

Minutes of the West Area Committee

18 September 2023

Members Present:-

Councillor Nagus Narenthira (Chair)

Councillor Kamal Gurung Councillor Nick Mearing-Smith
Councillor Andreas Ioannidis Councillor Mark Shooter
Councillor Anne Clarke

Also in attendance

Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty
Councillor Giulia Innocenti

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Ernest Ambe Councillor Matthew Perlberg

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS (IF ANY)

Apologies were received from Councillor Ernest Ambe who was substituted by Councillor Rishikesh Chakraborty.

Apologies were received from Councillor Matthew Perlberg who was substituted by Councillor Giulia Innocenti.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

It was noted that updates or responses to petitions would be published on the e-petitions section of the website once an Officer or Cabinet Member has responded.

6. ISSUES (IF ANY)

The Committee noted that responses to the issues were published in advance of the meeting.

The following issues were considered by the Committee:

1. Burnt Oak Broadway / Deansbrook Road traffic lights

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter.**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

2. Water Pooling – Junction of Golders Green Road and Woodstock Avenue

Mr Levy addressed the Committee and spoke about the issue. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker and officers.

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter.**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

3. School Street signage for Thorverton Road

Mr Levy addressed the Committee and spoke about the issue highlighting that a fixed warning sign visible to left hand traffic would be ideal.

The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of the speaker and officers.

Following a discussion, the Committee reached a decision.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

- **Instruct that Ward Members are notified of the matter.**
- **Instruct that an appropriate named officer contact the citizen within 20 working days to provide an additional response and that this response be published in the meeting documents available on the website.**

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

The Chair highlighted that £555,186 was available in the NCIL budget. Members were encouraged to work with officers on the submission of future applications as early as possible.

The Committee noted the report.

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee:

1. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding available for allocation during 2023/24, as set out in paragraph 5.4 of the report and in Appendix 1.

2. The CIL amount and re-allocated underspends & overspends in paragraph 1.7 of the report and in Appendix 1.

3. The Road Safety & Parking Fund available for allocation during 2023/24 in paragraph 5.8 and as set out in Appendix 2.

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

The West Area Committee considered the following request as highlighted in section 1 of the report:

Councillor Giulia Innocenti - Greening the Vale

Councillor Innocenti introduced the application and the benefits it would serve to the lost habitat in the area as well as improving bio diversity in the borough.

Daniel Howard, resident of the Vale, addressed the Committee highlighting benefits of the scheme, the positive impact it would have on local residents.

Further to a discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application

RESOLVED that the West Area Committee

1. Considers the requests as highlighted in section 1 of the report.

2. Awards funding of £18,480 and additional funding of £500 to allow for investigations to mitigate any associated risks and any conditions attached and notes the implications to the Committee's NCIL funding budget.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 7.43pm