

WEST HAM PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, 7 July 2022

Minutes of the meeting of the West Ham Park Committee held at Committee Room -
2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 7 July 2022 at 11.30 am

Present

Members:

Caroline Haines (Chair)
Andrew McMurtrie (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Graeme Doshi-Smith
Alderman Ian David Luder
Catherine McGuinness
Benjamin Murphy
Oliver Sells KC
Catherine Bickmore
Rev Simon Nicholls
Councillor John Whitworth (External Member)

In attendance virtually:

Rafe Courage (External Member)
Jamie Huard (Bates Wells)
Councillor Joy Laguda MBE (External Member)
Wendy Mead

Officers:

Chloe Ainsworth	- Town Clerk's Department
Sally Agass	- Environment Department
Simon Glynn	- Environment Department
Stefania Horne	- Environment Department
Joanne Hill	- Environment Department
Edward Martin	- City Surveyor's Department
Edward Wood	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Richard Gurney.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 29 April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

4. **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment Department updating it on management and operational activities at West Ham Park since the Committee's last meeting in April 2022.

The Committee was informed that Officers had worked with the fun fair's event organisers in advance of the event to ensure there was no damage to the park.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIES**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment sharing the five draft strategies from the Natural Environment Division.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. **WEST HAM PARK TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director Environment containing the Trustee's annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 for West Ham Park.

The Committee discussed the risk of poor public behaviour at West Ham Park due to the increase in visits resulting from the lockdown in Spring 2020. Members were informed that Officers are engaging with external partners and staff within West Ham Park to ensure they receive appropriate training.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. **REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22**

The Committee received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Executive Director Environment comparing the revenue outturn for the services overseen by the Committee in 2021/22 with the final agreed budget for the year.

A Member was of the view that the Committee should have the opportunity to challenge the report before the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. **OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment reviewing the Open Spaces Department's delivery of its 2021/22 Business Plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director Environment detailing the risk management procedures in places within the Environment Department and how risk is effectively managed.

Members were informed that the Committee will receive a full risk register at the October meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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

There were no questions.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

There were no urgent items.

12. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – 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 the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item	Paragraph
13,15-17	3
14	3&5

13. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2022 be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment –

- Page 13 – ‘West Harm Park’ was corrected to ‘West Ham Park’.

14. **NURSERY SITE PROJECT**

The Committee considered the detailed report of the City Surveyor and Executive Director of Environment concerning the proposed disposal of part of the former nursey site at West Ham Park for development and the various issues, considerations and recommendations.

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

There were no other questions.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no urgent business.

17. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

The meeting ended at 1.05 pm

Chairman

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