

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2016

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ERDINGTON
DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 29
MARCH 2016 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE
ROOMS 3 & 4, THE COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT : - Councillor Josh Jones in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Mick Brown, Mick Finnegan, Gareth Moore, Gary Sambrook and Mike Sharpe.

ALSO PRESENT :-

Mike Davis – District Head (Erdington)
Mark Rodgers – Housing Manager
Pam Powis – Place Manager
Sarah Stride – Committee Manager

NOTICE OF RECORDING

318 The Chairman advised that the meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press / public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items.

APOLOGIES

319 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bob Beauchamp, Penny Holbrook, Ron Storer and Superintendent Brandon Langley, West Midlands Police for their inability to attend the meeting.

MINUTES

320 **RESOLVED:-**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 January 2016, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**ERDINGTON HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS BUDGET 2015/16
UPDATE**

The following amended report from the Contract Team Manager was circulated at the meeting:-

(See Document No. 1)

Mark Rodgers, Housing Manager introduced the report and made the following particular points:

- All projects listed on the schedule were formally agreed on 22 October 2015.
- He stated that all projects with a green background on the schedule had been completed. The two projects with a yellow background were pending and he advised that the contractors, Willmott Dixon, were currently on site at 27-37 Wyrley Way to renew fascia in UPVC and that works should be completed by the end of this week. The contractors, Amey, aimed to complete the creation of car parking provision at Inland Road by 30 April 2016.
- He confirmed that any underspend from this year's allocation could be rolled over and added to next year's budget allocation of £800,000. He advised that he would calculate the total spend for this year's allocation including any overspend and inform Members accordingly.
- In response to a question raised by Councillor Gary Sambrook he stated that he would investigate the possibility of utilising local contractors to carry out improvement works in next year's budget allocation.

The Chairman thanked Mark Rodgers for all works completed to date and it was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the update report on Erdington Housing Environmental Works Budget 2015/16 be noted.

ERDINGTON GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK 2015/16

The following report of the District Head, Erdington was submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

Mike Davis, District Head introduced the report and highlighted the salient points. He reminded Members that the document was a living document and was subject to change.

Members identified that the following corrections be made to the report:

- Contact names and telephone numbers to be updated on the last page.
- Reference to Section 33 Champion – add the words 'Old Persons'.

The Chairman noted the comments made and put the suggested amendments forward to the Committee for approval.

It was –

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RESOLVED:-

That the amendments be noted and agreed.

ERDINGTON DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

The following report of the District Head, Erdington was submitted:-

(See Document No. 3)

Mike Davis (District Head) introduced the report and responded appropriately to comments made by Members.

Councillor Gary Sambrook stated that his name was spelt incorrectly in the list of District Convention attendees.

The Chairman assured Members that in relation to mental health issues, Clinical Commission Groups (CCG's) had been invited and had attended District partnership working sessions.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

ERDINGTON DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CHALLENGE REPORT

The following report of the District Head, Erdington was submitted:-

(See Document No. 4)

Mike Davis (District Head) introduced the report and stated that it would be re-submitted to the District Committee in six month's following updates.

During the course of discussion Members made the following amendments and observations:

- The special meeting of Erdington District Members was held on 9 March 2016 and not 8 March as stated in the report.
- Fleet and Waste Management Recycling rates had not been forwarded to Members of the District Committee.
- Recommendations 13 and 17 were listed twice in the report. Need to re-number all recommendations.
- Recommendation 7 to be amended to read 'Recycling banks to be removed where there is agreement from Ward Councillors'.
- Recommendation 13 (ii) – concern was expressed that if parkland was not maintained to an acceptable standard it could potentially be earmarked as a possible future housing or similar development. To note that uncut grass collects more litter.

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- Recommendation 16 – six park keepers mentioned. The figure should read five park keepers.
- Recommendation 17(i) – Pilot scheme ‘no parking on grass verges’ should be implemented wider and incorporate areas in the Erdington District. Pilot scheme should be enforced by traffic wardens. Gather feedback from pilot scheme in Shard End and if successful implement in the Erdington District.
- Recommendation 4 – wheelie bin miss collections. Depot Manager to share information with District Members and wording to the recommendation to be changed to reflect this amendment.

It was –

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the amendments as listed in the above preamble be implemented in the next report to the District Committee in six months’ time;
- (ii) That a progress report from Fleet and Waste Management be sent to all Members of the District Committee.

COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

The following Community Safety update report was circulated at the meeting:-

(See Document No. 5)

Pam Powis, Place Manager introduced the report circulated, highlighted the salient points and responded appropriately to comments raised by Members.

Members welcomed the report and thanked Pam Powis for all her hard work and it was -

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted and that a briefing note on Section 222 (Police Partnership working) be sent to all Members of the District Committee in due course.

At 1445 hours Councillor Robert Alden left the meeting.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

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No items of other urgent business were raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED:-

In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1500 hours.

CHAIRMAN