

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**AUTHORITY MEETING
7 JULY 2016**

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Christopher Kennedy
David Andrews Gerry Lyons
Derrick Ashley Graham McAndrew
John Bevan Sarah McDermott
Stephen Canning (Deputy for Simon Walsh) Valerie Metcalfe
Malcolm Cowan Gordon Nicholson
Gwyneth Deakins Mary Sartin
Christine Hamilton Alan Searing
Linda Haysey Alan Smith
Ross Houston Syd Stavrou
Heather Johnson Lyn White
Denise Jones

In Attendance: Mari Stevenson - Deputy for East Herts District Council

Apologies Received From: Saima Ashraf, Stephen Carr, John Knapman, Kay Twitchen,
Simon Walsh

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Regeneration
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager
Lindsey Johnson - Committee Services Officer

Also Present: Three members of the public

Part I

63 Members approved a two month extension to the six months absence rule for John Knapman from Essex County Council.

Members noted that Salim Patel from London Borough of Newham has not attended for six months and had not requested an extension, therefore he has ceased to be a Member of the Authority.

The following Membership of the Authority was noted:

Constituent Council	Member
Essex County Council	John Knapman Valerie Metcalfe Kay Twitchen Simon Walsh
Hertfordshire County Council	David Andrews Derrick Ashley

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Broxbourne Borough Council	Malcolm Cowan Alan Searing Gordon Nicholson Lyn White
East Herts District Council	Linda Haysey Graham McAndrew
Epping Forest District Council	Mary Sartin Syd Stavrou
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham	Saima Ashraf
London Borough of Barnet	Ross Houston
London Borough of Bromley	Stephen Carr
London Borough of Camden	Heather Johnson
London Borough of Enfield	Christine Hamilton
London Borough of Hackney	Christopher Kennedy
London Borough of Haringey	John Bevan
London Borough of Harrow	Paul Osborn
London Borough of Lewisham	Alan Smith
London Borough of Newham	Vacancy
London Borough of Redbridge	Gwyneth Deakins
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Denise Jones
London Borough of Waltham Forest	Gerry Lyons
London Borough of Wandsworth	Sarah McDermott

Co-opted Members:

Environment Agency	Debbie Jones
Canal and River Trust	Tav Kazmi

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	<i>Prejudicial</i> ✓
<i>Sarah McDermott</i>	-	<i>A Member of the Wandle Valley Regional Park</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>
<i>John Bevan</i>	-	<i>Trustee of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>
<i>Linda Haysey</i>	-	<i>Trustee of the Lee Valley Leisure Trust</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>

1 (a) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY

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

The Chairman took the Chair.

1 (b) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY

(1) Derrick Ashley was appointed Vice Chairman of the Authority.

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2 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Abigail Woodman on behalf of Save Lea Marshes requested to speak concerning the minutes of the previous Authority meeting on 16 June 2016, key points included:

- She thanked Members for allowing her to speak at the previous meeting and the positive reception she received, leaving her feeling that her opinions had been heard.
- She requested that the minutes be amended for accuracy sake to reflect that she attended on behalf of Save Lea Marshes and that Leyton Marsh 'is' precious, not 'was' precious.
- She will never support development of Metropolitan Open Land, but was pleased to hear at the meeting that Members do value open green space.
- She felt that two assurances given at the meeting were not articulated in the minutes and requested that these be included before the minutes are approved and signed. These assurances were:
 - (1) the new ice rink, the temporary ice rink and any associated works will be limited to land south of the northern perimeter of the current ice rink. Nothing connected with the new ice rink will encroach north further onto Leyton Marsh; and
 - (2) there are no plans for the new ice rink to have a footprint bigger than that indicated by the red and dotted red lines on the map that was presented at the Authority meeting on 16 June 2016.
- She concluded by informing Members that having these assurances in writing will go a long way to building local trust in the Authority.

Members agreed that the minutes could be amended as per Abigail's suggestions.

Caroline Day requested to speak to Members regarding development on Lea Bridge Road, key points included:

- She is concerned that the Lee Valley Leisure Trust will become a vehicle for uncontrolled and inappropriate commercial developments, of which the car wash on Lea Bridge Road is an example.
- The car wash looks awful and encourages the use of cars. It has been introduced without regard to legal constraints or the democratic process of the Authority.
- The Authority has acted outside its powers as set out in Section 12 of the Park Act, as a car wash cannot be construed as leisure, recreation, sport, games or amusements. Further Section 13 of the Park Act states that the Authority cannot carry on the business of maintaining or repairing motor vehicles.
- Section 8.4 of the Ice Centre lease entered into by the Lee Valley Leisure Trust states that no operation or change of use of the premises can be carried out until all necessary permissions under the Planning Acts have been obtained. However, construction has been completed and the car wash opened without planning permission being obtained.
- Your Chief Executive has claimed that the car wash is a 'complimentary service to customers', however you don't need to be a customer of the Ice Centre to use the car wash, and passing trade is encouraged to use it.
- Your Chief Executive has also claimed that the car wash will help to reduce vehicle theft and vandalism by providing a cost effective physical presence on the site, however we are not aware of any problems on the site and crime of this nature usually occur at night, so we find this a spurious argument.

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- Waste water from commercial car washing is classified as trade effluent, which requires permission from Thames Water to discharge to sewers. This permission does not appear to have been applied for or obtained.
- The planning application states that the car wash is not on contaminated land and it is not close to a water course, which is incorrect. Leyton Marshes has been used for historical landfill and the site is in close proximity to the Lea Navigation.
- The car wash as constructed also deviates from the tender specification, whereby the structure should be temporary and use moveable equipment.

Carline handed out a photograph to Members showing the permanent nature of the car wash.

- She queried whether the Authority had been statutory consultees for the planning application, as she could see that this matter had not come to a Lower Lee Valley Regeneration & Planning Committee.
- She concluded by stating that the car wash was not an appropriate use of Metropolitan Open Land and it does not support recreational uses. She would like assurances from the Authority that inappropriate facilities will not be allowed on Metropolitan Open Land and there will be no contravention of the Park Act.

The Chairman advised Caroline that as she had spoken on a subject not on the agenda for this meeting he was not willing to have a discussion about it at this time. However, after consultation with the Lee Valley Leisure Trust, he will write a reply to her, addressing the points she has raised.

3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2016 be approved and signed with the following amendments to minute 60:

- (1) the new ice rink, the temporary ice rink and any associated works will be limited to land south of the northern perimeter of the current ice rink. Nothing connected with the new ice rink will encroach north further onto Leyton Marsh; and
- (2) there are no plans for the new ice rink to have a footprint bigger than that indicated by the red and dotted red lines on the map that was presented at the Authority meeting on 16 June 2016.

Abigale Woodman and Caroline Day left the meeting.

4 PROPOSED COMMITTEES, PANEL AND GROUPS FOR 2016/17 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN

Paper A/4229/16

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

A Member queried where it was stated that Executive Committee Members were excluded from certain committees. The Director of Corporate Services responded stating that it was in Standing Orders.

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- (1) Membership of Committees, Panel and Groups for 2016/17 be as set out in Addendum A to these minutes;**
- (2) Executive Committee – the Chairman be Paul Osborn and the Vice Chairman be Derrick Ashley;**
- (3) Audit Committee – the Chairman be Linda Haysey and the Vice Chairman be Ross Houston;**
- (4) Scrutiny Committee – the Chairman be Ross Houston and the Vice Chairman be Stephen Carr;**
- (5) Lower Lee Valley Regeneration and Planning Committee – the Chairman be John Bevan and the Vice Chairman be Derrick Ashley;**
- (6) Upper Lee Valley Regeneration and Planning Committee – the Chairman be David Andrews and the Vice Chairman be Syd Stavrou;**
- (7) Park Development Framework Panel – the Chairman be Paul Osborn;**
- (8) Contaminated Land Working Group – the Chairman be Mary Sartin;**
- (9) Ice Centre Project Working Group – the Chairman be Paul Osborn;**
- (10) Land and Property Review Working Group – the Chairman be Paul Osborn; and**
- (11) the appointments unfilled at this meeting will be agreed through Group Leaders and reported to the next Authority meeting or Executive Committee was noted.**

5 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2016/17

Paper A/4230/16

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

(1) appointments to outside bodies for 2016/17 were approved as follows:

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| (a) Waltham Abbey Town Partnership | Syd Stavrou |
| (b) Enfield, Essex and Herts Border Liaison Group | Valerie Metcalfe
Syd Stavrou
Lyn White
Gordon Nicholson |
| (c) Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd | John Bevan
Linda Haysey |
| (d) Hertfordshire Young Mariners Base | Valerie Metcalfe |
| (e) Riding for the Disabled Association
at Lee Valley Riding Centre | Syd Stavrou |

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6 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17 Paper A/4231/16

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

(1) the calendar of meetings for 2016/17 as shown in Appendix A to Paper A/4230/16 was approved.

7 2016/17 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE Paper A/4232/16

The report was introduced by the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive informed Members that paragraph 26 should say 'next three years'.

Some Members were concerned that the working group would comprise of only Executive Members. The Chairman advised that all Members would be welcome to attend the meeting and that the working group would recommend a levy strategy to the Executive Committee, which would have to be approved by the Authority in order to be implemented, however, he agreed that Membership and the Terms of Reference for that working group could be decided at the next Executive Committee meeting on 21 July 2016.

(1) the report was noted;

(2) a) that over the next 6 months officers develop a strategy to allow for further reduction of the levy over the next 4 year period 2017/18-2020/21; and

(3) b) that a Member working group comprising the Executive Committee Members provide oversight and direction for this exercise was approved.

8 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Director of Corporate Services gave a verbal update on progress of the Independent Remuneration Panel, key points included:

- The Independent Remuneration Panel met on 29 June 2016.
- They received evidence from the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, two Authority Members and other views supplied in writing.
- A report of the Panel's findings will come to Members at the Authority meeting in October.
- Any additional pay recommended will be back dated to the date of this Annual Authority meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY

It was noted that the next meeting of the Authority would be on Thursday, 20 October 2016 at 2.00pm at Myddelton House, Bulls Cross, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 9HG.

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Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 2.05pm and ended at 2.40pm.

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ADDENDUM A

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, GROUPS/PANELS 2015/16

COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 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		
Labour (3)	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (0)
John Bevan	David Andrews	
Heather Johnson	Derrick Ashley	
Chris Kennedy	Valerie Metcalfe	
	Paul Osborn	
	Alan Searing	
Chairman: Paul Osborn		Vice Chairman: Derrick Ashley

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 7 Members MEETINGS: 3 per year		
Labour (2)	Conservative (4)	Lib Dem (1)
Ross Houston	Linda Haysey	Malcolm Cowan
Gerry Lyons	John Knapman	
	Graham McAndrew	
	Vacancy	
Chairman: Linda Haysey		Vice Chairman: Ross Houston

LOWER LEE VALLEY REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE – 11 Members, 6 LLV London Riparian (Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest), 3 other London, 1 from Essex, 1 from Herts MEETINGS: Bi-monthly or as required			
Labour (6)	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (0)	Named Substitutes (2)
John Bevan	David Andrews		Alan Smith
Christine Hamilton	Derrick Ashley		Vacancy
Denise Jones	John Knapman		
Chris Kennedy	Valerie Metcalfe		
Gerry Lyons	Paul Osborn		
Salim Patel			
Chairman: John Bevan		Vice Chairman: Derrick Ashley	

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UPPER LEE VALLEY REGENERATION & PLANNING COMMITTEE – 11 Members, 5 from Herts and 4 from Essex (County & Districts), 2 London			
MEETINGS: Bi-monthly or as required			
Labour (3)	Conservative (7)	Lib Dem (1)	Named Substitutes (2)
John Bevan	David Andrews	Malcolm Cowan	Alan Smith
Christine Hamilton	Linda Haysey		Vacancy
Heather Johnson	Valerie Metcalfe		
	Gordon Nicholson		
	Paul Osborn		
	Mary Sartin		
	Syd Stavrou		
Chairman: David Andrews		Vice Chairman: Syd Stavrou	

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 9 Members			
MEETINGS: 3 per year			
Labour (3)	Conservative (5)	Lib Dem (1)	Named Substitutes (2)
Christine Hamilton	Stephen Carr	Gwyneth Deakins	Gerry Lyons
Ross Houston	Gordon Nicholson		Vacancy
Alan Smith	Mary Sartin		
	Syd Stavrou		
	Lyn White		
Chairman: Ross Houston		Vice Chairman: Stephen Carr	

TASK AND FINISH PANELS/GROUPS

PARK DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL – 6 Members		
MEETINGS: As required		
Labour (2)	Conservative (4)	Lib Dem (0)
Ross Houston	Derrick Ashley	
Heather Johnson	Linda Haysey	
	Gordon Nicholson	
	Paul Osborn	
Chairman: Paul Osborn		

CONTAMINATED LAND WORKING GROUP – 4 Members		
MEETINGS: As required		
Labour (1)	Conservative (3)	Lib Dem (0)
Heather Johnson	Gordon Nicholson	
	Mary Sartin	
	Syd Stavrou	
Chairman: Mary Sartin		

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ICE CENTRE PROJECT WORKING GROUP – 11 Members		
MEETINGS: As required		
Labour (4)	Conservative (6)	Lib Dem (1)
Ross Houston	Derrick Ashley	Gwyneth Deakins
Heather Johnson	Linda Haysey	
Chris Kennedy	Sarah McDermott	
Gerry Lyons	Paul Osborn	
	Mary Sartin	
	Syd Stavrou	
Chairman: Paul Osborn		

LAND & PROPERTY REVIEW WORKING GROUP – 7 Members		
MEETINGS: As required		
Labour (3)	Conservative (4)	Lib Dem (0)
Ross Houston	Derrick Ashley	
Heather Johnson	David Andrews	
Chris Kennedy	Paul Osborn	
	Linda Haysey	
Chairman: Paul Osborn		

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Waltham Abbey Town Partnership	Syd Stavrou
Enfield, Essex & Herts Border Liaison Group	Valerie Metcalfe Gordon Nicholson Syd Stavrou Lyn White
Hertfordshire Young Mariners	Valerie Metcalfe
Riding for the Disabled at Lee Valley Riding Centre	Syd Stavrou
Lee Valley Leisure Trust Limited	John Bevan Linda Haysey