

ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE**15 September 2016 at 7.30 pm**

MEMBERS: Councillor Jill Whitehead (Chair), Councillor Manuel Abellan (Vice Chair) and Councillors Nighat Piracha*, Adrian Davey, Richard Marston, Patrick McManus, Steve Penneck, Tony Shields, Paul Wingfield and Hanna Zuchowska.
(*Absent) Councillor Ruth Dombey (ex-officio)*.

11. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Nighat Piracha; Councillor Joyce Melican attended as substitute.

13. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

15. ORDER OF ITEMS

The Chair, Councillor Jill Whitehead brought an urgent item to the Committee on Sutton Theatres Trust. Item 8 – Any urgent items, was therefore brought forward.

16. ANY URGENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRSutton Theatres Trust

Councillor Jill Whitehead, Chair of the Committee explained that following questions at Full Council on Sutton Theatres Trust, an emergency item had been brought to this committee for discussion. She explained that advice given was that the committee could not legally discuss matters surrounding the administration of the theatres, as this was currently in hand by an external organisation. Neither could the committee make any decisions constitutionally as there was no committee paper and this was not an agenda item known about in advance. The committee could, however, discuss possible ways forward and ask officers to look at ways matters could be progressed in the future. Members were asked to abide by the legal and constitutional advice during the discussion.

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The Chair read out a statement on the Sutton Theatres Trust, that she had read out at Full Council. Members expressed their disappointment that Sutton Theatres Trust had failed, and the council now needed to look for ideas on how to best use the buildings, once the administration process was complete.

Questions were raised by the Opposition as to the due diligence of the procurement process, and the Executive Head of Wellbeing outlined the lengthy and detailed procurement process which had taken place over a period of six months. The process involved matters concerned with finance, property management, company management and artistic merit.

The Chair advised that any community groups or individuals who wished to put forward suggestions as to how best to use the venues, should contact the council.

17. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE 2017/2018 BUDGET

Ian Price, Team Leader Strategy and Commissioning, summarised the report on the proposed Local Implementation Plan funding bid for 2017/18 which would be submitted to Transport for London.

The Team Leader, Strategy and Commissioning, advised that the recent engagement sessions with residents, and the feedback that had been received from them, had been really useful. There was still the option to look at funding from different sources, given the potential shortfall of approximately 30% in funding from TFL.

The Chair explained that until the London Mayor decided on his funding priorities going forward, the question of the future shape of LIP funding or the amount available to boroughs was still in doubt. However, all London boroughs had expressed support for the LIP scheme to the London Mayor, who had had his transport budget cut by the government.

A question was raised by the Chair of the council's Diversity Forum as to whether disability groups had been consulted on individual projects, and the Team Leader Strategy and Commissioning confirmed this would be expected as part of consultation. But he was happy to receive details of any other specific disability groups that may not have been contacted to date.

Members referred to specific schemes that they felt were positive additions to the list including Foresters Drive, Beddington Lane and Waltham Road.

It was therefore

RESOLVED that the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee:

- 2.1 Noted the feedback from the Local Area Committees.
- 2.2 Approved the list of schemes at Appendix A for inclusion in the borough's submission to TfL for LIP funding for 2017/18.

- 2.3 Agreed to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration to approve additional schemes, should an increased allocation be received.

18. PLANNED MAINTENANCE REPORT 2016/2017

Mehmet Mazhar, Client Commissioning Highways & Transport Service, presented a report on Planned Maintenance for 2016/17, and he outlined how the list of roads were produced and prioritised.

Members asked for a decision tree for the process, and the prices for types of projects to be circulated to them for information, which officers agreed to provide.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED: that the Environment & Neighbourhood Committee:

- 2.1 Approved the capital expenditure for the 2016/17 financial year 'Planned Highway and Pavement Maintenance Programme' as outlined in the attached 2012-16 Capital Programme.

19. PARKING STRATEGY

Mehmet Mazhar, Client Commissioning Highways & Transport Service, and Ian Price, Team Leader Strategy and Commissioning, gave a presentation on the Parking Strategy, outlining the background, the key points, and the delivery plan.

Warren Shadbolt, Executive Head of Safer and Stronger Communities, advised the Committee that legally the Council cannot generate a profit from parking, and that it can only cover its own costs.

Members identified that parking is a key issue for residents and asked that specific reference to the data from the Borough's 2015 Residents Survey be included in the strategy.

Members debated whether permits for residents should extend to a total of 3 or 4 cars at each property. Members were mindful that young people now lived at home for longer, and therefore many families would have children living at home who had cars of their own, and limiting the number could cause issues for these families. The Executive Head of Safer and Stronger Communities advised that only 6 permits had been issued for properties with 4 or more cars at present. Further information was sought on the number of households which had 3 or 4 or more cars, and it was suggested that the Chair in liaison with the Director of EHR, should consider this.

Members raised the need for a meaningful consultation process, and the Team Leader Strategy and Commissioning advised that the delivery plan is still to be developed, but it would include consultation at every Local Committee, consultations of residents in areas affected and statutory consultation.

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A question was raised in regards to whether disability had been taken into account, and the Executive Head of Safer and Stronger Communities advised that there were currently 6264 individual blue badges and 92 organisational blue badges issued in the borough. However, the borough was the sixth highest for successfully tackling levels of fraud of blue badges, so it was important to try and integrate all schemes whilst also maintaining the high levels of enforcement.

The Executive Head of Safer and Stronger communities noted that the current Parents Permits only extended to parents of nursery schools in Sutton Central ward, but these could be ended after the current children left the schools. Very few of these permits had been issued, and it was suggested that the Chair in liaison with Director of EHR should consider this.

Members agreed that the complex strategy would require several sections to be looked at in further detail in regard to the specific policies, and it was requested that the current London Plan guidance on parking levels be circulated to members for information. The Team Leader, Strategy and Commissioning agreed to circulate information on the London Plan.

Members suggested that the proposed five classes of permits based on DVLA emissions classes should be supported by an extra flat fee for each extra car at each property up to a maximum of three or four cars (number of maximum cars to be determined). It was suggested that the Chair in liaison with the Director of EHR should consider the amount of extra fee for each extra vehicle.

Members requested the scheme objectives include reference to off-street parking, as all those listed at Para 5.7 related to on-street. It was suggested that the last sentence of para 7.26, relating to positively using car parks be added to 5.7. It was noted that on-street parking would attract premium pricing compared to off- street parking to encourage visitors to use car parks, rather than park in busy roads.

Given the further details which needed to be discussed, members discussed and agreed an amendment to the recommendation, and it was therefore:

RESOLVED: that the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee:

2.1 Agreed and adopt the Parking Strategy and Policy 2016 and the associated delivery plan attached as Appendix A, as amended, and to have a delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee to discuss specific schemes within that, namely:

- a) Whether the total number of allowable permits should be a maximum of three or four for each household
- b) Whether the current Parents' Permits should be phased out immediately or when the current classes had finished nursery school.
- c) The nature of the additional flat fee to be added for each extra vehicle under the emissions criteria

2.2 Noted the capital financing required to support its delivery

20. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 1 December 2016 at 7:30pm at the Civic Offices.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

Chair:

Date:

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