

## LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 23 FEBRUARY 2017

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson  
Derrick Ashley (Vice Chairman) Chris Kennedy  
David Andrews Valerie Metcalfe  
John Bevan Alan Searing

In Attendance: Malcolm Cowan, Gwyneth Deakins, Denise Jones, Gordon Nicholson

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive  
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services  
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources  
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships  
Stephen Roberts - Head of Property  
Nick Powell - Property Surveyor  
Jon Carney - Head of Parklands  
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager  
Alan Butler - Director of Venues (North) (Lee Valley Leisure Trust)  
Nigel Foxall - Director of Business Support (Lee Valley Leisure Trust)  
Michel Sterry - Performance & Information Manager (Lee Valley Leisure Trust)  
Mark Rowley - Commercial Development Manager (Lee Valley Leisure Trust)

#### Part I

#### 793 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
John Bevan	7	Trustee of Lee Valley Leisure Trust	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Gordon Nicholson	6	Member of Broxbourne Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

#### 794 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

**THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 be approved and signed.**

#### 795 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

#### 796 AUTHORITY 2016/17 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

Paper E/485/17

The report was introduced by the Chief Executive, highlighting:

- a review of Eton Manor, including enhancement of hockey infrastructure to reduce future revenue requirements, was being undertaken to ensure it fully fulfilled its potential as a legacy site; and

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- together with the Trust the Authority was obliged to carry out later in the year a year three review of the Leisure Services Contract and preparations for this were underway.

The Chairman remarked that:

- a long term vision for East India Dock Basin was required; and
- a masterplan for the Eton Manor site, including increased indoor provision and visitor accommodation, would be developed.

A Member made the following comments:

- support for the use of compulsory purchase powers to enable areas of land to be opened up to the public;
- that Ice Centre staff technical expertise be utilised in development of the new twin pad ice centre; and
- suggestion that funding be sought from the Heritage Lottery Fund for projects at East India Dock Basin.

A Member advised that the London Borough of Tower Hamlets was planning to re-establish the Leaside Regeneration Board.

**(1) the report was noted.**

797 Q3 REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 PERFORMANCE MONITORING Paper E/478/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Finance & Resources.

In response to a Member request for an update on the introduction of car parking charges it was advised that whilst continuing to work with Epping Forest District Council and Broxbourne Borough Council to introduce schemes, the Authority was also exploring alternative management options.

A Member advised that he had received a letter from a resident regarding the proposed flat rate car parking charge of £2.50 at Turnford Brook and requested that consideration be given to a 60p an hour charge which would be more acceptable to daily dog walkers. Officers undertook to consider this.

**(1) the carried forward set out in paragraph 12 of Paper E/478/17 was approved; and**

**(2) the report was noted.**

798 Q3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 Paper E/481/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Finance & Resources.

**(1) the report was noted.**

799 LEISURE SERVICES CONTRACT MONITORING REPORT - Q3 2016/17 Paper E/479/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Finance & Resources highlighting that:

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- income and usage had increased whilst customer satisfaction levels had been maintained at a high level; and
- it was anticipated that visits to the Park would exceed 7 million for the year.

In response to the Chairman's request for further explanation of performance of the Golf Course, it was advised that:

- following a price rise last year the golf course had been the most expensive in the area;
- performance was expected to improve;
- the introduction of footgolf had been a success; and
- even if the golf course was closed there would be costs associated with maintenance of the land.

In response to Members concerns regarding Springfield Marina it was advised that:

- the price rise last year had created considerable customer animosity; and
- there were a number of projects, such as the chandlery, in progress at the site.

The Chairman commended the Trust on excellent performance.

**(1) the report was noted.**

Michael Sterry left the meeting at this point.

800 DRAFT CYCLING STRATEGY

Paper E/480/17

The report was introduced by the Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships.

Members commended the draft strategy and suggested that the Greater London Authority and Transport for London be contacted for funding to deliver some of the key outputs. A Member suggested that a timeline of a year for delivery of some of the smaller schemes should be included and that Authority funding should be used to progress these.

Members also commented:

- query on paragraph 2.28 in relation to the number of river crossings and request that the photographs in the strategy be changed to reflect more of the Regional Park;
- there was a need for provision of accessible bikes for use by disabled people to enable them to enjoy the Regional Park and suggestion that funding from Transport for London be sought;
- more should be done to encourage cyclists to use the Authority's venues for refreshments; and
- consideration be given to linkage to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

In response it was advised that:

- consideration would be given to funding sources for delivery of some elements of the draft strategy;
- it was anticipated that the Scrutiny Committee would review implementation of the strategy in a year's time;

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- options for cycle hire across the Regional Park would be considered; and
- it was hoped to build on the Authority's existing relationship with Bikeworks.

**(1) the Draft Strategy; and**

**(2) referral to Authority of the Draft Strategy for adoption was approved.**

801 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF APPROXIMATELY 725 SQUARE METRES OF EXISTING GARDEN LAND ADJACENT TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS CEDAR LAKES, NETHERFIELD LANE, STANSTEAD ABBOTTS Paper E/483/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services including that the Ranger team do not consider the land has any benefit for the Regional Park:

**(1) subject to the terms set out in Paper E/484/17, agenda item 13 in Part 2 of this Committee, disposal of land shown on Appendix A to Paper E/483/17;**

**(2) subject to (1) above, an application be submitted to the Secretary of State for consent to the disposal; and**

**(3) subject to (1) and (2) above, the signing and sealing of all necessary legal documentation was approved.**

Alan Butler, Nigel Foxall and Mark Rowley left the meeting at this point.

802 UPDATE ON LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK (AMENDMENT): TEN MINUTE RULE MOTION – PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

The Chief Executive gave an update on the parliamentary debate of 22 February 2017, including:

- James Berry, Conservative MP for Kingston & Surbiton, introduced the 10 Minute Rule Motion to which Stella Creasy, Labour MP for Walthamstow, responded;
- the Bill is scheduled to go for its second reading on 24 March but it is expected to be dropped as there will be insufficient time; and
- there was some press coverage in the Evening Standard and South London local press.

The Chairman advised that he had been doing everything he could to communicate the levy reduction strategy, that the Authority was successfully operating 3 Olympic venues and that the Park was a big regional asset. He requested that Members convey the same messages to their local authorities.

Members commented:

- that a regional facility should be regionally funded and that some local authorities had had an issue with the levy since the abolition of the Greater London Council;
- the suggestion that the Park should be funded through the Greater London Authority;
- the need to widely communicate the levy reduction strategy;

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- the suggestion that the levy be significantly increased to enable adequate funding through the Greater London Authority; and
- the suggestion that the Authority's levy setting timetable be brought forward to enable any levy reductions to be reflected in relevant local authorities budget setting processes.

### 803 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
13	Proposed Disposal of Approximately 725 Square Metres of Existing Garden Land Adjacent to the Residential Property Known as Cedar Lakes, Netherfield Lane, Stanstead Abbots	3
14	Development Proposal for Lee Valley Leisure Complex	3

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The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

- (1) disposal of the land shown on Appendix A to Paper E/483/17 on the terms set out in paper E/484/17 was approved.**

805	DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL FOR LEE VALLEY LEISURE COMPLEX	Paper E/482/17
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The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

- (1) marketing has commenced to secure a Development Investor; and**
- (2) London Borough of Enfield has not taken their interest further at this time was noted.**

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Chairman

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Date

The meeting started at 11.00am and ended at 11.55am.