



Natural Environment Board

Date: TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024
Time: 11.00 am
Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS - 2ND FLOOR WEST WING, GUILDHALL

Members:

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 OBE
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.

For Decision
(Pages 7 - 14)

4. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
(Pages 15 - 18)

5. **BIOPHILIC EVIDENCE BASED DESIGN AND INTEGRATING NATURE FOR LONGEVITY - PRESENTATION**

The Committee to receive a verbal presentation from Niall McEvoy, Viritopia.

For Information

6. **YOUTH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BOARD - VERBAL UPDATE**

The Committee to receive a verbal update from Simon Lightman, King Edward's Witley.

For Information

Open Spaces

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

The Committee to receive a verbal update from the Assistant Director of Charity Development.

For Information

8. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CULTURE AND PROJECT'S UPDATE REPORT Q2:
JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 19 - 32)

9. **ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2024/25 –
PROGRESS REPORT (MID- YEAR)**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
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City Gardens

10. **CITY GARDENS UPDATE**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 45 - 48)

11. **CITY GARDENS EVENT POLICY AND FEES AND CHARGES FOR 25/26**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 49 - 86)

12. **KING GEORGE'S FIELD - CITY OF LONDON TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Joint Report of the Chamberlain and the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 87 - 104)

13. **CLIMATE ACTION STRATEGY, COOL STREETS AND GREENING PROGRAMME
– PHASE 3 CITY GREENING AND BIODIVERSITY (FANN STREET AND ST
PETER WESTCHEAP)**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 105 - 154)

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

Thursday 6 February 2025 – Natural Environment Board Meeting

Thursday 1 May 2025 – Natural Environment Board Meeting

For Information

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

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

17. **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

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

18. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

a) **Non-Public Minutes of the 17 October Meeting of Natural Environment Board (Pages 155 - 156)**

For Decision

b) **Informal Non-Public Notes of the 17 October 2024 Meeting of Natural Environment Board (Pages 157 - 158)**

For Information

19. **DEBT ARREARS - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DIVISION - 30/09/2024**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 159 - 170)

20. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Information
(Pages 171 - 174)

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

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