

## LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### AUTHORITY MEETING 8 JULY 2021

Members Present:

Paul Osborn (Chairman)	Heather Johnson
David Andrews	Denise Jones
Ken Ayling	Christopher Kennedy
Susan Barker	Graham McAndrew
John Bevan	Gordon Nicholson
Janet Burgess MBE	Mary Sartin
Mike Garnett	Marshall Vance
David Gardner	Terry Wheeler
Lesley Greensmyth	Holly Whitbread
Steven Heather	John Wyllie
Calvin Horner	Ian Kemp (Deputy for Suzanne Rutland-Barsby)
Ross Houston	

Apologies Received From: Nesil Caliskan, Rokhsana Fiaz OBE, Dilip Patel, Suzanne Rutland-Barsby

Officers Present:

Shaun Dawson	- Chief Executive
Beryl Foster	- Deputy Chief Executive
Dan Buck	- Corporate Director
Cath Patrick	- Conservation Manager
Jessica Whitehead	- Volunteers Officer
Sandra Bertschin	- Committee & Members' Services Manager
Lindsey Johnson	- Committee Services Officer

Also attending:

Matt Bowmer (S151 Officer, London Borough of Enfield)
Lyn White (Member of the public)

#### Part I

#### 47 MEMBERSHIP OF AUTHORITY

The following Membership of the Authority was noted:

Essex County Council	Susan Barker Mike Garnett Marshall Vance Holly Whitbread
Hertfordshire County Council	David Andrews Lesley Greensmyth Calvin Horner Graham McAndrew
Broxbourne Borough Council	Ken Ayling Gordon Nicholson
East Hertfordshire District Council	John Wyllie Suzanne Rutland-Barsby
Epping Forest District Council	Steven Heather Mary Sartin

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London Borough of Barnet	Ross Houston
London Borough of Camden	Heather Johnson
London Borough of Enfield	Nesil Caliskan
Royal Borough of Greenwich	David Gardner
London Borough of Hackney	Chris Kennedy
London Borough of Haringey	John Bevan
London Borough of Harrow	Paul Osborn
London Borough of Havering	Dilip Patel
London Borough of Islington	Janet Burgess MBE
London Borough of Newham	Rokhsana Fiaz OBE
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Denise Jones
London Borough of Waltham Forest	Terry Wheeler
Non-riparian London boroughs	2 x Vacancies
Co-opted Members:	
Environment Agency	Ben Radbone
Canal & River Trust	Mark Pearson

### 48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 1 (a) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY

The Chairman proposed David Andrews, seconded by Mike Garnett.

Ross Houston proposed Heather Johnson, seconded by Chris Kennedy.

Vote: David Andrews x 13 and Heather Johnson x 8

**(1) David Andrews was appointed Vice Chairman of the Authority.**

Denise Jones joined the meeting.

### 1 (b) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY

The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

The Vice Chairman proposed Paul Osborn, seconded by John Wyllie.

**(1) Paul Osborn was appointed Chairman of the Authority.**

On behalf of Members, Ross Houston congratulated the Chairman and Vice Chairman on their appointment.

The Chairman took the Chair.

### 2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 be approved and signed.**

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### 3 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

### 4 PROPOSED COMMITTEES AND GROUPS FOR 2021/22 - Paper A/4302/21 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMEN

- (1) membership of Committees and Groups for 2021/22 as agreed at this meeting and set out as Addendum A to these minutes was approved; and**
- (2) any appointments unfilled at this meeting will be agreed through Group Leaders and reported to the next Authority meeting or Executive Committee was noted.**

### 5 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2021/22 Paper A/4303/21

- (1) the proposals for appointments to outside bodies for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A to Paper A/4303/21 was approved.**

### 6 CALDENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021/22 Paper A/4304/21

- (1) the calendar of meetings for 2021/22 as shown in Appendix A to Paper A/4304/21 was approved.**

The Chairman highlighted the Member Tours and encouraged all Members to attend.

### 7 UPDATE ON KEY STRATEGIC PROJECTS/INITIATIVES

The Chief Executive gave a presentation '2021/22 Business Plan – Recover and Rebuild', key points included:

- 2021/22 Business Plan;
- Budget Overview;
- Strategic Development Sites:
  - Spitalbrook;
  - Picketts Lock;
  - Ice Centre;
  - Eton Manor – Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park;
  - Leyton Mills Development Framework;
  - East India Dock Basin, Tower Hamlets;
  - East India Dock Basin, Regeneration Project; and
  - Major Events.

In response to questions from Members it was advised:

- a robust building contract was in place for the new Ice Centre including a fixed price with built in contingency and financial penalties if not completed to schedule;
- due diligence would continue to be undertaken on Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL) during the lead-in to the proposed new Leisure Services Contract (LSC) on 1 April 2022. Information to date indicated they were in a reasonable position following the pandemic;
- officers were considering opportunities arising from the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics to promote venues and activities;

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- ongoing dialogue with the London Borough of Newham's Regeneration Board would hopefully lead to improvements in active travel links in the south of the Regional Park;
- active travel would be an important theme in the new business plan over the next 5 to 10 years;
- Hayes Hill Farm had been leased to a specialist operator from 1 April 2021 and appeared to be doing well so far.

A Member commented that the last year had shown the value of the Regional Park's green and open spaces and that they should continue to be promoted for active leisure and general wellbeing.

The Chairman commented that the Ice Centre Project had been a heavily led Member process and advised that a briefing could be provided should new Members wish.

### **8 VOLUNTEERING**

The Volunteers Officer gave a presentation 'Volunteers Programme 2021', key points included:

- Introduction to Volunteering;
- Volunteering Today;
- Volunteers Programme 2020;
- Partnerships in 2020;
- Volunteer Hours;
- Hours Highlights 2020;
- Monetary Value;
- Demographics; and
- Reward and Recognition.

In response to a Member it was advised that a lot of volunteers do not like to disclose their ethnicity and that the Park Authority's volunteers' ethnicity was typical of most volunteer groups. Discussions with other organisations were ongoing to identify opportunities, such as developing different volunteering roles, to attract volunteers from under-represented ethnicities. The Chairman suggested that a meeting be held with riparian Members to establish local contacts to reach out to diverse communities.

The Chairman encouraged Members to attend the annual Volunteers Party to recognise the work of volunteers.

### **9 BIODIVERSITY**

The Conservation Manager gave a presentation 'Biodiversity Action Plan', key points included:

- LVRPA Designated Sites;
- Biodiversity Team Overview;
- Biodiversity Action Plan;
- Wildlife Discovery Centre, Fishers Green;
- Section 106 Agreements;
- Froglife TOAD Project Pond Creation;
- Surveys;
- Lower Lee Valley Hedgehog Project;
- Cheshunt Marsh Site of Special Scientific Interest Grassland Restoration;

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- video of an otter in the Regional Park.

In response to Members it was advised:

- initial discussions had been held and will continue in regard to the National City Park;  
and
- the Wildlife Discovery Centre was well equipped for school visits.

### 10 NEXT MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY

It was noted that the next meeting of the Authority will be held on Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 2.00pm.

A Member thanked officers for their interesting and informative presentations.

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Chairman

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Date

The meeting started at 2.01pm and ended at 3.20pm

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ADDENDUM A

### MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS 2021/22

#### COMMITTEES

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> – 8 Members (at least 50% to be London Members), 1 Member nominated jointly by the non-majority groups preferably from one of the London Olympic Boroughs. MEETINGS: 12 per year or as required		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (5)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (0)</b>
Ross Houston	David Andrews	
Heather Johnson	Susan Barker	
Chris Kennedy	Graham McAndrew	
	Paul Osborn	
	Mary Sartin	
<b>Chairman: Paul Osborn</b>		<b>Vice Chairman: David Andrews</b>

<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b> – 7 Members MEETINGS: 3 per year		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (4)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (0)</b>
John Bevan	Mike Garnett	
David Gardner	Lesley Greensmyth	
Terry Wheeler	Dilip Patel	
	Suzanne Rutland-Barsby	
<b>Chairman: David Gardner</b>		<b>Vice Chairman: Suzanne Rutland-Barsby</b>

<b>REGENERATION &amp; PLANNING COMMITTEE</b> – 11 Members MEETINGS: 6 weekly or as required		
<b>Labour (4)</b>	<b>Conservative (6)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (1)</b>
John Bevan	David Andrews	Calvin Horner
David Gardner	Graham McAndrew	
Denise Jones	Gordon Nicholson	
Chris Kennedy	Paul Osborn	
	Mary Sartin	
	John Wyllie	
<b>Chairman: David Andrews</b>		<b>Vice Chairman: Chris Kennedy</b>

<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b> – 9 Members MEETINGS: 3 per year		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (5)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (1)</b>
John Bevan	Ken Ayling	Calvin Horner
David Gardner	Mike Garnett	
Terry Wheeler	Gordon Nicholson	
	John Wyllie	
	Steven Heather	
<b>Chairman: John Bevan</b>		<b>Vice Chairman: Gordon Nicholson</b>

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### TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

<b>LAND &amp; PROPERTY REVIEW WORKING GROUP – 7 Members</b>		
MEETINGS: As required		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (4)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (0)</b>
Ross Houston	David Andrews	
Heather Johnson	Graham McAndrew	
Chris Kennedy	Paul Osborn	
	Mary Sartin	
<b>Chairman: Paul Osborn</b>		

<b>LEVY STRATEGY WORKING GROUP – 8 Members</b>		
MEETINGS: As required		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (5)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (0)</b>
Heather Johnson	David Andrews	
Chris Kennedy	Ken Ayling	
John Bevan	Susan Barker	
	Graham McAndrew	
	Paul Osborn	
<b>Chairman: Paul Osborn</b>		

<b>LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT REVIEW WORKING GROUP – 8 Members</b>		
MEETINGS: As required		
<b>Labour (3)</b>	<b>Conservative (5)</b>	<b>Lib Dem (0)</b>
Ross Houston	David Andrews	
Heather Johnson	Graham McAndrew	
Chris Kennedy	Paul Osborn	
	Mary Sartin	
	Marshall Vance	
<b>Chairman: Paul Osborn</b>		

### APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Waltham Abbey Town Partnership	Steven Heather
Six Authorities Liaison Group (Formerly Enfield, Essex & Herts Border Liaison Group)	David Andrews Ken Ayling Marshall Vance Gordon Nicholson