

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
19 OCTOBER 2023**

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

Apologies Received From: Ross Houston and Heather Johnson

In Attendance: John Bevan and David Gardner

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Deputy Chief Executive
Dan Buck - Corporate Director
Jon Carney - Corporate Director
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance
Victoria Yates - Head of Human Resources
Julie Smith - Head of Legal
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

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

Part I

266 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

267 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 be approved and signed.

268 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

269 VAT CLAIM ON SPORTING INCOME UPDATE

Paper E/821/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance. The S151 Officer commented that including consideration of the use of this receipt within the imminent 2024/25 budget process was a prudent approach.

Member comments included:

- some of this receipt should be used to restore and if possible increase the Community Access Fund;
- a list of potential projects should be compiled to inform the most long term beneficial use of this receipt;
- restoration of staffing levels and the introduction of apprenticeships was proposed;

- the previously agreed medium term financial plan did not include such a receipt and therefore the receipt should be used for projects that need to be completed and not used to re-establish reserves more quickly than planned.

The Chairman commented that given the challenges over the past few years the Authority's strong financial position was testament to the work of past and present officers.

(1) a net receipt of £1,792,298 was noted.

270 **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
8	Ill Health Retirement	3
271	ILL HEALTH RETIREMENT	Paper E/822/23

The report was introduced by the Head of Human Resources.

(1) the potential ill health retirement under the Authority's Capability Procedure and future impact on the Pension Fund was noted.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 11.40am and ended at 11.55am