of petitions.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Danny Rich who was substituted by Councillor Claire Farrier.

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

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

None. The Chair highlighted the governance process and noted that petitions with signatures between 25 and 500 will be dealt with by the appropriate Cabinet Member as per the petition scheme in the Council Constitution.

6. ISSUES (IF ANY)

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

a) Issue: Vehicle Access Issue At Graywood Court (West Finchley Ward)

It was RESOLVED that the Committee decided to note the issue and the response and take no further action.

b) Issue: Bines permanently kept on sidewalk (Golders Green)

It was RESOLVED that this issue had already been concluded and the Committee noted the response.

7. DEPUTATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

9. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

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

Criag Miller, Director Street Scene introduced the item and summarised the report. Members noted an update to the Road Safety and Parking Fund which now totalled to £1.2m annually starting in the 2023/24 financial year which was approved at Cabinet on 5th September 2023.

Following queries from Members, Officers agreed to report back on the details of the enquiries and consider future reporting with further information about schemes.

RESOLVED:

1. That the East Area Committee noted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available for allocation during 2023/24, as set out in paragraph 5.4 of this report and in Appendix A.

2. That the East Area Committee noted the CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 1.7 of this report and in Appendix A.

3. That the East Area Committee noted the Road Safety & Parking Fund available for allocation during 2023/24 in paragraph 5.8 and as set out in Appendix B.

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

a) The Freehold Centre – Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb presented the item in her name.

RESOLVED that the East Area Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £1,300 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

b) North Finchley Allotment Society (NFAS) – Councillor Geoffrey Cooke

Councillor Geoffrey Cooke presented the item in his name.

RESOLVED that the Area Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £96,158.40 and subject to the condition that clarification will be given on the legality of passing funding back to associations, noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

c) Phoenix Cinema – Councillor Arjun Mittra

Councillor Arjun Mittra gave a verbal representation in support of the application.

RESOLVED that the Area Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £24,015.66 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

Votes were declared as follows:

For – 5

Against – 3

Abstained – 0

d) St Mary-at Finchley – Hendon Lane – Councillor Dan Thomas

The Chair introduced the item and welcomed Helen Bevan, a Church Warden and project manager, and Philip Davison, the Church's rector who gave a verbal representation in support of the application and spoke about the scheme.

RESOLVED that the Area Committee having considered the application decided to award funding fully for £45,250 and any conditions attached noting the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

12. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 7.48 pm