

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
14 DECEMBER 2017**

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson
Derrick Ashley (Vice Chairman) Chris Kennedy
David Andrews Valerie Metcalfe
Ross Houston

Apologies Received From: Syd Stavrou

In Attendance: John Bevan (Deputy for Peray Ahmet), Frances Button, Gwyneth Deakins

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Director of Corporate Services
Simon Sheldon - Director of Finance & Resources
Dan Buck - Head of Sport & Leisure
Stephen Wilkinson - Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships
Marigold Wilberforce - Property Surveyor
Nick Powell - Property Surveyor
Jessica Beckford - PR Officer
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also Present: Sorwar Ahmed - Canal & River Trust
Abigail Woodman and Celia Coram – Save Leyton Marsh group

Part I

890 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
Chris Kennedy	4	Knows Abigail Woodman	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Mary Sartin	8	Lives on River Stort (outside of Lee Valley area)	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

891 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2017 be approved and signed.

892 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Abigail Woodman addressed the Committee in relation to agenda items 5 and 10, including:

- has a decision been made about the sell-off of land at The Waterworks?;
- if a decision has been made who made it and what were the reasons?;
- if a decision has not yet been made why are you discussing the land as if a decision has been made so that it is a fait accompli?;

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- she had received assurances from Cllr Simon Miller that the London Borough of Waltham Forest did not want the land for redevelopment so how did the Authority reconcile that with its aspirations?; and
- requested publication of minutes of the Ice Centre Working Group and Land & Property Working Group or that the public be able to attend these meetings.

In response the Chairman advised that:

- a decision had not been made to sell land at The Waterworks but the Authority was looking at how much revenue it could generate for Park purposes;
- a decision whether to dispose of land at The Waterworks, as well as other areas across the Park, would be based on whether the land was needed for Park purposes;
- working group meetings were an opportunity for Members to discuss issues with officers and were not decision making meetings. All decisions were made by the Executive Committee or full Authority at meetings held in public; and
- he was happy to answer any questions she may have.

893 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 (REVISED) TO 2021/22 Paper E/537/17

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

A Member commented that external funding was becoming harder to access and questioned whether it was realistic to include a stretch target for this.

- (1) the revised capital programme for 2017/18 (revised) to 2021/22 as set out in Appendix A to Paper E/537/17; and**
- (2) the proposed capital funding to meet the planned capital programme as set out in Table 2 (paragraph 15 of Paper E/537/17) was approved.**

894 BORROWING LIMITS AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2017/18 (REVISED) – 2021/22 Paper E/536/17

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

- (1) the borrowing limits and prudential indicators for 2017/18 (revised) to 2021/22 as set out in paragraphs 9 to 19 of Paper E/536/17 was approved.**

895 SUPPORT FOR THE 2018 UCI TRACK CYCLING WORLD CUP Paper E/533/17

The report was introduced by the Head of Sport & Leisure.

Members commented that:

- as the Authority's legacy venues had matured and attracted capacity spectators future major events should be hosted on a cost neutral basis; and
- the community engagement benefits derived from hosting major events were important to the Authority.

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In response it was advised that:

- this was the last major event in the 4 year cycle prior to Tokyo 2020;
- the successful hosting of a number of major events at the legacy venues had strengthened the Authority's position in negotiations for future major events; and
- the Authority was known for including additional community engagement terms within contracts for hosting major events.

(1) a direct revenue contribution from the Authority to Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd of up to £85,000 subject to confirmation of all partners support was approved.

896 CONSULTATION BY CANAL AND RIVER TRUST ON LONDON
MOORING STRATEGY

Paper E/534/17

The report was introduced by the Head of Planning & Strategic Partnerships highlighting that the draft response outlined officer concerns around proposed enforcement, resources and priorities which underpin this.

Sorwar Ahmed (Canal & River Trust (C&RT)) advised that:

- continuing growth in numbers using towpaths and moorings has put pressure on infrastructure;
- C&RT's objective is to develop a managed approach for the benefit of all users;
- partnership working had been adopted to enable the provision of facilities and to engage people with the waterspace;
- a range of proposals had been developed for 8 'character' areas throughout the wider London region including a growth in residential moorings; and
- C&RT had a long term funding agreement with DEFRA but this provided less than 40% of its funding and therefore other funding streams were required to support its work.

Member comments included:

- concern regarding poor estate and long term mooring management over the last 10 to 15 years with gardens being cultivated along towpaths, aggressive dogs and poorly maintained boats detracting from a recreational park environment;
- the need for more support for local volunteer groups who adopted canals; and
- the proposed strategy needed to focus more on biodiversity.

In response Sorwar Ahmed advised:

- acknowledgement that past management of moorings had not been as tight as it could have been but over the past 5 years performance had improved;
- a restructure of C&RT was ongoing and by April 2018 more centralised regions would have an increased ability to know what was happening on the ground;
- Rangers were the mechanism for communication with boaters and this was also improving;
- from research with licence holders, of 1500 responses 49% said they lived aboard their boat and would like to have a permanent mooring;

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- C&RT sought best value from its moorings but did work with social enterprise providers for the provision of affordable moorings;
- provided craft met the licence criteria C&RT was obliged to issue licences;
- C&RT sought to strike a balance so that all users could enjoy the waterspace;
- support for local volunteer groups would be reviewed; and
- acknowledgement that there was a gap in the strategy around biodiversity.

(1) subject to strengthening comments on enforcement, licencing conditions and biodiversity the comments included in the draft letter at Appendix A to Paper E/534/17 was approved.

897 SAFEGUARDING AND DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE
POLICIES

Paper E/535/17

The report was introduced by the Head of Sport & Leisure.

- (1) changes and additions to the Safeguarding Policy as set out at Appendix A to Paper E/535/17 and Disclosure and Barring Service Policy as set out at Appendix B to Paper E/535/17;**
- (2) delegation to the Head of Sport and Leisure in conjunction with the Chief Executive to approve minor changes to the policies from time to time to reflect minor changes to current legislation be recommended to Authority was approved;**
- (3) that any future significant changes will be brought back to Members for approval; and**
- (4) officers will provide Members with a full update of any changes made to the Safeguarding and Disclosure and Barring Service Policies every three years was noted.**

898 ICE CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

The Chief Executive gave an oral update on the Ice Centre project, key points included:

- work was continuing with the consultants to develop a fully costed twin pad proposal with a robust business model;
- possible funding streams were being reviewed; and
- other achievements in the Lea Bridge Road area included hosting Countryside Live, Green Flags, London in Bloom gold awards and the opening of a significant area of wetlands.

A Member had participated in one of the 50th anniversary walks in the area and commented that the marshes were heavily used by the public even during the winter and highlighted the need for adequate café facilities at a new Ice Centre to meet this demand as well as venue users. The Chairman commented that the interaction between a possible new Ice Centre and the marshes was a key element for consideration.

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John Bevan, Sorwar Ahmed, Jessica Beckford and members of the public left the meeting.
Nick Powell joined the meeting.

899 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	Abercrombie Lodge	3
14	Potential Future Development at Lee Valley Leisure Complex, Picketts Lock	3

900 ABERCROMBIE LODGE Paper E/538/17

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

(1) the report; and

(2) the Authority is considering its legal options as to pursuit of a claim was noted.

901 POTENTIAL FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AT LEE VALLEY LEISURE Paper E/539/17
COMPLEX, PICKETTS LOCK

The report was introduced by the Director of Corporate Services.

Members commended the proposal submitted by Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd.

(1) in principle to select the recommended option identified in paragraph 12 of Paper E/539/17 was approved.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 11.40am and ended at 1.10pm.