

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

Members Present: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson
David Andrews (Vice Chairman) Chris Kennedy
Susan Barker Graham McAndrew
Ross Houston Gordon Nicholson

In Attendance: John Bevan, David Gardner

Officers Present: Beryl Foster - Deputy Chief Executive
Dan Buck - Corporate Director
Jon Carney - Corporate Director
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance
Michael Sterry - Senior Accountant
Marigold Wilberforce - Head of Property
Julie Smith - Head of Legal
Claire Martin - Head of Planning
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also present: Kevin Bartle - S151 Officer (London Borough of Enfield)

Part I

257 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	<i>Prejudicial</i> ✓
Gordon Nicholson	7	Ward Councillor	<i>Non-pecuniary Will not take part in discussion or vote</i>

258 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023 be approved and signed.

259 PUBLIC SPEAKING

No requests from the public to speak or present petitions had been received for this meeting.

260 Q1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24 Paper E/816/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance including that the payment from HMRC for historic overpaid VAT on sporting income had been received.

A Member suggested that some of this windfall funding could be used for investment in projects and to pay off some debt. The S151 Officer commented that paying off some debt would be a prudent decision by Members.

(1) the report was noted.

261 Q1 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2023/24

Paper E817//23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

The Chairman advised that at the recent opening ceremony of the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships he had received compliments from various stakeholders including overseas canoeing governing bodies regarding the Authority's investment in Lee Valley White Water Centre post the London 2012 Games and as such the venue was seen at best case legacy works.

Following the recent Member Tour a Member commented that investment was required at Springfield Marina and that an apprenticeship scheme would be beneficial for the long term future of the site. It was agreed that a report on apprenticeships across the Park would be presented to Members later in the year.

In response to Members it was advised:

- discussions with stakeholders regarding the base line principles for rewilding of North Wall Road continue; and
- the bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to co-fund works at East India Dock Basin had been unsuccessful. An options papers would be presented to Members shortly.

A Member commended the new Lee Valley Ice Centre and surrounding environmental improvements into the Marshes.

David Andrews and Jon Carney arrived during the above discussion

(1) the report was noted.

262 WHARF ROAD, WORMLEY POTENTIAL LAND EXCHANGES

Paper E/819/23

The report was introduced by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Broxbourne Borough Council's proposal to seek land exchanges from the riverside into the area designated for gypsy/traveller use was accepted by Members. However it was noted that the Authority will need to reconsider its long term strategic plan for the area.

(1) officers entering into discussions alongside Broxbourne Borough Council with residents in the Wharf Road area on the subject of potential land exchange was approved.

263 PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND WEST OF RAMMEY MARSH,
ENFIELD

Paper E/818/23

The report was introduced by the Deputy Chief Executive.

Members supported the allocation of the site within the new London Borough of Enfield Local Plan as a far more suitable use for the area and its close proximity to a railway line provided opportunity for rail freight which would reduce road haulage.

- (1) **that the Authority enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the London Borough of Enfield on the terms proposed in paragraph 14 of Paper E/818/23 was approved.**

The Chairman agreed to accept an additional agenda item by reason of urgency.

264 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Section Number
9	Lee Valley Ice Centre – Insolvency of Buckingham Group Contracting Limited	3
265	LEE VALLEY ICE CENTRE – INSOLVENCY OF BUCKINGHAM GROUP CONTRACTING LIMITED	Paper E/820/23

The report was introduced by the Corporate Director.

- (1) **service of notices to claim the liquidated damages that have accrued in accordance with the building contract as set out in paragraph 3 of Paper E/820/23;**
- (2) **termination of the Authority's contract with Buckingham Group Contracting Limited as detailed in paragraph 8 of Paper E/820/23;**
- (3) **delegation to the Corporate Director to arrange for the completion of all outstanding works as set out in paragraph 9 of Paper E/820/23; and**
- (4) **following the termination of Buckingham Group Contracting Limited's employment, the procurement of third parties to undertake outstanding works and maintenance for landscaping was agreed.**

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 10.45am and ended at 11.50am