



Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee

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Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships

For Information

Wards
Affected: All

Update on the committee's work programme 2016-17

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report updates members on the committee's work programme for 2016-17.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members of the committee are asked to note the contents of the report.

3.0 Background

3.1 Members of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee agreed their work programme 2016/17 over the last municipal year. The programme sets out the items that will be heard at committee and those to be examined by task groups. However, it was agreed that the work programme could evolve according to the needs of the committee and any spare capacity could be used to look at other issues as and when they arise.

3.2 For operational reasons, it may be necessary to move items to be heard at a particular committee. In addition, members and those co-opted can at any time suggest an item to be looked at during the committee meeting, which provided it is agreed by the chair, would mean the work programme changes.

3.3 Members may request information during or outside of committee meetings as part of the scrutiny process. They may also undertake visits to do first-hand observations to better understand an issue for scrutiny.

4.0 Detailed Considerations

Updates from scrutiny committee meeting on 08/03/17

4.1 Members of the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee held their last scrutiny committee meeting on 08 March 2017. The committee requested that further details be provided regarding the practical measures that can be taken to improved traffic flow around Wembley triangle, including support from TfL.

- 4.2 A study is being prepared and the work is ongoing, this will particularly focus on the phasing of signals at the most congested junctions. TfL will support the technical aspects of this work and may provide funding. Further work will consider the road layout and design.
- 4.3 The committee asked for confirmation of whether the incinerator was included as part of the most recent version of the development plans for Brent Cross Cricklewood. The revised proposal does not include any processing or incineration on site. The revised scheme instead proposes a Waste Transfer Station which will receive residual waste 'black bin bag' waste and recyclable material collected by the local authority collection services. Bin lorries will deliver the waste to the site where it will then be bulked and loaded on larger lorries which will take the material over to the Edmonton Eco Park in Enfield for incineration. This reflects the North London Waste Authorities strategy and requirements, which have changed since the original 2010 Outline Planning Permission for the Brent Cross site.
- 4.4 The committee requested figures showing the monthly percentages of fixed penalty notices issued for cigarette butts versus those for all other fixed penalty notices. This is set out below:

	Jun 16	Jul 16	Aug 16	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17
Dog Fouling		0.19%							
Black Bag		0.19%	0.39%	0.20%	0.88%	0%	0.32%	18.58%	25.37%
Cigarette	92.38%	91.87%	88.82%	85.74%	78.51%	82.38%	81.09%	57.43%	46.15%
Food	2.63%	1.89%	2.50%	0.39%	0.66%	0.59%	1.76%	1.08%	0.82%
Other	4.20%	4.73%	1.93%	4.69%	4.17%	2.77%	3.69%	11.76%	19.97%
Printed Literature	0.66%	0.19%	0.77%	0.20%	0.88%	0.79%	1.44%	0.77%	0.49%
Spitting	0.13%	0.95%	5.59%	8.79%	14.91%	13.47%	11.70%	10.37%	7.20%

- 4.5 The committee inquired into what actions have been taken to mitigate further incidences of surface water flooding (particularly Uxendon School) and funding received from the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to address flooding issues in Brent.
- 4.6 Brent has since developed a robust multi-agency flooding plan which is regularly updated with the latest guidance and procedures, flood risk from the Welsh Harp reservoir is also included in this. Brent has not held a borough level exercise to test the flood plan for over two years. This could be something to consider to ensure all responders are fully aware of the flood risk and incident response procedures. The multi-agency flood plan is prepared and updated by the Emergency Planning Team who will now consider a program for testing resilience.
- 4.7 The committee also requested information about the Surface Water Management Plan which identifies the areas most at risk from surface water flooding and any revisions to the plan. Environmental services have advised that they will review the Surface Water Management Plan to identify, if any, locations that require flood risk mitigation. At present, they do not have any reports of flooding to properties, the vast majority of

which were related to surcharging from the public sewers. Environmental Services worked very closely with Thames Water to resolve the reported issues.

- 4.8 The committee requested information about the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Brent's strategy was approved in November 2015, although there isn't a copy currently available online. The Environment Agency provided comments on the strategy during the consultation period but received no confirmation that comments had been considered. The draft that was commented on was high level and didn't meet the requirements of a local strategy as set out in the Flood and Water Management Act. The Flood Risk Management Strategy was posted on Brent's website but appears to have been removed or re-located. Environmental services will arrange for it to be reloaded. The comments made by the Environmental Agency were taken in consideration and will be included where appropriate. Environmental Services will contact the Agency to discuss further.
- 4.9 The committee requested information about Brent's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) which was last updated in 2007 and is therefore considered to be out of date. The flood risk mapping for the River Brent corridor was updated in 2014, so the information the SFRA was based on has been superseded. The SFRA was produced by planning in 2007 to assist with planning applications, if planning are in agreement the SFRA can be reviewed and updated.
- 4.10 The committee requested information about flooding. The Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) administered a fund of around £11m in 2016/17. This is comprised of the levy contributions from local authorities with the Thames Catchment (£6.2m comes from London Boroughs and £4.7m from local authorities outside London). Brent contributes around £200k a year in levy to the RFCC but does not currently have any flood risk projects or studies submitted to the RFCC for funding in the six year programme. Proposals for new projects or studies can be submitted at any time during the year but funding can only be allocated to new submissions once a year during the annual programme refresh, which is typically around April or May. The RFCC have funded several full time officers to assist local authorities with developing and/or delivering capital projects. Requests for their assistance are made directly to the RFCC or via the Environmental Agency. Brent's representative on the RFCC is Cllr Dean Cohen from Barnet.
- 4.11 There is a drainage study in progress at present which covers Brent North and Harrow. The study will highlight potential flooding areas in Brent North and Harrow and will work to mitigate these if necessary. This will identify suitable flood relief schemes that Brent can take forward and submit for funding to the RFCC. At present, Brent does not have any areas that are at high risk from flooding.
- 4.12 The committee requested information on Local Authority Funding. Lead local authorities receive annual funding from DCLG to help them deliver their flood risk management responsibilities. Brent receives the following annual funding:

2016/17 - £189,561 (plus £9,379 SuDS funding)

2017/18 - £193,142 (plus £9,074 SuDS funding)

2018/19 - £197,013 (plus £8,754 SuDS funding)

If Brent feels under-resourced to manage flood risk or develop capital projects, then more of this money from DCLG should be directed towards flood risk management activities. This funding is not ring-fenced. Brent has been utilising this funding for minor

schemes to prevent flooding to properties and will continue to do so in the future. The study mentioned above will identify major flood relief schemes, Environmental Services will submit to the RFCC for funding.

- 4.13 The committee requested information on the North-West London Flood Partnership. Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hillingdon, Harrow and Hounslow form the North-West London partnership. Officers from each borough, along with Environment Agency and Thames Water representatives, meet regularly to discuss common issues and share good practice. From an Environment Agency perspective, this is a very proactive partnership and the local authority officers are extremely knowledgeable and experienced. Brent are also involved in the North Brent and Harrow Flood Working Group which has been running for many years, established to investigate causes and solutions to the flooding caused by interactions between rivers, highway drainage and foul sewers. Harrow volunteered to lead this group and is now a LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) partnership project in the six year programme with allocated funding. Above meetings are held every quarter and attended by representatives of all six LLFAs. Environmental Services will continue to work closely with all partners and ensure that our road gullies are regularly cleaned and maintained, they will investigate all flooding incidents and take appropriate measures as necessary.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 Equalities Implications

- 7.1 There are no immediate diversity implications arising from this report.

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Appendix A: Carlton and Granville Centres Site – Indicative Timetable to September 2018

Key Stakeholders:

- Barnardo's Granville Plus Childrens Centre
- Brent Councillors (Lead Member and Ward Councillors)
- Brent Council - Estate Regeneration Team, Property Team, Schools Capital Team (Council)
- Brent START
- Concord Café (CC)
- Granville Community Kitchen (GCK)
- GLA
- Granville Plus Nursery School
- South Kilburn Trust (SKT)
- The Otherwise Club

Timetable:

Quarter	Date	Phase 1	Phase 2
Qtr3 2016/17	December 2016	<p>Actions Finalising Lease between Brent and SKT Finalising agreement between the Council and the GLA Procurement of Consultants.</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Draft Lease to be circulated to SKT. Design Brief for Phase 1 to be circulated to key stakeholders – SKT to co-ordinate Key Stakeholders project board held 9/12/16.</p>	<p>Actions Council to distribute design brief template to Key Stakeholders.</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders project board held 9/12/16.</p>
Qtr 4 2016/17	January 2017	<p>Actions Completion of GLA agreement Completion of Lease with Council (Property) and SKT Statement of Intent to be agreed between Council (Estate Regeneration) and SKT, SKT to move to Granville Centre</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders project board SKT and GCK to discuss sub-lease, other Key Stakeholders to also be included.</p>	<p>Actions Key Stakeholders to return design brief template two weeks before January's key stakeholders project board Produce update information</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Consult with English Heritage via Brent Planning Heritage Officer (update - to engage Heritage Consultant) Key Stakeholders Project board (Brent Communications team to also attend) Meeting with Concord Café, Council (Property) and Brent START to discuss future when</p>

			<p>Brent START leave Carlton Centre. Wider meeting to be had with Key Stakeholders and Users, CC to advise of preferred process.</p> <p>Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders (update - will await the Communication Strategy)</p>
	February 2017	<p>Actions Appointment of Design Team Detailed design of phase 1 works</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Individuals meetings by key stakeholders with architects</p>	<p>Actions Design Brief to be agreed Produce update information Engage a Heritage Consultant To produce Governance information – Draft Consultation Strategy, Draft Communication Strategy and Draft Terms of Reference</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Meeting to sign off Design Brief and agree procurement route for Design Team Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders</p>
	March 2017	<p>Actions Cabinet decision for the procurement of phase 1 works and delegated award of contract</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation 2 Architect Workshops Practical Issues for Phase 1 (disruption etc) meeting with all Key Stakeholders (possibly in April) Meeting with SK Studios regarding move into Granville Centre (possibly in April)</p>	<p>Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Brent START leave Carlton Centre Produce update information</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders</p>
Qtr 1 2017/18	April 2017	<p>Actions Contractor Procurement</p>	<p>Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Produce update information</p> <p>Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders</p>

	May 2017	Actions Contractor Award Phase 1 works	Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	June 2017	Actions Phase 1 works South Kilburn Studios move to Granville Centre following completion of phase 1a works (provisional)	Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
Qtr 2 2017/18	July 2017	Actions Phase 1 works	Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	August 2017	Actions Phase 1 works	Actions Out to procurement for Design Team Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	September 2017	Actions Phase 1 works	Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Cabinet meeting to agree Design Team Agree the consultation programme for the following six months at Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
Qtr 3 2017/18	October 2017	Actions Phase 1 works	Actions Produce update information

			Meetings/Consultation Publish the Consultation timetable for next six months Design Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	November 2017	Actions Potential completion of works Phase 1 works	Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Design Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	December 2017	Completion of phase 1 works	Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Design Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
Qtr 4 2017/18	January 2018		Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Design Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	February 2018		Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Design Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	March 2018	Actions All works to be completed for GLA funding requirements	Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Design Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
Qtr 1	April 2018	Phase 1 Complete	Actions

2018/19		Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders to agree final recommendation at Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	May 2018	Actions Report writing for Cabinet Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	June 2018	Actions Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Options to Cabinet Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
Qtr 2 2018/19	July 2018	Actions Finalise Planning Application Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	August 2018	Actions Finalise Planning Application Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Key Stakeholders Project board Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders
	September 2018	Actions Planning application submitted Produce update information Meetings/Consultation Dissemination of update information by Key Stakeholders