



## Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022

**Time:** 4.00 pm

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL – HYBRID OPTION

**Members:**

William Upton KC (Chair)	John Beyer, Heath & Hampstead Society
Alderman Gregory Jones KC (Deputy Chairman)	Councillor Marcus Boyland, London Borough of Camden
Timothy Butcher	Emily Hills, English Heritage
John Foley	Arjun Mittra, London Borough of Barnet
Alderman Prem Goyal	Deputy John Absalom, Farringdon Without North Side
Alethea Silk, Walbrook Ward	Jason Groves
Caroline Haines, Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee (Ex-Officio Member)	Deputy Madush Gupta
Andrew McMurtrie, Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee (Ex-Officio Member)	Wendy Mead, Farringdon Without North Side

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**John Barradell**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# AGENDA

## Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 15 June 2022.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 5 - 10)

4. **OTHER MINUTES**

**For Information**

- a) Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee  
(To Follow)

5. **ASSISTANT DIRECTORS UPDATE**

(To Follow)

**For Information**

6. **RISK UPDATE REPORT**

(To Follow)

**For Information**

7. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH GRASS CUTTING PILOT**

(To Follow)

**For Decision**

8. **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARLIAMENT HILL LIDO**

(To Follow)

**For Decision**

9. **REVIEW OF BATHING POND AND LIDO BOOKING SYSTEMS**

(To Follow)

**For Decision**

10. **REVIEW OF PARLIAMENT HILL MASTERPLAN**

(To Follow)

**For Decision**

11. **TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW**

Report of Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

**For Discussion**  
(Pages 11 - 14)

12. **LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION BILL**

Report of Remembrancer.

**For Information**  
(Pages 15 - 18)

13. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

**Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda**

15. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION: The following matters relate to business under the remit of the Court of Common Council acting for the City Corporation as charity Trustee, to which Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 public access to meetings provisions do not apply. The following items contain sensitive information which it is not in the best interests of the charity to consider in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act) and will be considered in non-public session.

**For Decision**

16. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 19 - 20)

17. **CHARITY REVIEW**

Report of Managing Director, Bridge House Estate.

**For Information**  
(Pages 21 - 26)

18. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

**For Decision**

19. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

**For Decision**

## **HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE** **Wednesday, 15 June 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Wednesday, 15 June 2022 at 4.00 pm

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

William Upton KC (Chair)  
Alderman Gregory Jones KC (Deputy Chairman)  
Timothy Butcher  
John Foley  
Alethea Silk  
Caroline Haines (Ex-Officio Member)  
Emily Hills  
Arjun Mittra

#### **Officers:**

Katherine Radusin	- Natural Environment Department
Richard Gentry	- Natural Environment Department
Kristina Drake	- Town Clerk's Department
Edwin James Birch	- City Surveyor's Department
Richard Holt	- Town Clerk's Department
Stefania Horne	- Natural Environment Department
Graham Nickless	- Chamberlain's Department

### **1. APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed to the Committee those Members newly elected and thanked those Members attending the meeting in person, who were to be elected by the Court of Common Council on the 16th. In addition those Members who had stood down were thanked for their time on the Committee.

### **2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

No declarations were received.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Committee considered the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 4 May 2022.

RESOLVED - That the public minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park Committee meeting held on the 4th of May be approved as an accurate record.

### **4. OTHER MINUTES**

The Committee agreed to appoint John Foley to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee. It was noted that Jason Groves would be appointed to the Highgate Wood Consultative Committee once he was formally elected by the Court of Common Council to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee.

RESOLVED- That the draft minutes be noted.

4.1 **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee\***

4.2 **Highgate Wood Consultative Group\***

4.3 **Queen's Park Consultative Group\***

5. **ASSISTANT DIRECTORS UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Assistant Director's Update.

The Chairman thanked the staff for their work supporting the successful events over the jubilee.

RESOLVED - That: -

- I. The report be noted; and
- II. That the content of the Swimming Annual Review 2021/22 be approved.

6. **SWIMMING CAPITAL PROJECT GATEWAY 3 /4 REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment regarding the Safety, Access and Security Improvements to the Hampstead Heath Swimming Facilities.

The Committee were informed of the context of the project and noted that the final report on this would be prepared for Member approval in October.

Replying to a Member's query the improvements to the site were explained and it was confirmed that there would be no significant impact to the natural surroundings of the site caused by the works. The Chairman observed that the full details of this potential impact would be provided in the planning application which, as confirmed by Officers, had been completed on the 7th of June.

RESOLVED- That: -

- I. That an additional budget of £30,700 be approved to reach the next Gateway; and
- II. That the revised project budget of £163,700 (excluding risk) be noted; and
- III. That the total estimated cost of the project at £691,245 (excluding risk) be noted; and
- IV. A Costed Risk Provision of £27,000 be approved to reach the next Gateway (to be drawn down via delegation to City Surveyor); and
- V. That the Committee approved Option 2 be progressed as the only viable option; and

VI. That it was noted that a minor planning application was submitted on 7th June 2022

7. **SUB-DIVISIONAL PLAN 2022-25**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Sub-Divisional Plan 2022-25.

Replying to a Member's query it was confirmed that the enforcement and administration of car parking charges would be continuously reviewed for their effectiveness. The Chairman requested regular updates on this matter going forward.

RESOLVED- That the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Sub-Divisional Plan 2022-2025 be approved.

8. **PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE GOLDER'S HILL PARK ZOO**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director on the Proposed sustainable management of the Golder's Hill Park Zoo. The Chairman observed that the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee had reacted positively to this report.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that options were being explored to make the Golder's Hill Park Zoo more financially stable in the long term and that the report's recommendations were produced to this end. The Chairman noted that the Zoo was a highly valued community asset.

Members encouraged Officers to expedite work on the contactless donations to ensure this was in place for the summer. Following explanation from Officers that there was ongoing issue with the wireless internet at the site the Chairman requested a update on the progress of the contactless donation posts at the next meeting of the Committee.

Replying to a Member's concern it was explained that the Zoo's charges were based on the benchmarks of the British & Irish Association Of Zoos and Aquariums and were at the lower end of these benchmarks.

It was confirmed, in response to a Member's query, that the Zoo had appropriate links with local schools and the University of London but that communication of these links could be better managed.

RESOLVED- That the preferred option and ancillary plans, including the change of use of the Butterfly House be approved.

9. **REGISTERING HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOODS AND QUEEN'S PARK FOR GIFT AID DONATIONS**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Registering of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods and Queen's Park for Gift Aid donations.

The Committee noted that the Hampstead Heath charity was the pilot for the use of Gift Aid across the City of London Corporation's Charities.

Responding to the Member's question it was explained that the use of third parties was not favoured by the Chamberlain as the Value Added Tax position was not preferable but confirmed that it would be explored further, if the pilot was successful.

RESOLVED- That the Chamberlain be authorised to open dedicated bank accounts in order to register with HMRC the Hampstead Heath charity (803392), and the Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Kilburn charity (232986) for Gift Aid status.

10. **FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEDDINGS AND CIVIL CEREMONIES AND HAMPSTEAD HEATH AND QUEEN'S PARK**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Future arrangements for Weddings and Civil Ceremonies and Hampstead Heath and Queen's Park.

The Committee observed that it was important to balance achieving income through holding events and maintaining public usage of the open spaces. It was confirmed that a report from the City Surveyor would be prepared, and brought to the Committee for consideration accordingly, on the repairs to the pergola.

In response to a Member's query it was confirmed that income from filming fees paid in relation to the filming at Hampstead Heath was received by the Hampstead Heath Charity.

RESOLVED- That the proposal to engage a specialist wedding contractor on a two year contract with a concession to take over the provision of the service at Golders Hill Park and Queen's Park through an income share formula be approved.

11. **REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL LICENSING SCHEME (PROFESSIONAL DOG WALKERS)**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Review of Commercial Licensing Scheme Professional Dog Walkers.

RESOLVED- That the Assistant director and relevant officers be authorised to review the commercial dog licencing scheme considering the number of applications received in 2022 as a baseline and to consider a holistic approach that considers the use of the Heath and its sensitive areas.

12. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021\***

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Executive Director Environment on the Hampstead Heath Trustees Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.



RESOLVED-That the report be noted.

13. **HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK KILBURN TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021\***

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and the Executive Director Environment on the Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Kilburn Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

14. **REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22 - HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK\***

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director on the Revenue Outturn 2021/22 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

15. **OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22 - YEAR END PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Open Spaces Departmental Business Plan 2021/22 – Year End performance report.

RESOLVED- That the report be noted.

16. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Risk Management Update Report.

The Committee noted that the report had been completed to satisfy the Charity Commission's approach to risk management and was compliant with the City of London Corporation's risk register format. It was added that another risk report would be received by the Committee at its next meeting which would provide further detail on these risks.

RESOLVED-That the report be noted.

17. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions in the public session received.

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no urgent business considered in the public session.

19. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

20. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The Committee considered the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2022.

RESOLVED- That the non-public minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queens Park Committee meeting held on the 4th of May be approved as an accurate record.

21. **HIGHGATE WOOD INCIDENT UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director Environment on the Highgate Wood incident. The Committee were updated on the Highgate Wood tree incident and the Coroner's report.

22. **CHARITIES POOL AND HAMPSTEAD HEATH TRUST FUND: FUND MANAGER STRATEGY CHANGE**

The Committee considered a report of the Chamberlain on the Charities Pool and Hampstead Heath Trust Fund: Fund Manager Strategy Change.

23. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions in the non-public session.

24. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no non-public urgent business.

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Chairman

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<b>Committee:</b> Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 5 October 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Annual Review of Terms of Reference	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk & Chief Executive	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Ben Dunleavy, Town Clerk's Department	

## Summary

As part of the implementation of the 2021 Governance Review, it was agreed that the cycle and process of annually reviewing the Terms of Reference of all Committees/Boards should be revised, to provide more time for Committees to consider and discuss changes before they are submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee. Therefore, this report is initially being brought before the Committee at its September meeting to allow time for proposed changes to be considered and developed at subsequent meetings.

This will enable any proposed changes to be considered at the Policy and Resources Committee in March 2023, in time for the re-appointment of Committees by the Court of Common Council in April.

The current terms of reference of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee, as part of the Court Order from April 2022 are attached at appendix 1 to this report for your consideration.

## Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- Consider any changes to the terms of reference of the Committee

## Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Court Order 2022/23 – Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee

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KEAVENY, Mayor	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Court of Common Council holden in the Guildhall of the City of London on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022, doth hereby appoint the following Committee until the first meeting of the Court in April, 2023.
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**HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE**

1. **Constitution**

A Non-Ward Committee appointed pursuant to the London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989 consisting of not fewer than 18 Members in the following categories:-

- not fewer than 12 Members elected by the Court of Common Council, at least one of whom shall have fewer than five years' service on the Court at the time of their appointment
- the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee (ex-officio)
- plus, for the consideration of business relating to Hampstead Heath only, at least six representatives who must not be Members of the Court of Common Council or employees of the City of London Corporation and at least six of whom are to be appointed as follows:-
  - one after consultation with the London Borough of Barnet
  - one after consultation with the London Borough of Camden
  - one after consultation with the owners of the Kenwood lands
  - three after consultation with bodies representing local, ecological, environmental or sporting interests

The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected from the City Corporation Members.

2. **Quorum**

A. For Hampstead Heath business the quorum consists of seven Members, at least one of whom must be a non-Common Council Member.

B. For Highgate Wood and Queen's Park business the quorum consists of three Members.

3. **Membership 2022/23**

- 5 (4) Prem Goyal, O.B.E., J.P., Alderman
- 5 (4) Gregory Percy Jones, Q.C., Alderman
- 5 (3) Wendy Mead, O.B.E.
- 2 (2) Jason Paul Pritchard
- 6 (2) William Upton, Q.C.
- 1 (1) Timothy Butcher
- 1 (1) John Foley
- 1 (1) Alethea Melody Silk

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Together with the ex-officio Members referred to in paragraph 1 above and the following representatives from outside organisations:-

Heath and Hampstead Society	-	John Beyer
English Heritage	-	Emily Hills
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	-	Yianni Andrews
London Borough of Barnet	-	Councillor Richard Cornelius
London Borough of Camden	-	Councillor Marcus Boyland
Ramblers' Society	-	Pam Hampshire

4. **Terms of Reference**

To be responsible, having regard to the overall policy laid down by the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee, for:-

- (a) expressing views or making recommendations to the Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee for that Committee's allocation of grants which relate to Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park.

**Hampstead Heath**

- (b) devising and implementing the City of London Corporation's policies and programmes of work in relation to Hampstead Heath (registered charity no. 803392) (and, in fulfilling those purposes, to have regard to any representations made to it by the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee) in accordance with the London Government Re-organisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989;

- (c) exercising all the City of London Corporation's powers and duties relating to Hampstead Heath, including those set out in Regulation 5 of the London Government Re-organisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989, or in any Act or Statutory Instrument consolidating, amending or replacing the same;

**Highgate Wood & Queen's Park**

- (d) devising and implementing the City of London Corporation's policies and programmes of work in relation to Highgate Wood and Queen's Park (registered charity no. 232986) (and, in fulfilling those purposes, to have regard to any representations made to it by the Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee and the Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group) in accordance with the provisions of the Highgate Wood and Kilburn Open Spaces Act 1886;

**Consultative Committees**

- (e) appointing such Consultative Committees and Groups as are considered necessary for the better performance of its duties including, but not limited to, a
- Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
  - Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee
  - Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group

<b>Committee(s):</b> Culture Heritage and Libraries	<b>Dated:</b> TBC
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Queen's Park Committee	5 October 2022
Open Spaces and City Gardens	6 October 2022
West Ham Park	6 October 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	NA
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N
<b>If so, how much?</b>	£-
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	NA
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	N
<b>Report of:</b> Remembrancer	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Philip Saunders, Parliamentary Affairs Counsel	

## Summary

The Bill sets out measures, often in the form of a framework containing little detail, on environmental protections and heritage assets. The Government's intention that rules and guidance will be grafted on in the future.

Briefings and engagement will take place throughout the progress of the Bill through Parliament.

This report provides an overview of the Bill as it relates to heritage and open spaces.

## Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The Bill was announced in the 2022 Queen's Speech and is a very substantial measure, which runs to 325 pages with 196 clauses and 17 schedules.

2. The Bill touches on many of the policy areas, such as landscape protection and planning rules, which were included in the Government's recent White Paper on planning. The White Paper proposed new categories of land for planning purposes, which in some cases appeared to reduce protections for some green and open spaces.
3. In collaboration with colleagues from the Environment and Open Spaces department, in particular those working at Epping Forest and Hampstead Heath, steps were taken to advocate stronger protections for green and open spaces, Metropolitan Open Land, and the historic environment.
4. The content of the present Bill suggests that many of the former proposals contained in the White Paper will not be progressed. Overall, the Bill better reflects the City's interests regarding heritage, environmental and open space protection.

### **Environment**

5. The Bill will replace existing environmental assessment processes (Strategic Environmental Assessment, Sustainability Appraisal and Environmental Impact Assessment) with a requirement for 'Environmental Outcome Reports'. Whilst many of the elements of this new regime are similar to the current arrangements, further rules will be set out in future secondary legislation. In formulating future rules, the Bill requires the Secretary of State to ensure that there is no reduction in the overall level of environmental protection.
6. To provide further guidance, the Government has indicated it will produce a series of National Development Management Policies, which will build on current policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Government intends that these national policies will provide a consistent approach across England on issues which apply in most areas such as Green Belt and heritage policies. These policies would carry the same weight as policies in the development plan. Local plans will be limited to addressing locally specific matters such as allocating land for development.
7. The Bill places a greater emphasis on community engagement, for example through enhanced pre-application consultation. If the measures come into force, in a City Corporation context, this move will be embedded in a new version of the City's 'Statement of Community Involvement'.
8. The Government's stated objective is the replacement of the existing (and partly EU-derived) regimes for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). To achieve this, the Bill enables secondary Environment Outcome Reports (EOR) regulations to be prepared that will allow the government to specify new "specified environmental outcomes". Those outcomes will be based on the Government's current 25-year Environment Plan. Included within the scope of environmental protection are the effects of human activity on the natural environment, cultural heritage and landscape, as well as the protection of people from those activities. It also extends to issues



relating to maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the environment. Future rules will cater for the way in which the new EOR will interact with the existing EIA and SEA regimes. The Bill provides that the new EOR regulations will not offer lower protections than currently applicable.

## **Design**

9. Reflecting the Government's stated desire to promote high quality of design in buildings and spaces, the current National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) guidance on the need for each local authority to have a design guide or design codes in place will become a statutory requirement. Local authority-wide design codes will have full weight in making decisions on development. These guides, or codes, will either be set out within the local plan or in a supplementary plan. The national 'Office for Place' will support local authorities to turn design visions into local standards, deliver design codes and design better outcomes.

## **Heritage**

10. Designated heritage assets, including scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, World Heritage Sites and registered battlefields are to be given the same statutory protection as listed buildings and conservation areas. The overall level of protection has been strengthened from 'preserving' to 'preserving and enhancing'.
11. Local authorities will also have a new statutory duty to maintain an Historic Environment Record. Officers in the City's Planning Department welcome this move as a way of increasing the level of information available on local heritage assets. Funding and details are not yet clear, however.
12. The Bill introduces a new temporary stop notice which will be available where it appears unauthorised works are being undertaken to a listed building. This would require all specified works to cease for a maximum of 56 days from the date of the notice.
13. The Bill creates a regime by which the Secretary of State may make regulations relating to environmental protection such as relating to landscape; maintenance, enhancement or restoration of the natural environment; cultural heritage including buildings, structures or anything of artistic interest.

## **Conclusion**

14. Culture, Heritage and Libraries, and Open Spaces officers have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.
15. To date, three briefings have been provided to parliamentary audiences. Further briefings on points of City interest will be circulated during the Bill's passage through Parliament. The points raised will reflect the Corporation's support for financial services innovation across the UK and the City's stated aim to ensure that relevant areas of the Capital are included in the levelling up

programme. Engagement will include underlining the contribution to levelling up made by financial and professional services, City Corporation projects, and the importance of environmental protections contained in the Bill.

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