



Natural Environment Board

Date: THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2024

Time: 11.00 am

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

Members:

Caroline Haines	Benjamin Murphy
Andrew McMurtrie	James St John Davis
Deputy Anne Corbett	William Upton KC (Ex-Officio Member)
Eamonn Mullally	Alderman Gregory Jones KC (Ex-Officio Member)
Wendy Mead OBE	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. ***ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

To receive the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 25 April 2024 appointing the Board and setting its Terms of Reference.

For Information

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The board are invited to elect a Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 29.

For Decision

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The board are invited to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order 30.

For Decision

6. **MINUTES**

To agree the public and non-public summary of the previous of the meeting held on 19 February 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 14)

Governance

7. **APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STREETS AND WALKWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The board are invited to appoint one Member as an Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee representative on the Streets and Walkways Sub-Committee.

For Decision

8. **NON-VOTING EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT(S) TO NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 15 - 18)

9. **CITY OF LONDON NATURAL ENVIRONMENT YOUTH BOARD**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 19 - 26)

10. **RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OLIVER SELLS**

Chairman to be heard.

For Decision

11. **RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO GRAEME DOSHI-SMITH**

Chairman to be heard.

For Decision

12. **RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO BOB ROBERTS**

Chairman to be heard.

For Decision

Environment Department

13. ***DRAFT HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information

14. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
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Natural Environment

15. **ENJOYING GREEN SPACES AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – 2023-24
GRANT AWARDS AND FUNDING CRITERIA REVIEW**

Report of the Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation.

For Decision
(Pages 61 - 90)

16. ***COOL STREETS AND GREENING – PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information

17. ***LEARNING AND HERITAGE ANNUAL REVIEW, 2023 -24**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information

18. ***LEVELLING UP AND REGENERATION ACT 2003**

Report of the Remembrancer.

For Information

City Gardens

19. ***CITY GARDENS UPDATE**

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information

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

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

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

22. 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

23. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 February 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 91 - 92)

24. *DEBT ARREARS - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DIVISION PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

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

For Information

25. *NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES – INCOME ANALYSIS AND PRIORITIES

Report of the Interim Executive Director, Environment.

For Information

26. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

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

Part 3 - Confidential Agenda

28. MINUTES

To agree the confidential minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 February 2024.

For Decision