

Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2017-18

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| A. Projects | |
| 1. Street sweeping | <p>As part of the savings proposals agreed as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2015-18, a reduction of £2.8 million was made in the Integrated Waste Management Contract. The frequency of street sweeping in residential roads was reduced from twice to once weekly, delivered over 5 days, as a result of this. The benefits of this universal approach were felt to be that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was a consistency across the borough, with all wards receiving the same level of service;• It was easy to understand and explain; and• All residents were given an equal opportunity to prevent litter being dropped. <p>It was acknowledged that there was a risk arising from this that levels of cleanliness would be reduced and the Council would not meet its target for being in the top quartile for London on street cleanliness. The service reductions were implemented at the start of January 2016. Performance declined from January to April 2016 whilst the new cleanings schedules were settling in but subsequently improved, albeit not quite up to previous levels. There were issues on Homes for Haringey estates though and the twice weekly sweep to these areas was reinstated as a result of these.</p> <p>The review will consider, within the current level of costs, the options that are available to improve outcomes and whether there might be merit in moving to a system that is more responsive to levels of need. In doing this, the review will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relevant performance data from Haringey, including resident satisfaction levels;• Volumes of rubbish collected in different parts of the borough;• Service models used by other boroughs and comparative performance levels; and• Housing estates and the work undertaken by Homes for Haringey; and• The outcome of the Team Noel Park pilot. <p>The terms of reference of the review are:</p> |

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| | <p>“To consider and make recommendations on, within the current level of costs, the options available to improve the cleanliness of residential streets across the borough in order to achieve greater level of equality of outcome.”</p> |
| <p>2. Parks</p> | <p>There is widespread agreement amongst parks groups across the country that parks and open spaces across are under threat. This is due to the cumulative effects of budget cuts which have impacted severely on their resources and left many local authorities struggling to maintain sites adequately. In Haringey, £1.4 million has been taken out of the budget already, with another £1.17 million is expected to be saved / additional income generated by 2018. The number of full time parks maintenance staff has also been reduced by 50% since 2012.</p> <p>Action has been taken by the Council to mitigate the effects of budget reductions through generating income, pursuing efficiency savings, adopting less maintenance heavy horticultural approaches and working with various partners. Parks are still well used and highly regarded by residents and make an invaluable contribution to the health, well-being and quality of life of the community. During this period resident satisfaction has remained high at 84% in 2016/17 and the number of Green flag parks has risen from 15 to 22. There are nevertheless further financial challenges that will need to be addressed and concern has been expressed by park users at the possibility that these may lead to decline. Deterioration could lead to parks attracting vandalism, anti-social behaviour and crime and less attractive and accessible to residents</p> <p>The recent report by the House of Commons Select Committee on public parks addressed many of these issues. The report highlights the benefits of having a formal plan or strategy and action is being undertaken to develop one for Haringey by the service, in collaboration with Public Health. The review would aim to feed into this process</p> <p>It is proposed that the review focus on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of standards and support; • The wider benefits and contributions to Corporate Plan priorities that parks make; • Potential sources of funding; and • Effective protection from inappropriate development or commercialisation. |

| B. "One-off" Items: | |
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| Date of meeting | Potential Items |
| 26 June 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Q&A - Environment; To question the Cabinet Member for Environment on current issues and plans arising for her portfolio. • Appointment of Non-Voting Co-opted Member • Work Programme for the Forthcoming Year • Waste, recycling and street cleansing data • Scrutiny Review – Fear of Crime; Final Report |
| 12 October 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Q&A – Communities; To question the Cabinet Member for Communities on current issues and plans arising for his portfolio. • Community Safety Partnership; To invite comments from the Panel on current performance issues and priorities for the borough’s Community Safety Partnership. To include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crime Performance Statistics - Update on performance in respect of the MOPAC priority areas plus commentary on emerging issues; and ○ Statistics on hate crime. • Update on implementation of recommendations of Scrutiny Review on Community Safety in Parks |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Monitoring; To receive an update on the financial performance relating to Corporate Plan Priority 3. |
| 21 December 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Scrutiny • Charges for Replacement Bins and Collection of Green Waste and Bulky Items |
| 31 January 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Q&A - Environment; To question the Cabinet Member for Communities on current issues and plans arising for his portfolio. • Waste, recycling and street cleansing data • Team Noel Park Pilot • Transport Strategy • Update on implementation of recommendations of Scrutiny Review on Cycling |
| 15 March 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Q&A – Communities; To question the Cabinet Member for Communities on current issues and plans arising from his portfolio. |