

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Chris Kennedy
David Andrews (Vice Chairman) Graham McAndrew
Ross Houston Mary Sartin

Apologies Received From: Susan Barker, Heather Johnson

In Attendance: John Bevan, David Gardner

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Dan Buck - Corporate Director
Jon Carney - Corporate Director
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance
Marigold Wilberforce - Head of Property
Vince Donaldson - Senior Contracts & Quality Manager
Michael Sterry - Senior Accountant
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also present: James Newman – S151 Officer (London Borough of Enfield)

Part I

175 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

176 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022 be approved and signed.

177 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

178 Q1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23

Paper E/774/22

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance, including:

- the biggest area of concern was energy costs following conclusion of the current fixed price agreement;
- the 2022/23 Q1 forecast had been based on earlier assumptions but following announcement of government direct support a lot will depend on energy consumption over the winter months;
- the current projected year-end deficit can be effectively managed from reserves but officers would be looking at ways to reduce the impact over the next six months;
- work had already started on the 2023/24 budget with a focus on the Authority's operations to rebase the budget through efficiency savings where possible.

It was advised that meetings had already been held with Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) to review energy usage, costs and impact on the management fee. It was hoped to develop options to reduce the cost of the Leisure Services Contract for next year, and also this year if possible, without undermining the integrity of what the venues deliver.

A Member commented that his local authority was also in discussion with GLL regarding energy consumption, fees and charges and increasing renewable energy such as solar panels. In response it was advised that the Authority was considering all options to ensure utility consumption was as smart as possible in the delivery of services.

In response to Members it was advised:

- it was not economically viable to move away from gas usage at some of the older venues;
- investigations were underway regarding solar panel installation at venues but this was dependant on building structures being able to take the weight of the required equipment. Lee Valley White Water Centre may provide an opportunity for the installation of solar panels;
- opportunities for solar farms on some of our land holdings had been explored but the cost of connection to the grid nullified any financial benefit; and
- the Authority's legal services were provided through internal resources and external expertise as appropriate.

(1) the report was noted.

179 Q1 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23

Paper E/775/22

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

A Member commended progression of the Ice Centre redevelopment project given rising building costs and borrowing rates.

(1) the report was noted.

182 BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY

Paper E/773/22

The report was introduced by the Corporate Director.

In response to a Member it was advised that the Authority's meadow cutting regime and fire breaks mitigated risks to venues from grassland fires as had been experienced over the past summer.

(1) recommendation of the draft Business Continuity Policy and associated procedures to the Authority for adoption was approved.

183 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt

information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Section Number
10	Health and Safety Contract	3
11	Proposed New Lease of Existing Telecoms Installation off Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbotts and Grant of Wayleave	3

184 HEALTH AND SAFETY CONTRACT Paper E/777/22
The report was introduced by the Corporate Director.

(1) the signing and sealing of the new Health and Safety contract in accordance with Financial Regulations and Standing Orders was approved.

185 PROPOSED NEW LEASE OF EXISITNG TELECOMS Paper E/776/22
INSTALLATION OFF ROYDON ROAD, STANSTEAD ABBOTTS
AND GRANT OF WAYLEAVE

The report was introduced by the Head of Property.

(1) the inclusion and effect of the draft Grant of Wayleaves clause set out in paragraph 4 of Paper E/776/22 which will require the Authority to enter into future wayleaves at the request of the tenant was noted; and

(2) the grant of a wayleave to Virgin Media to lay out a cable from Roydon Road across the Authority's land to the telecommunications installation, which is the subject of the lease of renewal to On Tower UK Ltd, was approved.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 10.32am and ended at 11.22am