

APPENDIX 2

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL MINUTES

29 JANUARY 2015

Chair: * Councillor Keith Ferry

Councillors: * Marilyn Ashton * Graham Henson
* Stephen Greek * Pritesh Patel
* Glen Hearnden (4) * Anne Whitehead

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

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

140. Adoption of the Harrow Biodiversity Action Plan

The Panel received the report of the Corporate Director for Environment and Enterprise which introduced the Harrow Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP), detailing how Harrow Council, together with partners, will work to conserve, enhance, and promote biodiversity in Harrow from 2015 to 2020.

The Biodiversity Officer introduced the second revision of the BAP, which ran from 2015 to 2020, and which he hoped would be approved and in force by April 2015. The BAP identified priority actions within 5 broad themes, which met the Council's legal obligations and which provided opportunities for residents to enjoy a natural environment, promoted a sense of place and community pride, and offered an educational resource. The themes had been developed in line with regional and national initiatives, and covered the natural environment and ecosystems services, Green belt woodland and the urban forest, the built environment, climate change, and sustainability and engaging

with nature. It was hoped that implementing the BAP would deliver significant outcomes and result in benefits for Harrow.

In response to the Chair's query about consultation, the officer confirmed that the original BAP had gone out to public consultation, but as this was an update, only those partner organisations named within the document had been consulted with.

The Chair commended the BAP and asked if colour copies of a summary could be provided to committee members.

Resolved to RECOMMEND (to Cabinet) that the Harrow Biodiversity Action Plan be adopted.

Reason for Recommendation

When adopted, the Harrow BAP will become the Council's strategy for managing biodiversity in the Borough. It will form a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications both at planning committees and appeal proceedings. The BAP will also provide useful guidance to relevant Council departments when dealing with issues relating to nature conservation, biodiversity and sustainability.