

Committee:	Date:
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park	15 September 2014
Subject: Decisions taken under delegated authority	Public
Report of: Town Clerk	For Information
<p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report provides details of action taken by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Projects Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41 (a) and 41 (b).</p> <p>Recommendations:-</p> <p>That the action taken since the last meeting be noted.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b) provide mechanisms for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Committee, either where it is urgently necessary that a decision be made or where the Committee has delegated power for a decision to be taken.
2. At the Committee meeting on 9 June 2014 it was agreed to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, to approve the option for the Ladies' Bathing Pond facility at Hampstead Heath.
3. The decision was also made by the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Project Sub Committee under urgency procedures during June 2014.

Decisions Taken under Delegated Authority

4. The following action has therefore been taken under **delegated authority** (Standing Order No. 41(b)), since the last meeting of the Committee:-

- **Ponds Project: Gateway 4c – delegated decision in respect of the Ladies' Bathing Facility**

The Ladies' Bath Pond facilities are positioned on the dam crest and are impacted by the Ponds Project. It was established that it was no longer necessary to relocate the Ladies' Bathing Pond facility and concrete slab which rests upon the dam. Therefore, it was concluded that the facility can be rebuilt on the existing platform which would need to be slightly extended.

Having established that "do nothing" and refurbishment of the existing facility were not options, it was recommended that a new light-weight building be constructed on the existing slab, and that this be submitted as part of the Ponds Project planning application in July 2014.

Overall the delegated decision taken by the Town Clerk was as follows:

- Approval was given for the option to replace the Ladies' Bathing facility with a new building on the existing concrete slab, and that this be submitted as part of the Ponds Project planning application.

Conclusion

5. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Background Papers

- Ponds Project: Gateway 4c – delegated decision in respect of the Ladies Bathing Facility (*June 2014*)

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