# HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Tuesday, 16 September 2025

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held at Committee Room 2 - 2nd Floor West Wing, Guildhall on Tuesday, 16 September 2025 at 5.30 pm

#### Present

#### Members:

William Upton (Acting Chairman)

Liz Andrew, London Natural History Society

John Arnoldi, Heath Hands

John Etheridge, South End Green Association (attended virtually)

Colin Gregory, Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association

Michael Hammerson, Highgate Society (attended virtually)

Dr Gaye Henson, Marylebone Birdwatching Society (attended virtually)

Ella Mitchell, Hampstead Rugby Club

Helen Payne, Friends of Kenwood

Susan Rose, Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Alethea Silk

Richard Sumray, London Council for Sport and Recreation

Jeff Waage, Heath & Hampstead Society

### Officers:

Jack Joslin - City Bridge Foundation

Joseph Smith - Corporate Strategy & Performance

Emily Brennan - Environment Department

Tom Hoyle - Environment Department

Jo Hurst - Environment Department

Andrew Impey - Environment Department

William LoSasso - Environment Department

Jonathan Meares - Environment Department

Charlotte Williams - Environment Department

Zoe Williams - Town Clerk's Department

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Nick Bradfield, Alderman & Sheriff Gregory Jones and Michele Martin-Williams

# 2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

#### 3. MINUTES

### a) Draft Minutes of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

A Member raised a typographical error on page 9 that "backs" should be changed to "banks".

The Highgate Society representative noted that they had not been contacted by Officers following their query about an archaeological strategy. Officers confirmed that they would be in touch with the Member following the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That, the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee meetings held on Tuesday 17 June 2025, as amended, were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

# b) Draft Minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee

**RESOLVED** – That the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held on Tuesday 16 July 2025 be noted.

# c) Minutes of the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum

The representative of the London Council for Sport and Recreation (LCSR), also the Deputy Chairman of the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum, noted a correction to their name under item 2.

The LCSR representative acknowledged that concerns had been raised by sports clubs regarding delays in the approval process for events. They emphasised the importance of maintaining positive relationships with these clubs and expressed hope that such issues would be resolved promptly moving forward. The Chairman added that an event scheduled at the Lido had to be cancelled due to these delays and queried whether the issue stemmed from staffing shortages or challenges with the implementation of new systems.

Officers responded that measures were being taken to ensure all events, including those that had previously operated outside of the formal event policy, now followed the appropriate approval process. This was to ensure that activity levels on the Heath remained manageable, health and safety standards were upheld, and spaces were used appropriately. They acknowledged that staffing levels had contributed to the delays, but assured Members that applications were being processed as quickly as possible, and that this new event had been approved and occurred successfully. Officers also reiterated their appreciation for the work of the athletic clubs on Hampstead Heath and affirmed their commitment to supporting these organisations.

It was also raised that sports clubs at Hampstead Heath had not been able to access the facilities to provide tea and coffee when using the athletics track, on the grounds of health and safety issues. Officers responded that they were engaged with the athletics club about such issues and explained that they needed a license to use the kitchen and continue serving teas and coffees. They noted that they will support the club through this process, and they were working with them to review the request. The representative of the Hampstead Rugby Club noted that it would be helpful to know a timeframe for when such arrangements could be in place.

The LCSR representative noted that the relevant Officer from the Environment Department had not attended recent Pro-Active Camden meetings. In response, the Chairman requested that a substitute Officer be arranged to attend in cases where the assigned Officer is unavailable. Officers explained that their absence from the last two meetings was due to a scheduling conflict with City Corporation Committee meetings, and the Officer who would normally attend as a substitute was on annual leave at the time.

The Member also queried whether it would be possible to hold a youngpersons Park Run at Hampstead Heath, in addition to the regular Saturday morning event. Officers explained that the Park Run, which was organised by volunteers, was already operating over capacity each week. They noted that before they explored other activities on the Heath, their priority was to ensure the current activities had the appropriate safeguards in place.

**RESOLVED –** That the minutes of the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum were noted.

# d) Matters arising

The Committee noted that the Deputy Chairman of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee, William Upton KC had been asked to continue to act as Chairman of the Consultative Committee whilst the Chairman, Alderman & Sherriff Gregory Jones KC, was engaged in his Shrieval role

4. **APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ENGLISH HERITAGE** The Committee received a report of the Town Clerk concerning the appointment of a Member to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee.

**RESOLVED –** That, the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee support that Simon Cranmer, nominated by English Heritage, be appointed as a Member of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee for the consideration of business relating to Hampstead Heath, in accordance with the London Government Reorganisation (Hampstead Heath) Order 1989.

#### 5. **ASSISTANT DIRECTORS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Executive Director, Environment which provided Members with an update on matters relating to Hampstead Heath since its last meeting.

#### Priority 1: A mosaic of natural habitats is maintained and flourishes

Officers noted that 10 small leaky dams had been installed on the Heath Extension and allotment streamline along the edge of Cohen's Field. They acknowledged that these projects had been supported by volunteers from Heath Hands. Officers further explained that they had engaged with Conways to alter the profiles of the pathways in the East Heath so that surface water from rain was

deflected onto the grass and into Hampstead Number 1 pond, rather than flowing down the pathways and onto East Heath Road.

The representative for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association noted their request that Officers provide a paper at a future meeting on water management issues at Hampstead Heath.

The Chairman noted the positive news regarding the works to remove the Model Boating Pond causeway and requested a further update. Officers responded that they had not yet received approval from the London Borough of Camden as they had requested further information about benefits to biodiversity. Officers confirmed that this had delayed the timeline for beginning the project and they were staying in contact with the contractor to ensure works could begin as soon as there was permission to proceed.

The representative for the Highgate Society noted the sighting of an Alder Moth Caterpillar and Purple Emperor Butterfly at Hampstead Heath as detailed in the report.

# Priority 2: Heritage aspects and landscape character are maintained

The representative from the London Council for Sport and Recreation (LCSR) requested an update on capital funding and any bids being made for the Hill Garden Pergola project. Officers responded that, while no capital funding had yet been allocated, an expression of interest had been prepared for submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. They noted that feedback would be sought from a fundraising consultant prior to submission, and that if invited to submit an application following the submission of the expression of interest, the full process to the National Lottery Heritage Fund was expected to take approximately one year. The LCSR representative raised concern that this would lead to further deterioration and queried whether it could still be used during this period. Officers responded that City Surveyor's department had the budget to continue with their stabilising works in the short term and were actively engaged in the project.

The Chairman asked whether the fundraising consultants would be reporting on this matter. Officers responded that a draft fundraising report was being considered by Officers, however this did not specifically consider the Hill Garden Pergola. Regarding the Conservation Management Plan (CMP), Officers explained that this would ideally be completed before the expression of interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund was submitted. They noted that the CMP was a welcome development as it would outline the future plans for the care of the facility. Officers explained that this work should support any application for funding.

The Chairman asked for an update on the appointment of a Business and Development Manager. Officers responded that they had successfully appointed a Head of Development and Partnerships who would be introduced to the Committee in due course.

<u>Priority 3: A balance is maintained between visitor activities and the conservation</u> of natural, built and heritage values

The Chairman raised that planning permission had been granted for the installation of solar panels on the room of the Lido. They noted that this project would be carried out through funding from the Climate Action Strategy.

Regarding the recent International Biodiversity of Pollards conference, the representative for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association (HGSRA) asked whether there was new information to learn from this conference about pollarding. Officers provided further information about the conference and noted that their Tree Team worked with Burnham Beeches each February to develop their skills in managing veteran trees and helping with Burnham Beeches' Beech Pollards.

The Highgate Society representative queried whether the conference produced any new information that could help in maintaining the ancient pollards in Highgate Wood. Officers noted that this was not part of the subject matter discussed in the conference, but they could discuss these matters with the Member following the meeting. They noted that Dr Helen Read MBE would shortly be publishing a book on the management of veteran pollards which might contain some useful information in this area.

Priority 4: Improved physical health, mental health and emotional well-being The Chairman noted their congratulations to the staff for the completion of the Ponds Accessibility Project.

The Chairman asked for an update about the repairs at the Parliament Hill Lido. Officers responded that they would be meeting with the City Surveyor's department in the coming week to conduct a detailed assessment of the wall. They assured Members that if there were any immediate danger to staff and the public, the City Surveyor's department would carry out any necessary mitigation that the engineer recommended. Officers further noted that the cost for dismantling and rebuilding the wall would be significant and subject to listed building consent and available funding. The Chairman asked whether there would be a contingency fund available to cover this work or if it would create a delay for other projects. Officers noted that they could have the City Surveyor's department provide a detailed answer to this in the upcoming Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee meeting.

Regarding the Ponds Access project, the HGSRA representative noted that they hoped the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee would have the adequate opportunity to contribute to the process. Officers confirmed that they would be consulting with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee at a high level, however they could not take on detailed feedback on the questions in the consultation as these would be guided by the expert consultants. The Member asked whether there was an expected timetable for the related exercises within the City Corporations Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee and the publication of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission's (EHRC) guidelines. Officers advised that they did not have specific information regarding the City Corporation's timetable for the work in question but confirmed that it was being treated as a priority. They noted that the City Solicitor had advised this project would be carried out independently to the Ponds Access project.

It was explained that the City Corporation's review of its gender identity policy would follow a formal review process, which would commence once the revised statutory guidance from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) had been published. Officers also noted that the outcome of the consultation on the Ponds Access project would not be available until mid-December at the earliest.

The LCSR representative noted that it remained unclear, following the charity review, whether responsibility for the matters in question lay with the charity or the City Corporation. They emphasised that the issues raised were of significance to both parties. In response, Officers advised that the City Solicitor had confirmed the City Corporation held responsibility for these matters, and that they did not fall within the remit of individual City Corporation charity committees. Officers further clarified that the consultation was being funded through the City Corporation's central budget, rather than the charity's budget.

## Priority 6: Diversity and equality

The Chairman asked whether there was a further update on the sandpit at Golders Hill Park. Officers responded that they were working with the London Borough of Barnet to get an agreement in place, as they would be providing a significant amount of NCIL funding. The HGSRA representative expressed their concern about the delay in this project.

# Priority 7: Increased sense of collective ownership and personal responsibility & Priority 8: Visitor behaviour is pro-environmental

The representative for the Heath & Hampstead Society commented that concerns had been raised about unauthorised activity in non-swimming ponds over the summer period, noting that this had caused destruction of nests and breeding sites. The Member asked whether such activity had increased over the years, and how it could be dealt with in the future. The Member suggested that the ponds strategy review consider how they could encourage people to respect the conservation ponds. Officers responded that while they were uncertain on whether activity in the non-swimming ponds had increased, they shared the Members concerns about the damage that this caused and noted this was not appropriate behaviour. They commented that the recruitment of four additional Constables may help this but acknowledged that it was a much larger issue that needed to be reviewed separately. Officers agreed to include this matter as part of the review of the existing ponds strategy.

The LCSR representative reiterated ongoing concerns regarding swimming in non-swimming ponds and the limited constabulary presence at Hampstead Heath. They expressed particular concern about the broader health and safety implications for the public, noting that the current level of constabulary was insufficient to respond effectively to incidents at the ponds. It was highlighted that the lack of visibility and presence on site contributed to inappropriate behaviour taking place. The Member suggested that the Committee consider pressing for a further review of constabulary staffing levels at Hampstead Heath.

Officers acknowledged that the City Corporation's restructure two years ago had significantly impacted resources available to North London Open Spaces. They noted that a right-sizing exercise was required to assess the staffing levels

needed to support business-as-usual operations. This exercise would inform both the business planning process and the funding request for the following financial year. Officers further explained that as part of the business plan they would be conducting a review of the Constabulary, once a full year had passed under the current staffing arrangements. It was noted that Officers were actively monitoring all relevant incidents and breaches of by-laws on the Heath to ensure that any future requests for additional resources were supported by robust data. The Member noted that there needed to be more enforcement around the Heath and acknowledged that the lack of this was partly a problem of resourcing.

The representative for the Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee raised concern that there was not a clear way in which the public could report incidents in at Hampstead Heath. They noted that while they could phone the Constable on duty, there was not a guarantee that they would answer. They also commented that the Metropolitan Police were not familiar enough with the grounds at Hampstead Heath to assist effectively, particularly if an incident occurred whilst it was dark. The representative for Friends of Kenwood agreed and noted that if the staffing levels in the Constabulary improved it could prove beneficial to have English Heritage involved due to the constabulary's presence on Kenwood Lands.

Officers acknowledged that there was public signage on how to contact the Constabulary at Hampstead Heath. They noted that once additional Constabulary had been hired, they would consider expanding the hours of Constables on duty. Officers also assured the Committee that while the Constabulary cannot enforce at Kenwood, they would provide them with as much support as possible. Officers commented that the new information hut at Parliament Hill may be helpful as a new central point of contact.

# Priority 9: People treat the Heath and other visitors with respect

The representative of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association (HGSRA) asked how concerns at West Heath were being addressed. Officers responded that they were committed to a partnership approach and noted that, at the conclusion of the previous meeting with Hampstead Heath partners, it was agreed that all parties could contribute to managing the issue. Officers explained that during a recent walk-through with the Metropolitan Police, the focus had been on tackling the most serious illegal activity and identifying ways to support individuals affected by drug use on the Heath. They added that the next step would be to agree among various parties what a shared approach would look like. The Member emphasised the importance of continuing to communicate a clear message of reassurance from both the Constabulary and the Metropolitan Police regarding personal safety on Hampstead Heath. Officers confirmed their commitment to maintaining and promoting this message.

### Priority 10: Responsible management

The HGSRA representative commented that it was unfortunate to see Legionella had been found in the Heath Extension changing rooms and requested further details. Officers acknowledged that this had been a recurring issue, noting that substantial funds had been spent on cleansing and testing the water systems.

They explained that the problem stemmed from the infrequent use of the changing rooms, and it required significant staff time to flush the system weekly. Officers assured Members that they were actively working with the City Surveyor's department to identify a permanent solution. They acknowledged that, if a solution was not found, the potential closure of the facility may need to be considered. However, this was not the preferred outcome.

Members also were informed that the changing rooms systems were disinfected on 23-24 August, and it would take 2 to 3 weeks to receive the test results back. The Chairman requested that the London Council for Sport and Recreation (LCSR) raise the matter at the sports forum to explore whether volunteers could assist with flushing the systems. The LCSR representative agreed to do so but noted that resolving the issue typically required technical expertise. Officers also mentioned ongoing discussions with engineers to assess whether adjusting the water temperature could help mitigate the problem.

# Cafe remarketing

Officers provided an update to Members of the remarketing of the cafes on Hampstead Heath. They noted that the deadline for the submission of bids was 24 September 2025 and following this, submissions would be reviewed and recommendations reported to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee. They emphasised there were a number of factors that would be considered in this process, and it would not be a solely profit-driven exercise.

The representative for the Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee noted that they had been contacted by members of the Cafe working party from 2016 who had expressed concerns about the remarketing of the cafes. The Member noted that the Parliament Hill Cafe was a valued space in the local area, appreciated for its accessibility and affordability. They explained that it would be beneficial for the community's trust in the process to provide the criteria that was being considered in the remarketing. The Member emphasised that the process should be undertaken carefully, cleanly and openly.

The LCSR representative noted that it would be important to also publish the weighting of the criteria. The representative of the South End Green Association agreed with these points, noting that local groups had expressed their concerns that the exercise has begun without consultation. They also sought assurance from Officers that no decision would be taken before the Consultative Committee's additional meeting in November.

Officers responded that they recognised the community value of the current cafe and the element of social cohesion that it brought to the area. They noted that they were eager to build upon this legacy. Officers explained that criteria being considered in bids had been publicly shared in a news release, and they had welcomed participation from everyone, including the current operators. As it was a remarketing of the cafes, and not a public procurement, Officers noted that they would not be sharing the weighting of the criteria. They explained that this decision was taken at the advice of the agents who specialised in food and beverages. Officers assured Members that they had issued a press release about the cafes remarketing and contacted the current operators to inform them

in advance of the process taking place. Officers also confirmed that any paper presented to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee for decision would be considered by the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee first.

In response to a further query about public attendance during the discussion of the cafes in the additional meeting, Officers confirmed that the matter would be discussed in non-public session as it was a commercial transaction.

The Chairman expressed surprise at the Café Working Group's interest in being involved in the current process, noting that there had been no contact from the group since the matter was last considered in 2016. He further clarified that the Café Working Group did not hold a formal role in this process.

The Chairman explained that the process was being undertaken was to ensure that the City Corporation as corporate trustees were serving the best interests of Hampstead Heath. They noted that cafe businesses must expect to be subject to scrutiny, regardless of their relationship with the community. They noted that if the current operators felt they were the best option they should try to represent this in their proposal.

### Events update

Officers thanked the Heath and Hampstead Society for running the Natural Aspect Summer Concert in August, as well as the annual kite event. They recognised the significant number of volunteers that it took to make this happen.

The representative of the Hampstead Rugby Club also noted that the 26<sup>th</sup> Hampstead Heath Duathlon was held in September and expressed their gratitude to Officers for facilitating this.

# Update from the City Surveyor's department

The HGSRA representative commented that, while understanding of the transition to the Grant Funding Model was progressing, further discussion would be required as the process continued. They emphasised the importance of clarifying how the local budget interacted with the City Surveyor's department's budget. While they acknowledged that the appendix to the report was more legible than previous iterations, they noted that it remained high-level and expressed a desire for greater detail regarding operations and prioritisation.

The representative from the Heath & Hampstead Society agreed, suggesting that the presentation could be improved by clearly highlighting information specific to Hampstead Heath. They expressed concern about fluctuations in funding, noting that anticipated themes driving these changes were not clearly explained. They asked for clarification on the reasons behind the annual increases and decreases in funding for Hampstead Heath, and whether this variability posed a risk under the Grant Funding Model moving forward.

Officers explained that the Finance Transformation Lead within the Chamberlain's Department was working closely with the Superintendents to implement a new system that would enable clearer identification of the main operating costs in terms within the local risk budget. They noted that the transition

to this system was being used as an opportunity to right-size the budget and try to build operating costs into the budget framework. Officers further explained that the existing methods of financial governance and reporting had made it challenging to transparently track how costs were allocated and where funding had come from.

Where fluctuations in the budget were observed, Officers clarified that these were often due to external funding streams, such as the Cyclical Works Programme (CWP). They further commented that the ongoing Natural Environment Charity Review would examine how other budgets that directly impact the charities were governed and managed.

Officers further commented that they held monthly meetings with the City Surveyor's Department about the delivery of the CWP. In terms of prioritisation, they explained that they had engaged with the department to ensure appropriate priorities were discussed.

Officers acknowledged that the CWP was a significant undertaking for the City Surveyor's Department, who had been upskilling and collaborating with the Environment Department to ensure smooth delivery. Officers emphasised that projects were only progressed when there was sufficient oversight to ensure quality outcomes.

Officers also confirmed that the City Surveyor's Department had found sufficient funding to repair the water fountains on Hampstead Heath. They explained that they were working with the Heath & Hampstead Society on finding an appropriate design that worked with Hampstead Heath, as a member of Heath & Hampstead Society was generously partially funding this overall project, and this was likely to be installed over winter.

**RESOLVED –** That, Members noted the report and its contents.

### 6. **HEATH HANDS UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of Heath Hands, which detailed recent highlights, and its work towards its strategic objectives.

The representative of Heath Hands provided an introduction to the report. The Chairman suggested that a new name be considered for the information hut. The Heath Hands representative responded that they would welcome suggestions.

The representative from the Heath & Hampstead Society noted that previous discussions had included the potential redevelopment of the Parliament Hill Café to incorporate a visitor centre. They commented that the information hut could serve as a useful indicator of public interest in such a facility and presented an opportunity to explore new ways of engaging visitors on the Heath.

**RESOLVED –** That, Members noted the report and its contents.

#### 7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

#### Fundraising consultants

The representative of the Heath & Hampstead Society commented that they had had a useful meeting with the fundraising consultants. They queried whether the fundraising consultant's report would be available to consider in the proposed additional meeting. Officers confirmed that they could include this in the agenda to consider, potentially as part of the report on the Grant Funding Model framework.

# Venue for Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee meetings

The Chairman asked for an update on the process for moving the venue of Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee meetings to Hampstead Heath, noting that the Committee had expressed an interest in this in the past. The Town Clerk explained that a site assessment had been carried out to assess whether the site at Parliament Hill would meet the accessibility criteria required to hold a City Corporation Committee meeting at this location. Following this assessment, the Assistant Town Clerk had advised that it would not be appropriate to move the meetings to this venue until the accessibility concerns could be adequately addressed. They also advised that there would not be funding available from the Member Services budget to provide catering and Officer transport to this alternative location, and the Environment Department would not have the budget to absorb these costs.

The Chairman queried whether Members of the Consultative Committee could claim their expenses for travelling to Guildhall. The Town Clerk responded that they would confirm this with the Member after meeting.

The representative from the London Council for Sport and Recreation expressed concern, noting that they had attended various meetings at Parliament Hill and that the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee had previously met there and at other nearby venues. In relation to health and safety, the Member emphasised that their primary concern was with the issues present on Hampstead Heath itself, rather than those associated with the meeting venue. They added that enabling more Members to attend in person was important, and every effort should be made to facilitate this. The representative of Heath Hands commented that they would be interested to see a cost comparison of what was spent on Member's transport to Guildhall, compared to transporting Officers to Hampstead Heath.

The representative of Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee commented that they believed they were more exposed to danger on public transport to Guildhall than they would be walking to Parliament Hill.

The Chairman noted that these comments would be fed back to the Town Clerk's department, and they would ask for further analysis of the issue.

The HGSRA representative queried whether the necessary remedial works that were needed to improve the safety of the building at Parliament Hill could be

addressed by the City Surveyor's department. Officers from the Environment Department commented that the cost of the infrastructure improvements required could not be absorbed through the local risk budget, however they were not able to speak to these works being undertaken by the City Surveyor's department.

The Chairman suggested that this matter be discussed by the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee as to where the priorities were within the budget. The Chairman also suggested that a note from the Town Clerk be circulated to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee for Members to fully understand the issues raised.

# **Environment Department staffing announcement**

It was announced that the Head of Conservation, Jonathan Meares, would be retiring at the end of January 2026. Officers and Members noted their gratitude for Jonathan's support to the Heath and Committee over the years. Officers confirmed that they had been actively recruiting for a new Head of Conservation.

# 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT** There was no urgent business.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman noted that an additional meeting was likely to be held on the week commencing Monday 3 November. The Town Clerk explained that the date and time of this meeting would be sent to Members once it had been confirmed. The Chairman explained that the subjects discussed in the meeting would be the cafe remarketing, the Hampstead Heath Ponds, and the Grant Funding Model framework.

#### 10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

**RESOLVED –** That, the following matters relate to business under the remit of the Court of Common Council acting for the City Corporation as charity Trustee, Page 14 to which Part VA and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 public access to meetings provisions do not apply. The following items contain sensitive information which it is not in the best interests of the charity to consider in a public meeting (engaging similar considerations as under paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act) and will be considered in non-public session.

#### 11. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

- a) Draft Non-Public Minutes of Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee RESOLVED – That, the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 17 June 2025 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.
- b) Draft Non-Public Minutes of Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee

**RESOLVED –** That, the non-public minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held on Tuesday 16 July 2025 were noted.

### c) Matters arising

One matter was discussed.

12. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions raised in non-public session.

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

There was no urgent business raised in non-public.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm		
Chairman		

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