



Natural Environment Board

Date: THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2024
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 2 - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

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| Caroline Haines (Chair) | William Upton KC (Ex-Officio Member) |
| Eamonn Mullally (Deputy Chairman) | Alderman & Sheriff Gregory Jones KC (Ex-Officio Member) |
| Anne Corbett | Heather Barrett-Mold |
| Andrew McMurtrie | Vladislav Dobrokhotov |
| Wendy Mead OBE | Tony Leach |
| Benjamin Murphy | Dani Stephenson |
| Deputy Alpa Raja | Catherine Bickmore (Observer) |
| James St John Davis | Paul Morris (Observer) |

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Ian Thomas CBE
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 THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 12)

4. **YOUTH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD UPDATE**

Report of Simon Lightman, Head of Philosophy, Politics and Religious Studies, King Edward's School, Witley.

For Information
(Pages 13 - 16)

Open Spaces

5. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CHARITY DEVELOPMENT - VERBAL UPDATE**

Assistant Director of Charity Development to be heard.

For Information

6. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CULTURE AND PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT Q1: APRIL - JUNE 2024**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 17 - 30)

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 31 - 62)

8. **PROJECT PRIORITISATION PROCESS**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 63 - 70)

9. **VOLUNTEERING AUDIT**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 71 - 112)

10. **BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 113 - 186)

11. **OPERATIONAL FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 2 (AUGUST 2024)
2024/25**

Joint report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 187 - 206)

City Gardens

12. **CITY GARDENS UPDATE**

Report of the Executive Director of Environment.

For Information
(Pages 207 - 212)

13. **UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD**

Tuesday 10 December 2024 – Natural Environment Board Meeting

Wednesday 22 January 2025 – Natural Environment Board Dinner

Thursday 6 February 2025 – Natural Environment Board Meeting

Thursday 1 May 2025 – Natural Environment Board Meeting

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

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

16. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items 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

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

17. **FINSBURY CIRCUS GARDENS REINSTATEMENT**

Joint report of the City Surveyors and the Executive Director of Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 213 - 226)

18. **CARBON REMOVALS (CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY) PROJECT 2024/25 UPDATE**

For Information
(Pages 227 - 276)

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**