



## Natural Environment Board

**Date:** MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

**Members:**

Caroline Haines (Chair)	Oliver Sells KC
Andrew McMurtrie (Deputy Chairman)	James St John Davis
Eamonn Mullally	William Upton KC (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead	Alderman Gregory Jones KC (Ex-Officio Member)
Benjamin Murphy	Deputy Alpa Raja
	Catherine Bickmore (Observer)
	Paul Morris (Observer)

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**Ian Thomas CBE**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

## **AGENDA**

NB: Certain items presented for information have been marked \* and will be taken without discussion, unless the Committee Clerk has been informed that a Member has questions or comments prior to the start of the meeting.

### **Part 1 - Public Agenda**

1. **APOLOGIES**

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

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the public and non-public summary minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2023.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 5 - 12)

4. **FORMAL THANKS TO SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - EPPING FOREST**

Chair to be heard.

### **Governance**

5. **REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 13 - 22)

6. **\*REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

Report of the Town Clerk.

**For Information**

### **Operational Property & Budgets**

7. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2024/25**

Joint report of the Chamberlain and Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 23 - 34)

8. **\*OPERATIONAL FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT (PERIOD 6 APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2023) 2023/24 – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

Report of the Chamberlain.

**For Information**

9. **\*MID-YEAR UPDATE ON THE MONUMENT – APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2023**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

### **City Gardens**

10. **DOGS ON LEAD**

Interim Executive Director, Environment to be heard.

**For Discussion**

### **Natural Environment**

11. **SUMMARY OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AWAY DAY**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 35 - 62)

12. **\*BUSINESS PLAN 2023/24 – PROGRESS REPORT (MID-YEAR, APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

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

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**

## **Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda**

### **15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

**For Decision**

### **16. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 October 2023.

**For Decision**  
(Pages 63 - 64)

### **17. \*DEBT ARREARS – NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

### **18. \* CARBON REMOVALS (CLIMATE ACTION) PROJECT RESCOPING REAPPROVAL (JANUARY 2024)**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

**For Information**

### **19. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

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