

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL) MINUTES

12 JULY 2016

Chair: * Councillor Jerry Miles

Councillors:

* Ghazanfar Ali	* Jo Dooley
* Richard Almond	* Susan Hall (4)
* Mrs Chika Amadi	* Ameet Jogia
* Jeff Anderson	* Paul Osborn

Voting Co-opted: (Voluntary Aided) (Parent Governors)

Mrs J Rammelt
Reverend P Reece

Non-voting Co-opted: Harrow Youth Parliament Representative

* Denotes Member present
(4) Denotes category of Reserve Member

164. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:-

Ordinary Member

Reserve Member

Councillor Chris Mote

Councillor Susan Hall

165. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that the following interests were declared:

Agenda Item 3 – Community Involvement in Parks

Councillor Jeff Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his wife was the Portfolio Holder for Community, Culture and Resident Engagement . He would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Councillor Ameet Jogia declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he was a member of the Friends of Canons Park. He would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Councillor Mrs Chika Amadi declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she led a health walk at Edgware Recreation Ground. She would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane declared a non-pecuniary interest in that his son used local parks. He would remain in the room whilst the matter was considered and voted upon.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

166. Community Involvement in Parks

The Committee considered a report regarding the Community Involvement in Parks Challenge Panel. The report outlined the Review's observations and findings with regard to improving community involvement in the Borough's parks.

A Member who had chaired the Review Group, provided a brief overview of the report.

A Member stated that the management and maintenance of parks and open spaces were important issues that required in depth scrutiny. She questioned the value of a light-touch Review such as this one, adding that, in her view, the feedback from the questionnaire was too generic and the Review had been a waste of resources.

The Member who had chaired the Review Group responded that in his view, the Recommendations to Cabinet coming out of the report were quite detailed, however, it may be useful to carry out a further more in-depth review of this topic in the future.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Cabinet)

That the Scrutiny Review's report and recommendations be forwarded on to Cabinet for consideration.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 7.12 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR JERRY MILES
Chair