

Committee:	Date:
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee	21 May 2012
Epping Forest & Commons Committee	9 July 2012
Subject: Decisions taken under urgency powers	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 this Committee, in accordance with Standing Order No. 41(a).</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) provide mechanisms for decisions to be taken between scheduled meetings of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee where it is urgently necessary that a decision be made.

Decisions Taken under Urgency Procedures

2. The following actions have been taken under urgency Standing Order No. 41(a), since the last meeting of the Committee:

Consultation on Implementation of Amendments to the Reservoirs Act 1975

Approval was granted (with the approval of the Court of Common Council) to delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman in respect of the following : -

The attached document proposed a response to the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on the consultation of the amendments to the Reservoirs Act 1975 contained in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. This would affect the City's Reservoirs and Ponds at Hampstead Heath and Epping Forest and the proposed response is to reduce the impact of these changes.

The attached response was approved by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of this Committee, in accordance with standing order 41 (a),

and submitted to DEFRA as the City's consultation response ahead of the closing date of 17 May 2012.

Reason for urgency – At the request of the Chairman of the Open Spaces, City Gardens & West Ham Park Committee, approval of the consultation response was sought from the Open Spaces, City Gardens & West Ham Park Committee, Policy & Resources Committee, Epping Forest & Commons Committee and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee. The deadline provided by DEFRA for the City's response to the Consultation on Implementation of Amendments to the Reservoirs Act 1975 was 17 May 2012. Due to the Committee cycle, a request for delegated authority, in accordance with standing order 41 (b), was submitted to Open Spaces, City Gardens & West Ham Park Committee and Policy & Resources Committee, but not to the Epping Forest & Commons Committee and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee. The request for approval was therefore to be progressed under urgency procedures for the Epping Forest & Commons Committee and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee.

Conclusion

3. Members are asked to note to contents of this report.

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