

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
23 JUNE 2022**

Members
in remote presence: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Chris Kennedy
David Andrews (Vice Chairman) Graham McAndrew
Susan Barker Mary Sartin
Ross Houston

Apologies Received From: Heather Johnson

In remote attendance: John Bevan, David Gardner, Denise Jones

Officers
in remote presence: Beryl Foster - Deputy Chief Executive
Dan Buck - Corporate Director
Jon Carney - Corporate Director
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance
Paul Roper - Head of Project & Funding Delivery
Victoria Yates - Head of Human Resources
Marigold Wilberforce - Head of Property
Peter Ley - Property Surveyor
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also in remote presence: James Newman – S151 Officer (London Borough of Enfield)

Part I

162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
Mary Sartin	7 & 10	Member of Epping Forest District Council	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>
Denise Jones	6	Trustee at Trinity Buoy Wharf	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

163 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2022 be approved and signed.

164 PUBLIC SPEAKING

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

165 SICKNESS ABSENCE MONITORING – 2021/22

Paper E771//22

The report was introduced by the Head of Human Resources.

In response to Member questions, it was advised:

- musculoskeletal issues were connected to those doing manual jobs e.g., marinas and campsites, not working from home; and

- a manual system had been adopted for sickness absence monitoring for staff transferring from the Leisure Services Contract, all other staff were included on an electronic HR system. Liaison with managers was undertaken to ensure the process worked well.

(1) the content of the report was noted; and

(2) a 2022/23 sickness absence target of 3 days per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for short term sickness was approved.

166 UPDATE OF EAST INDIA DOCK BASIN PROJECT

A presentation was given by the Head of Project & Funding Delivery, key points included:

- Recap of project chronology;
- Project expansion context for Levelling Up Fund;
- Levelling Up Fund 2 (draft) package;
- East India Dock Basin – Project outputs delivered by Lee Valley Regional Park Authority;
- Proposed view;
- High level budget and funding;
- Public realm; and
- Cultural infrastructure – rationale.

Members commended the project and welcomed place making improvements to the surrounding area. A Member remarked that it would be good to see more references on site to the docks themselves and suggested working with local community organisations and schools to source historic materials.

In response to Member questions, it was advised:

- it was not possible to open the gates to enable marine craft activity, but the gates would be stabilised to enhance the site for biodiversity and nature;
- removal of silt and restoration of the water level to create a tidal system would help to restore the salt marsh area for use by bird species the area was known for;
- there were a number of other projects and activities underway in the local area which would improve connections and the public realm;
- discussions were ongoing regarding silt removal, interpretation and relocation of the Anthony Cairo gates.

167 PROPOSED SALE OF SITE AT MILE AND LANGLEY NURSERY, Paper E/772/22
CROOKED MILE, WALTHAM ABBEY

The report was introduced by the Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Property, including:

- the area has never been open to the public or used for Park related purposes;
- a small annual income was received from the 2 commercial leases on site;
- over the past few years the value of commercial land had risen; and
- the outline planning consent had contributed to successful marketing of the site.

In response to Member questions it was advised:

- demand for commercial land had increased considerably and in some cases exceeds residential value; and

- the existing use of the site was not Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966 compliant.
- (1) to declare the site shown edged red on Appendix A to Paper E/772/22 as no longer required for Park purposes and therefore surplus to Authority requirements;
- (2) the freehold sale of the site based on the terms as set out in the Part 2 report (Paper E/773/22) on this agenda;
- (3) delegation to the Deputy Chief Executive to make any non-material changes to the terms set out in Paper E/773/22;
- (4) an application be submitted under Section 21 of the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966 to the Secretary of State for consent to the disposal of an interest in land; and
- (5) the signing and sealing of all necessary legal documentation was approved.

168 **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
	10	Proposed Sale of Site at Mile and Langley Nursery, Crooked Mile, Waltham Abbey	3
169	PROPOSED SLAE OF SITE AT MILE AND LANGLEY NURSERY, CROOKED MILE, WALTHAM ABBEY		Paper E/773/22

the recommendations set out in Paper E/772/22 was approved.

The Chairman and Members expressed their thanks to Denise Jones for her contribution to the Park over the past 12 years and wished her all the best for her retirement.

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 11.32am and ended at 12.34pm