



Environment Committee

30 March 2020

Member's Items

Title

Councillor Alan Schneiderman – Green recovery in Barnet

Councillor Jo Cooper – Supporting our high streets and town centres

Geoff Cooke - 20mph Zones

Laurie Williams – Thank our frontline Streetscene workers

Report of

Head of Governance

Wards

All Wards

Status

Public

Urgent

No

Key

No

Enclosures

None

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Summary

Members Items have been received for the Environment Committee. The Committee are requested to consider the items and provide instructions.

Officers Recommendation

That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to these Member's Items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Environment Committee for considering and determination. The Environment Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Alan Schneiderman	Green recovery in Barnet The pandemic gives us an opportunity to build back better and help ensure our ambitions for a greener and more sustainable borough are mainstreamed into the way we do business as a Council. I ask that the Environment Committee reviews its green and environmental sustainability policies to see what more can be done to support a green recovery post-pandemic.
Jo Cooper	Supporting our high streets and town centres Our high streets and town centres are suffering because of the Covid-19 outbreak and lock-down and they need our support. Now that the Government have started to ease the lock-down restrictions shops, restaurants and cafes are beginning to re-open with strict social distancing rules. The Council have been supporting local businesses with guidance, but social distancing will mean reduced capacity for many businesses, and reduced income. In order to help our high streets and town centres recover and come back to life, I ask the Committee to agree to temporarily waive the street-trading license fee for those businesses that are able to set-out goods, chairs and tables on the pavement to boost trade.
Geoff Cooke	20mph Zones Residents across the borough are requesting 20 mph zones to increase road safety. The evidence shows that pedestrians are five times more likely to die if hit by a car travelling at 30mph than 20mph and stopping distances almost double between 20mph and 30mph. Lower speed can also improve traffic flow and reduce particulate emissions. I therefore ask that the Environment committee receives a report on how it can be made easier and quicker to introduce 20mph zones in Barnet where this is requested by residents. This report should then feed into Barnet's road safety strategy and overall long-term transport strategy.

<p>Laurie Williams</p>	<p>Thank our frontline Streetscene workers</p> <p>Barnet's bin collection staff, street sweepers, parks maintenance staff, those working to clear fly tipping and all other frontline staff have done an amazing job during the Covid-19 outbreak, alongside those redeployed to other roles. They have been rightly thanked by residents across the borough.</p> <p>I ask that the Environment committee sends its own message of thanks to Streetscene staff for their hard work during this difficult time and that officers pass this on in the most appropriate way.</p>
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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

- 5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.