

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL
MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2016**

Councillors Adam Jogee (Chair), Patrick Berryman, John Bevan,
Barbara Blake and Sygrave

Co-Optees Mr I. Sygrave (Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watches)

CSP49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elliott, Hare and Peacock.

CSP50. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

CSP51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CSP52. DEPUTATIONS/ PETITIONS/ PRESENTATIONS/ QUESTIONS

None.

CSP53. MINUTES

In respect of item 31 – Licensees – it was noted that Councillor Barbara Blake was still awaiting further information regarding Wood Green Pubwatch. It was agreed that an update on the issue would be requested for the next Panel meeting and that the issue of the late night levy would be added to the work plan. It was also agreed that further information on progress would be sought in respect of item 35 – Community Engagement and Confidence.

AGREED:

1. That an update on the progress of joint action by the Council and the Police to improve engagement with licensees be requested for the next Panel meeting on 1 March;
2. That the issue of the late night levy be added to the Panel's work plan;
3. That a briefing note for Panel Members be requested on progress with work being undertaken to improve community engagement and confidence;
4. That the minutes of the meeting of 12 November be approved.

CSP54. APPOINTMENT OF NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBER

AGREED:

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1. That a representative from Haringey Association of Neighbourhood Watches be appointed as a non voting co-opted Member of the Panel for the remainder of the 2015/16 Municipal Year; and
2. That the appointment of non voting co-opted Members to the Panel be reviewed on an annual basis at the first meeting of the Municipal Year.

CSP55. CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS; CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

The Chair reported that Councillor Stuart McNamara, the Cabinet Member for Environment, was unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies. He had stated that he was happy to answer any question that might arise regarding his portfolio.

The Panel raised the following issues:

- It was felt that there was no longer a need for the loading bay located outside the former Swan public house on Philip Lane in Tottenham. It was felt to be slowing traffic flow in the area. Ann Cunningham, Head of Traffic Management, reported that this had already been raised with Transport for London (TfL) but they were reluctant to remove it. Council officers were nevertheless supportive of its removal and agreed to raise the issue again with TfL and to take it up at a higher level, if necessary.
- In respect of the Council car park in Bury Road, Wood Green, Ms Cunningham reported that a capital bid had been by made to fund works there but they were yet to receive the result of this. The service yard at the car park had been the major issue. Vincent Valerio, the Parking Schemes Manager, reported that income from the car park had increased by 10% in the past year. This was thought to be due to improved signage and an increase in tariff. The bid had been for work to close off the whole of the service yard. The work to develop the bid had been challenging due to the number of sub tenants but they were now all agreeable to the plans. A careful approach was nevertheless necessary in respect of the development of the car park as the Council did not wish to over encourage people to drive to the shopping centre.
- There was currently no Council policy in respect of how long memorials in parks to people who had died were kept in place. Their removal was a sensitive issue but it was not desirable to have memorials in place permanently and there needed to be clarity on how long they should remain in place.
- Park staff and annualised hours; The Panel felt that it was desirable for parks staff to work annualised hours as this would enable them to work longer hours during the summer when work demands were higher and shorter hours in winter, when there was less to do. An update on plans to develop this was requested.

AGREED:

That the above mentioned issues be referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment for response.

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**CSP56. UPDATE ON PROGRESS: INTERIM SCRUTINY REPORT ON STRATEGIC PARKING
ISSUES AHEAD OF THE TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR REDEVELOPMENT**

Vincent Valerio, Parking Schemes Manager, reported on progress with the implementation of recommendations arising from the interim scrutiny report of strategic parking issues ahead of the Tottenham Hotspur redevelopment as follows:

Recommendation 1: The Special Event Day (SED) scheme involved a charge of £10 per event day and had so far raised circa £25,000. This was below the anticipated amount but the number of bays were due to be increased as part of phase 2 of the scheme.

Recommendation 2: The service would ensure that SED parking was not introduced in residential streets.

Recommendation 3: Car parks in Tottenham had recently been re-awarded “Park Mark” status, which meant that they had met minimum standards in terms of maintenance and safety. Work had been undertaken with officers in Regeneration to utilise the Westerfield Road car park as a pop up box park. It was noted that this would not entail any loss of income.

Recommendation 4: It was noted that this had been financed through the Mayor’s regeneration fund.

Recommendation 5: The only local authority that regulated “pop up” parking was Trafford. This was a voluntary scheme that promoted desirable criteria, such as car parks being manned and lit. The service was liaising with the Legal Service on the feasibility of regulation but a decision needed to be made on whether a licensing scheme was wanted. This was not something that any London boroughs with similar issues had been able to introduce so far. It was nevertheless worth exploring further. One option would be to publicise approved areas but the Council was also trying to discourage people travelling to matches by car. Panel Members stated that schools and community organisations had benefitted from pop up parking. They were of the view that regulating pop up parking, although an issue, should not be a major priority for the Council at the moment.

Panel Members raised the issue of fleets of business vehicles being parked on non controlled residential streets and whether there was anything that could be done to regulate this. Officers agreed to report back on this issue in due course.

In answer to a question, Ms Cunningham reported that the Council was not required to remove abandoned vehicles from private land. It could nevertheless be done but a charge would be made for it.

Recommendation 6: The works on Philip Lane had been undertaken successfully.

AGREED:

1. That, in view of the labour intensive nature of work to investigate the feasibility of regulating “pop up” parking and the low level of complaints on match days regarding it, such work be given a low priority; and

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2. That the Head of Traffic Management be requested to investigate the issue of whether it is possible for action to be taken to address the issue of the parking of fleets of business vehicles on non controlled residential streets and report back progress to the Panel in due course.

CSP57. WASTE STREET, CLEANSING AND RECYCLING: CURRENT PERFORMANCE

Graham Jones, Interim Neighbourhood Action Team Manager, reported on current performance in respect of street cleansing. In answer to a question, he stated that the term “detritus” referred to material that accumulated in gaps in the pavement. Performance for litter, detritus and removal of graffiti had been meeting targets consistently since 2014, with targets missed only very occasionally.

In response to a question, he stated that graffiti on private land was theoretically not the Council’s responsibility to remove. However, it was something that could be done, especially if it was offensive or racist. It was not something that happened very often though.

Performance in respect of fly posting was not as good as in other areas of street cleansing. The figures included small business-card size emergency window replacement stickers, which appeared on the window frames of many shops. Dealing with these had proven difficult. Shop keepers were asked to remove the stickers. Although it was not a major issue, it nevertheless showed in the figures. It was noted that performance statistics were not consistent in the way that they were produced across all local authorities. Haringey had set low thresholds and this was reflected in its figures.

In respect of fly posting, Panel Members did not feel that shop fronts should be included in the figures as it was be the responsibility of shop keepers to remove stickers. If shop keepers failed to remove stickers, a penalty notice could be served on them. They felt that relevant traders associations should be contacted and the issue raised with them.

Panel Members reported that fly tipping was the source of a lot of complaints from residents and there was frustration that the Council seemed powerless to deal with it. It was felt that much of this was caused by irresponsible landlords and that offenders should be prosecuted. Mr Jones reported that every effort was made to take people to court but it was necessary to prove who was the cause of the fly tipping and this could be difficult as a high level of evidence was required.

It was noted that performance on fly tipping continued to be an issue and current figures showed levels far above target levels. The introduction of the Council app had seen an improvement in levels of reporting. A fly tipping strategy was being developed with partners to address the issue.

Tom Hemming, Waste Strategy Manager, reported on performance in respect of waste and recycling. The figures for recycling were short of current target levels although performance had improved year-on-year. There was currently less demand for recycled metal and the recycling industry was now more selective in what they would accept.

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Panel Members raised the issue of stickers placed on bins to show what they were intended to be used for. These could fade and needed to be re-issued from time-to-time. Mr Jones reported that it was intended to do this and that the stickers would be pictorial to ensure clarity. The stickers would be put on by Veolia rather than residents.

AGREED:

1. That the Panel be provided with an update on statistics for the number of prosecutions against people for fly tipping;
2. That it be recommended that, if possible, figures for window replacement stickers on shop fronts be no longer included in fly posting performance data as their removal is not the direct responsibility of the Council;
3. That traders associations be contacted regarding the removal of window replacement stickers on shop fronts and, in particular, the responsibility of shop keepers to remove them;
4. That the Panel be provided with respective figures for the total amount of funding for street cleansing and the cost of addressing fly tipping; and
5. That an update be provided to the next meeting of the Panel on progress with the Team Noel Park pilot.

CSP58. WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

AGREED:

1. That the future work programme be noted; and
2. That the draft scope and terms of reference for the Panel's review on community safety in parks be approved.

**Clr Adam Jogiee
Chair**

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