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AGENDA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee are summoned to a meeting, which will be held in Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on **15 May 2017 at 7.00 pm**.

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Committee Membership

Membership of the Environment & Regeneration Committee will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 11 May 2017.

Quorum is 4 members of the Sub-Committee



A.	Formal Matters	Pages
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Declarations of Substitute Members	
3.	Declarations of Interest	

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- if it is not yet on the council's register, you **must** declare both the existence and details of it at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent;
- you may **choose** to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is already in the register in the interests of openness and transparency.

In both the above cases, you **must** leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

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This applies to **all** members present at the meeting.

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C. Urgent non-exempt items (if any)

Any non-exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgent by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

D. Exclusion of press and public

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the remaining items on the agenda, it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt or confidential information within the terms of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in the Constitution and, if so, whether to exclude the press and public during discussion thereof.

E. Confidential/exempt items	Pages
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F. Urgent exempt items (if any)

Any exempt items which the Chair agrees should be considered urgently by reason of special circumstances. The reasons for urgency will be agreed by the Chair and recorded in the minutes.

The next meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee will be on 11 July
2017

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Agenda Item 4

London Borough of Islington

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 25 April 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 25 April 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Poyser (Vice-Chair), Hamitouche, Heather, Jeapes and Russell

Councillor David Poyser in the Chair

109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillors James Court and Raphael Andrews.

110 DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

There were no declarations of substitute members.

111 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

112 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

113 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 5)

None

114 CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 6)

None

115 EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT - PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION (Item B1)

Councillor Webbe gave a presentation on the work of the Environment and Transport Directorate. A copy of the presentation would be interleaved with the agenda.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- On the issue of Fuel Poverty, over 700 households had received 'Energy Doctor in the home' measures and advice and that the 50 high-risk households identified had received substantial energy efficiency packages through 'Warmth on Prescription'. In addition over 4700 households had signed up since November 2013 ensuring a savings of £1.1million for the residents. The committee was informed that the Council had delivered a successful partnership with Robin Hood Energy with a view of encouraging residents to switch to lower tariffs especially low income earners and those using smart meters.
- SHINE (Seasonal Health Interventions Network) - In 2016, 2,399 vulnerable residents had been referred with each person being offered an average of four to five interventions. The meeting was advised that as a result of its success SHINE had been rolled out to all over London with EDF funding.
- Following the success of the Bunhill Heat Energy Centre (phase1), work was ongoing especially with regards to replicating similar schemes around the borough using defunct London Underground stations. The installation of PV panels on Council buildings had resulted in savings of £75k a year and the switch to LED lighting had resulted into a further £120k savings.
- Air quality measures such as text notifications to inform residents about pollution levels; promoting travelling by public transport; the launch of Archway 'Zero Emissions Network' and working with Mayor on 'Ultra Low Emissions Zone' were initiatives the Council continues to promote to ensure that residents live in a healthy and clean environment. In response to concerns about banning diesel vehicles in inner London and its impact on lower income earners, the Executive Member acknowledged that consultation was on going and the introduction of electric /hybrid vehicles would be implemented on a phased basis. A suggestion for the committee to revisit a previous review into the impact of diesel vehicles on the various social groups was noted.
- With regards to Strategic Transport, the meeting was advised that dangerous junctions at Old Street and Highbury Corner were in the process of being transformed and consultation regarding the road network around Kings Cross will commence around 2018. It was suggested that TFL should give due consideration to the siting of pedestrian crossings especially around stations. Members were also notified that following Council lobbying with TFL, the lift replacement works at Caledonian Road station were being carried out without unnecessarily closing the station. The Executive Member informed Committee that Islington's first cycle Quietway was almost complete and with the extra TFL funding the Council would continue its cycle improvement programme up to 2021/2. In addition Committee were informed that as part of its air quality programme the Council over the next 10 months would increase the number of EVCP (Electric Vehicle Charging Points) from 10 to more than 100 bays
- On the issue of waste and recycling, the Executive Member advised that in spite of the fall in recycling rate to 29.4 % in 2015/16, Islington still remained the third highest recycling authority within inner London. She acknowledged that issues about contamination would need to be tackled and addressed by improved ways of communicating the message especially to a widely diverse borough. On the issue of

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recycling in Estate blocks the meeting was informed that bespoke measures had been designed to suit different estate blocks. Residents had been consulted with options such as designated chute systems for recycling and others with option of street level collection points. On the question on whether the Council is able to measure recycling performances, the meeting was advised that adequate infrastructure would have to be in place and introduction of technology in the future would enable Council patterns and analyse recycling performances. Members welcomed the news that complaints regarding missed collections had fallen after resolving a few technical hitches.

- SES Cleaning Operational Performance – The Executive Member informed Committee that the arrival of new vehicles, mechanical sweepers and improved back office digital systems had resulted in an improvement with street cleaning. On concerns that housing association residents were being penalised for fly tipping, the Committee was advised that it was the responsibility of housing associations to inform their tenants of fly tipping issues and where Council are notified to remove fly tipping on highway safety grounds, a charge would be levied. In addition the meeting was advised that for future developments, planning consideration would include issues such as lumber storage and secure cycle storage which should alleviate issues around fly tipping.
- The Executive Member informed the Committee that with regards to Parks in the borough, user satisfaction was up from 93% last year to 96% and that Islington would be representing London in 'Britain in Bloom' competition this year. In addition the meeting was advised that the Cemetery Grounds Maintenance Service was now being provided in house. Finally the meeting was informed that the Council had secured a £1.8m Lottery funding for Caledonian Park Clocktower project.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the presentation be noted.
- 2) That Communication with residents regarding issues around recycling should be enhanced.
- 3) That Council Officers to liaise with housing providers on fly tipping concerns on their estates.
- 4) That the committee be circulated with the previous review on Air Quality and consideration be given to looking at the effect of diesel vehicles on various social classes.

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COMMUNITY ENERGY SCRUTINY REPORT (Item B2)

The Energy Strategy Manager presented the report which updated members on progress on the recommendations of the 1 February 2016 Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee report on Community Energy.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- Funding changes introduced by central government and legislation was likely to lead to a reduction in community groups undertaking community energy projects. Some of the changes would make the installation of wind turbines harder.

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- Following the success of the Bunhill Energy Centre, the Council continues to consider all available sources of external funding to deliver on Phase 2 of Bunhill and continues to work with partners across Europe on the Thermos project with the aim of accelerating the development of low carbon district energy across the EU. In response to a question on funding concerns especially in light of Brexit, committee were informed that funding had been secured and the project was still on going.
- With regards to the recommendation that information about community energy be made available, the Energy Strategy Manager advised that information was now available on the Council Energy Advice site sheets, factsheets were being developed and that the Council via its internal Affordable Energy Board would be producing a Community Energy Plan for Islington which would develop a more detailed communications proposal.
- Members were advised that the Affordability Energy Board chaired by Executive member for Environment and Transport seeks a joint up approach across the Council and that in December 2016, the Council launched an overarching energy brand called 'On Energy' which the Council uses to cover and bring together all its various energy activities, whether from helping residents to save money on their energy bills or providing expert advice to others or with pioneering projects like the Bunhill Energy Centre.
- The partnership between the Council and Robin Hood Energy provides an alternative energy provider for Islington residents especially with low income earners and those using pay meters as they tend to be more disproportionately affected.
- On the recommendation for Council to monitor the tariff of its chosen provider, the Committee was advised that this was not practical, however Officer assured Members that Council had insisted on a competitiveness clause in its agreement with the company. In terms of Robin Hood's sustainability the meeting was advised that the company had recently taken on a large number of customers following its takeover supply to the white label company Ebico from SSE

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.

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QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016-2017 (Item B3)

Councillor Webbe, Executive Member Environment and Transport presented the Quarter 3 Performance Report which set out the corporate performance indicator suite for 2016-17, together with a progress update for those indicators related to Environment and Transport over the first three quarters of 2016-17.

In response to a question from a member of the public about the Council's view on Play Streets in Islington, The Executive Member informed the Committee that the Council actively promotes and welcomes Play Streets, that there had been an increase in take up over the last few years however the challenge still lies in the sheer effort of organising these.

However the Council website continues to actively give advice and support residents who are interested.

On the issue of missed waste collections and data gathering, the meeting was advised that

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information provided was from residents who called in to report missed collections.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.

At the end of the meeting, the Committee expressed their thanks to Mr James Gilchrist, Head of Green Space and Leisure Services for his contribution whilst with the Council and wished good luck as he leaves to take up a new job.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

CHAIR

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Agenda Item B1



Governance and HR

Town Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

Report of: Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and HR

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	15 May 2017		All
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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The committee is asked, to note the Committee's terms of reference and its meeting and working arrangements.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note membership of the Committee, subject to the appointment by Annual Council on 11 May 2017 and the terms of reference as set out at Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is established under the terms of the constitution of the London Borough of Islington. A copy of the current terms of reference is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2. The membership of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix B. The quorum is four councillors.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial implications

The Corporate Director, Finance and Resources confirms that costs associated with the Scrutiny Committees have been budgeted for in the 2017/18 budget.

4.2. Legal Implications

The Council appoints Scrutiny Committees to discharge functions conferred by section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

4.3. Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding."

4.4. The scrutiny reviews nominated cover a wide range of services provided by the Council and other agencies which are important to the community. Effective scrutiny reviews can contribute to improving these services and help address any inequalities in terms of access and provision.

4.4 Environmental Implications

None.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The Committee are asked to note their terms of reference and working arrangements.

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

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Appendix A

ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Composition

Members of the Executive may not be members of the Scrutiny Committee.

No member may be involved in scrutinising a decision which he/she has been directly involved.

The Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to appoint a number of people as non-voting co-optees.

Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be four members.

Terms of Reference

1. To carry out the functions of an overview and scrutiny committee in respect of matters relating to the Environment and Regeneration Directorate.
2. To scrutinise other sustainability and transport issues affecting the borough
3. To undertake, a scrutiny review of its own choosing and any further reviews as directed by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee and, consulting all relevant sections of the community, to make recommendations to the Executive thereon.
4. To carry out any review referred to it by the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee following consideration of a Councillor Call for Action referral.

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Appendix B

Membership of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for 2017/18

Members:

Councillor Rowen Champion (Chair)
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche (Vice Chair)
Councillor Raphael Andrews
Councillor Gary Doolan
Councillor Caroline Russell
Councillor Troy Gallagher
Councillor Gary Heather
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Alice Perry

Substitutes:

Councillor David Poyer
Councillor James Court
Councillor Satnam Gill
Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Alex Diner
Councillor Angela Picknell

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Report of: Service Director - Housing Property Services

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	15 May 2017	All
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SUBJECT: CCTV Scrutiny Review – 12 Month Progress Update

1 Synopsis

- 1.1 In July 2016 the Executive received a report from the Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee regarding the CCTV scrutiny review. The report provided recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of CCTV coverage. The Executive member response to the recommendations was agreed by Executive on 17 January 2017. This report details progress updates on each of the six recommendations.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the progress updates on the six recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee as set out in section 4 of this report.

3 Background

- 3.1 The scrutiny review ran from September 2015 until February 2016 and evidence was received from a variety of sources:
- Presentations from council officers
 - Visit to the CCTV Control Room, 222 Upper Street.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny recommendations were received by Executive in July 2016 and the Executive member response to the recommendations was agreed by Executive on 17 January 2017.

4 Recommendations and Progress Updates

4.1 Recommendation 1

That as part of the process to identify appropriate crime prevention measures (particularly in high risk congregation areas) CCTV be considered in conjunction with other security measures such as door entry, estate lighting, landscaping, tree and bush pruning and that these works also be considered in future CCTV capital projects to ensure a more holistic approach was adopted to CCTV security.

Update – May 17

CCTV works and door entry replacement works are undertaken in line with the Council's asset management strategy to replace life-expired components when work is required. It is therefore not always possible to progress CCTV and other programmes of works simultaneously. In order to progress major works the Council must be satisfied that the requirements of its asset management strategy have been met for each programme of work to progress. Consideration is given to a range of issues including equipment age, condition, extent of repairs, instances of anti-social behaviour and requirements of the Information Commissioner and the Police.

Progressing works outside of the Council's asset management strategy would present difficulties with Section 20 cost recovery from leaseholders. Door entry works can be considered as part of the proposed CCTV works if the system meets the requirement of the strategy and adequate resources are set aside in the forward programme to undertake this work.

It should be noted that capital budgets are under pressure and non-essential asset works must be programmed in line with current resource availability. The focus of investment concentrates on areas where there is evidence to demonstrate a risk to health and safety, eg. emergency fire escape lighting .

Minor ancillary works however like tree pruning and other minor security measures such as bollards, isolated lighting improvements, entry gates and works to door entry systems are now addressed by the concierge, estate services and ASB team where there are urgent requirements. Moving forward these issues will also be considered as part of the major works programme where these works would be identified as part of the project feasibility at project inception to ensure a better final outcome to the proposed CCTV works.

To ensure opportunities are identified, improved communications between the concierge team and the major works team in the form of formal meetings will now ensure better project outcomes are achieved. It is anticipated that these formal meetings will include other partners such as the anti-social behaviour team, the Police, tenancy management and grounds maintenance moving forward to identify any additional areas of need for the proposed works.

Yearly audits are now undertaken by the concierge team to accurately audit the current CCTV provisions which are in place. The Privacy Impact Assessment will formally assess the ongoing need for CCTV and any subsequent changes to the system in line with current legislation. This process will also pick up lighting and obstruction issues on current installations.

4.2 Recommendation 2

That following CCTV repair and maintenance works, a plan would be put in place to address other issues such as sightline interference, tree overgrowth and poor lighting in order to improve the CCTV footage. Consideration would be given to tree pruning or camera repositioning before any consideration was given to tree removal.

Update – May 17

The long-term success of a CCTV scheme will depend on the longer term maintenance of the scheme. Issues such as tree overgrowth and lighting are a key part of this longer-term maintenance requirement

following the implementation of CCTV. Outcomes from the scheme can be improved if robust post-project maintenance measures are put in place.

The Concierge team who manage the CCTV equipment will address this requirement to some degree where isolated post-installation improvements are implemented to improve the performance of CCTV coverage. This team will also pick up the requirement to address isolated instances of poor lighting on the estates, subject to resource availability. Minor works are also undertaken by the Repairs team which can also include isolated improvements to estate lighting and tree maintenance. This work would always be considered before tree removal. It is however anticipated that major works such as replacement of life-expired estate-wide communal lighting will still follow the usual capital improvement programme process.

4.3 **Recommendation 3**

That the Mechanical and Engineering Service (in consultation with officers in Housing Operations, including the Public Protection Team, Housing Investment Team and the Housing Anti-Social Behaviour Team) should continue to work closely with partners, to share information and to take appropriate action depending on funding availability where anti-social behaviour/criminal acts were taking place.

Update – May 17

This recommendation has already been partially adopted. Anti-social behaviour is a key consideration when identifying proposed CCTV works on the forward plan. Information on anti-social behaviour is also supported by the concierge team. In this section live CCTV monitoring takes place and the team are responsible for proactive and reactive actions depending on the situation. This section in turn can report to the appropriate departments and authorities. The concierge service currently works closely with partners including public health and the police to collate and share information on findings from CCTV and have extensive local knowledge to instigate investigations and to assist with reach out programs in the borough. The data and evidence is also provided to internal departments to assist in early intervention and prevention to highlight safeguarding issues and enforcement

Moving forward it is anticipated that further input from other stakeholders such as the Police and Crime Prevention Officers will need to form part of the information needed to design CCTV upgrade works as statistical information on areas of the greatest need and hotspots is available from those sources.

4.4 **Recommendation 4**

That the Resident Consultation team in Housing and Property Services and the Service Development Team in the Housing Needs and Strategy Team should work more closely to engage residents and be responsive to residents' comments.

Update – May 17

Recent CCTV schemes have highlighted a need for improved dialogue with residents in particular information to highlight the benefits of monitored CCTV. It is anticipated that other means of resident communication will be adopted moving forward such as the use of electronic notice boards and electronic communications. More established methods such as resident project meetings will continue to be used to ensure there is transparency on all aspects of the proposed works including the anticipated costs of the system and any monitoring required.

To ensure residents are involved in the process a new ballot procedure has been developed by the Service Development Team to help ensure all residents can provide input into the proposed works. Recent events have highlighted that communications with residents may achieve better outcomes if this work is progressed by a team remote from the delivery section. It is anticipated that officers from the Area Housing Offices are better placed to provide improved consultation with residents prior to the commencement of the proposed CCTV works.

Statistics from pre-existing systems will be used to convey evidence of the benefit of having CCTV

systems in place. This will be in conjunction with information provided by the ASB and tenancy management teams at the area housing offices to further establish the reasons as to why the system is required including feedback from partners if available.

4.5 **Recommendation 5**

That officers monitor technological advances in the area of CCTV and related equipment to ensure this technology was considered when there was a requirement to upgrade existing equipment.

Update – May 17

Significant technological advancements in CCTV have taken place in the past few years. The council have employed the services of an external consultant engineer with specialisation in CCTV Engineering to assist with the connection of systems back to the central hub office at 222 Upper Street.

Technological developments such as movement sensor CCTV have been added to roofs in specific blocks to combat pirate radio. This system is connected back to a concierge office that can monitor and provide access to contractors. In conjunction with the roof CCTV, a new smart phone app is in development to give ease of access to authorised contractors and council staff.

Mobile CCTV has also been specifically developed to deter new instances of ASB and to assist with crime prevention. The technology will allow the Council to combat specific areas of concern whether it is short or long term and can be used for a variety of issues. The cameras have the ability to be stand-alone units which can be powered by a lamp post supply, thereby avoiding the need for less reliable battery power. This also gives the added benefit of adjacent lighting.

Officers maintain an awareness of CCTV technology changes via the technical press and trade fairs. As technological advances continue to become more sophisticated and specialised so too will the requirement to engage specialist engineers with greater expertise in this area of engineering.

4.6 **Recommendation 6**

That consideration is given to the greater use of mobile CCTV equipment to target problem areas for a specific period of time with the cameras then being removed when the problem had been addressed.

Update – May 17

This recommendation has now been adopted. The concierge team who are well placed to make use of this equipment have recently purchased six mobile CCTV cameras. It is generally accepted that crime and anti-social behaviour has the tendency to move particularly if there are crime convictions in specific areas. Mobile CCTV has the advantage of being more responsive to the movement of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Mobile CCTV can also support new alternative schemes going forward by providing the relevant evidence required for short term issues to make an informed decision if CCTV is the best deterrent or if another deterrent/approach is best. Prior to any major fixed CCTV works being undertaken the mobile cameras can identify whether the issue is a temporary or fixed issue which can lead to cost saving initiatives being put in place.

5 Implications

5.1 Financial implications

Recommendations 1&2 and 5&6 are all very likely to generate increased expenditure.

It is not possible at this stage to quantify the value of this additional cost.

Nevertheless these recommendations should be considered against the backdrop of the HRA needing to deliver a package of savings totalling £18m over the next 4 yrs, in order to mitigate against the loss of income arising from the mandatory introduction of the 1% rent reduction.

Members agreed the detailed schedule of HRA savings during the 2016-17 budget setting process which included a reduction to the capital programme budget of £2m per year.

A decision to proceed with these recommendations would compel us to divert capital resources from capital schemes already identified as being required it should therefore be noted that doing so could jeopardise the integrity & infrastructure of the Council's housing stock.

5.2 Legal Implications

The council has power to provide CCTV on its housing estates for the prevention of crime or the welfare of the victims of crime subject to prior consultation to the Chief Officer of Police for the area (section 163 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994). Public space CCTV systems must be operated in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the principles as set out in the Human Rights Act 1998.

The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice issued by the Home Office under section 30 of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 provides guidance on the use of surveillance cameras by local authorities which must have regard to the provisions of the code when exercising any functions to which it relates. The code applies to the use of surveillance camera systems operating on local authority housing estate regardless of whether there is any live viewing or recording of images, information or data. It should be noted that in civil or criminal proceedings, a court or tribunal may take into account any failure by the council to have regard to the code in determining a question in those proceedings.

The ICO has issued a Code of Practice for the use of CCTV under the data Protection Act setting out these requirements and principles must be complied with. The council is required to notify the Office of the Information Commissioner of the operation of the CCTV system. Covert 'Directed' surveillance may only be conducted if formal authorisation is provided in accordance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012).

An appropriate proportion of the cost of replacing obsolete / life expired CCTV systems on estates will be recoverable from leaseholder provided that the consultation requirements are complied with (section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 and the Service Charges (Consultation requirements) (England) Regulations 2003).

Any procurement of existing or new CCTV systems on housing estates will need to be undertaken in accordance with the council's Procurement Rules and the public Contract Regulations 2015.

5.3 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications of significance.

5.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good

relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment was completed on the 27 May 2016 and no adverse impacts were identified. The added security provided by CCTV benefits all residents on housing estates with CCTV. Where the service is monitored there will be a cost implication to residents covered by the scheme. Leasehold residents may also be required to contra tribute towards the capital cost of the work.

It was noted that service users of Housing CCTV are broadly similar in most cases to the demographic of the borough however there is a greater representation of BME groups and significantly higher Muslim and Disabled population on estates with CCTV.

6 Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 6.1 This report details the 12 month progress updates on the six scrutiny recommendations.

Final report clearance:

Signed by:



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Agenda Item B4

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2016/17 & 2017/18

23 January 2017

- 1) First meeting of the year – Environment and Regeneration of Retail Areas – Witness Evidence -Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety and the Executive Member for Economic Development
- 2) Performance Indicator Report – Quarter 2
- 3) The progress of the installation of PV solar panels on council buildings presentation
- 4) Presentation on the use of barbecues in public open spaces
- 5) Work Programme

9 March 2017

- 1) Regeneration of Retail Areas – Witness Evidence – Town Centre Manager chairs, Market Stall Holders and the Chamber of Commerce
- 2) Work Programme
- 3) TfL – Holloway Road – Bridge Works

25 April 2017

- 1) Executive Member Annual Report
- 2) Performance Indicator Report – Quarter 3
- 3) Regeneration of Retail Areas – Draft Recommendations
- 4) Community Energy report back
- 5) Work Programme

15 May 2017

- 1) Membership, Terms of Reference, Dates of Meetings (11 July, 11 September , 17 October, 14 November 2017, 25 January 2018, 26 February, 17 April 2018 & 26 June 2018)
- 2) Regeneration of Retail Areas – Report & Draft Recommendations
- 3) CCTV Scrutiny Review -12 month report back
- 4) Scrutiny Topics 2017/18

Visits Undertaken During the Year

- 1) Gillespie Park – In Spring 2017
- 2) Bunhill Heat and Power Energy Centre – on 25 November 2016

Topics To Be Considered

- 1) The Mayor of London's 'Energy for Londoner' proposals
- 2) The Ultra-Low Emission Zone consultation
- 3) Funding that the Mayor of London had made available for Local Implementation Plans and the projects the council could bid for money for
- 4) Smart Cities Scrutiny review – 12 month report back? – November 2017
- 5) Quarterly Performance Reports on Employment targets
- 6) Executive Member Performance Report

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