

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 25 MAY 2023

Members in Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson
Remote Presence: David Andrews (Vice Chairman) Chris Kennedy
Susan Barker Mary Sartin
Ross Houston Richard Thake (Deputy Member for
Graham McAndrew)

Apologies Received From: Graham McAndrew

In Remote Attendance: John Bevan, David Gardner

Officers in Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Remote Presence: Dan Buck - Corporate Director
Jon Carney - Corporate Director
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance
Stephen Bromberg - Head of Communications
Michael Sterry - Senior Accountant
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also in Remote Presence: Kevin Bartle – S151 Officer (London Borough of Enfield)
Will Durrant - Journalist

Part I

243 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

244 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2023 be approved and signed.

245 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

246 Q4 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23

Paper E/812/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

In response to Members regarding recent changes to utility costs it was advised that:

- the Authority purchases utilities from Laser and prices were fixed until October 2023;
- predicted utility costs post October 2023 had been included within the budget but given recent decreases in wholesale costs these predicted costs might be higher than actual costs which were subject to future notification from Laser;
- the Authority used very little gas and therefore the impact of decreasing costs was negligible; and
- robust monitoring was in place to track the cost benefit of investment in LED lighting.

In response to a Member it was advised that the 2023/24 budget included a large contingency because of uncertainty on costs and income. Performance to date had been good and therefore the budget was resilient.

Heather Johnson joined the meeting during the above discussion.

(1) the report was noted.

247 Q4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 Paper E/810/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

In response to a Member it was advised that the Middlesex Filter Beds project continued to be reviewed and an update would be provided to Members when a robust solution was secured.

Ross Houston joined the meeting during the above discussion.

(1) the report was noted.

248 ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY Paper E/811/23
2022/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

Members commended officers for good performance in a complex financial marketplace.

(1) treasury management activity during 2022/23 was noted.

249 PARK SECURITY CONTRACT PROCUREMENT Paper E/809/23

The report was introduced by the Corporate Director.

In response to Members it was advised:

- the current contractor was expected to submit a bid for the new contract;
- operating the service in-house had been evaluated but it was considered that an external provider would offer better service at lower cost; and
- the procurement process would include social value and other community factors.

(1) commencement of procurement of a new Park Security contract with the intention of commencing the new contract in December 2023 was noted; and

(2) offering the current Park Security contractor a further six months extension to the current contract was approved.

Members and Officers expressed thanks to Mary Sartin for her long and valued service to the Authority and wished her a happy retirement.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 10.33am and ended at 11.03am