



Natural Environment Board

Date: THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025
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
Andrew McMurtrie	Vladislav Dobrokhotov
Wendy Mead OBE	Tony Leach
Benjamin Murphy	Dani Stephenson
Deputy Alpa Raja	Catherine Bickmore (Observer)
James St John Davis	Verderer 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 public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2024.

For Decision
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Open Spaces

4. **NUFFIELD SCHOLAR PRESENTATION**

The Committee to receive a presentation from a Nuffield Scholar.

For Information

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

The Committee to receive a verbal update on the Youth Natural Environment Board from Simon Lightman.

For Information

6. **CARBON ACTION STRATEGY PRESENTATION**

The Committee to receive a presentation from Officers from the Innovation & Growth Department.

For Information
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7. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 43 - 54)

8. **FIRST CONSIDERATION: ENHANCED BIODIVERSITY DUTIES OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Information
(Pages 55 - 70)

9. **ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT HIGH-LEVEL BUSINESS PLAN 2025-30**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
(Pages 71 - 92)

10. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2025/26**

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

For Decision
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11. **OPERATIONAL FINANCE PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 3 (DECEMBER 2024) 2024/25 - NATURAL ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

Report of the Chamberlain.

For Information
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City Gardens

12. **CITY GARDENS UPDATE**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

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13. **TOWER HILL PLAY PROJECT**

Report of the Executive Director, Environment.

For Decision
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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 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

17. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2024.

For Decision
(Pages 169 - 170)

18. **TRANSFORMATION FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES -
OUTCOMES OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHARITIES REVIEW**

Joint Report of the Executive Director, Environment, the Interim Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation, and the Chamberlain.

For Information
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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**