



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 **11 July 2017 at 7.30 pm.**

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Membership

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

Substitute Members

Councillor Dave Poyser
Councillor James Court
Councillor Satnam Gill OBE
Councillor Nurullah Turan
Councillor Theresa Debono
Councillor Alex Diner
Councillor Angela Picknell

Quorum is 4 members of the Sub-Committee



A.	Formal Matters	Pages
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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

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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
September 2017

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London Borough of Islington

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 15 May 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 15 May 2017 at 7.00 pm.

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

Councillor Rowena Champion in the Chair

118 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Apologies were received from Councillor Raphael Andrews.

119 **DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of substitute members

120 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)**

There were no declarations of interest.

121 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

122 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 5)**

There was none.

123 **CHAIR'S REPORT (Item 6)**

There was no Chair's report

124 **ARRANGEMENTS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE (Item B1)**

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

125 **REGENERATION OF RETAIL AREAS - (TO FOLLOW) (Item B2)**

“The Head of Economic Development, Projects and Transport Planning presented the report to the Committee.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- The Committee agreed that in light of the recommendations that emanated from the Islington Fairness Commission on issues around corporate social responsibility and evidence gathered during its scrutiny exercise, it would be appropriate to include a recommendation that encouraged firms and businesses within the borough to undertake its social responsibility of assisting young people seriously.
- A suggestion to include a recommendation about the cost and speed of broadband, not only to businesses but to street traders, was agreed, although it was understood that the Council does not have direct control over this.
- The draft recommendation in relation to parking be reworded. Members acknowledged that consideration be given to supporting businesses by providing sufficient loading bays in and around retail areas rather than a recommendation reviewing Council parking policy and its pay-and-display parking. It was noted that the borough was well served by public transport for visitors, so car usage should not be encouraged.
- On the issue of business rates, the Committee requested that an update would be provided once there was more clarity on Central Government’s devolution proposals for business rates.
- In response to a question on whether the Council could protect existing businesses from being dislocated due to rent increases, especially after the regeneration of retail areas had been completed, Members were advised that the Council had no control over private rents. The Officer however stated that with new developments the Council could in some instances secure affordable workspace and its planning policies the Council also had some control over the size of new retail units, securing smaller units that were more affordable by virtue of their size.
- A suggestion to include a recommendation that both the Council and businesses continue to work together to address the removal of waste concerns was agreed.
- A recommendation that businesses consider consolidating their deliveries was agreed; a practice which has had a positive impact in the West End area of London by reducing traffic and congestion as firms and businesses have coordinated their suppliers in terms of deliveries and the removal of waste.
- It was agreed that recommendations in the draft report and additional recommendations raised in the report be circulated to all members of the Committee before its full consideration at the July meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report and the amended draft recommendations be circulated before the next meeting.

126 CCTV SCRUTINY REVIEW - 12 MONTH REPORT BACK (Item B3)

The Technical Services Manager updated Members on progress of the recommendations of the July 2016 Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee report on CCTV.

In the discussion the following points were made:

- Members were advised that 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.
- Minor ancillary works like tree pruning and other minor security measures such as bollards, isolated lightning improvements, entry gates and works to door entry systems are now addressed by the concierge, estate services and ASB team, however in the future these issues would be considered as part of the major works programme.
- In response to a question on issues of privacy and effectiveness, the Technical Services Manager informed Committee that yearly audits are now being undertaken by the Concierge team to accurately audit the current CCTV provisions in place and that a Privacy Impact Assessment formally assess the ongoing need for CCTV and any subsequent changes to the system in line with current legislation.
- Members were informed that information/data from CCTV surveillance was shared among partners especially with regards to addressing anti-social behaviour and that in the future input from other stakeholders such as the Police and Crime Prevention Officers would be included into information that will fed into the process of designing CCTV equipment.
- Officers acknowledged that recent CCTV schemes had highlighted the essence for an improvement in dialogue with residents especially on promoting the benefits of CCTV monitoring and the cost. He indicated that the use of electronic notice boards, electronic communication in conjunction with established methods such as resident project meetings would ensure transparency especially with the residents.
- With regard to the use of mobile CCTV, the meeting was advised that it was important to recognise that the dynamics of crime and anti-social behaviour tends to move especially where there are crime convictions in specific areas and that mobile CCTV has the advantage of being more responsive to the movement of crime and antisocial behaviour.
- In response to a question on the effectiveness of CCTV monitoring, members were informed that evidence gathered especially from Tenancy Management Systems were used especially when undertaking enforcement actions against tenants. Similarly in cases where CCTV were being managed by concierges, potential crimes were reported to the relevant teams.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.

127 WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18 (Item B4)

The Chair invited members to consider topics or aspects of the Council services for the Committee to scrutinise during the 2017/18 Municipal Year and suggested that Members take the opportunity to speak to relevant officers before the next meeting.

In relation to previously scrutinised items which had been considered within the last two years, Committee agreed that an update from relevant officers might be sufficient.

Members requested that an Officer update on Air quality should be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

A number of topics were discussed such as village principle, Air quality/Mayor funding, recycling, renewable energy and fuel poverty, however it was agreed that this should be deferred to the next meeting at which a decision would be made on what item to scrutinise.

A suggestion for site visits to Gillespie Park and the Bunhill Heat and Power Energy centre to be facilitated by relevant Officers was noted.

RESOLVED:

1. That an update on Air Quality be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
2. That site visits to the Gillespie Park and the Bunhill Heat and Power Energy centre be facilitated by Officers.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

CHAIR



Regeneration of Retail Areas Scrutiny Review

REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

London Borough of Islington
May 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regeneration of Retail Areas Scrutiny Review

Aim

Evidence

The review ran from September 2016 until May 2017 and evidence was received from a variety of sources:

1. Presentations from witnesses – Councillor Asima Shaikh – Executive Member for Economic Development
2. Presentations from council officers – Ben Johnson, Career Grade Planner, Martijn Cooijmans, Team Leader – Planning and Projects E/W), Gemma Aked, Town Centre Development Manager)
3. The Committee received evidence from David Fordham, Service Trading Standards, Jan Tucker, Chair of Archway Traders Association and Christine Lovett, CEO of Angel's Business Improvement Bid (BID) regarding challenges and future prospects within the retail areas in Islington.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COUNCILLORS – 2016/17

Councillors:

Councillor Court (Chair)
Councillor Poyser (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Andrews
Councillor Hamitouche
Councillor Heather
Councillor Jeapes
Councillor Rupert Perry
Councillor Russell

Substitutes:

Councillor Debono
Councillor Gill
Councillor Alice Perry
Councillor Picknell

Acknowledgements: The Committee would like to thank all the witnesses who gave evidence to the review.

Officer Support:

Zoe Lewis, Peter Moore & Ola Adeoye – Democratic Services
Lead Officers – Karen Sullivan, Martijn Cooijmans and Gemma Aked.

1. Introduction

Policy (presented by Ben Johnson, Career Grade Planner)

- In the current policy there were four town centres (TC) which were identified in the Mayor's London Plan and central activities zones (CAZ) (Angel, Archway, Nags Head and Finsbury Park). Existing retail was protected across the borough and new, small shops of 80sqm or less were supported. Retail uses were directed to town centres in the first instance. This reflected government policy.
- Core retail areas were protected in relation to primary frontages (where the aim was to maintain 70% retail) and secondary frontages (where the aim was to maintain 50% retail). There was a strong protection and enhancement of cultural uses such as theatres, cinemas and arts venues in town centres and the CAZ. In Whitecross and Exmouth markets there was a 35% threshold for A1 use so the council would seek to resist planning applications for a change of use if the level went lower than the threshold.
- There were 40 areas across the borough designated by the local authority as local shopping areas. These were of differing sizes between 4 units and 200 units. They generally met day-to-day needs and were essential shops or provided essential services although there was also a distinct leisure role. A1 units were protected but local shopping areas had more flexibility of uses than town centres. There was no threshold of A1 units to try and retain.
- The Finsbury Local Plan covered the CAZ in the south of the borough. There was a broad mix of uses in this area but significant development pressure. There was a global employment function (e.g. office space) but a need to provide services for local residents also.
- The local plan review updated the evidence base, continued the protection of core retail areas in some form but with recognition of the changing retail landscape. Development in town centres would be prioritised in the first instance and the specific role of each centre would be recognised. The Local Plan was currently out to consultation which had started on 25 November and would run for three months. 250 groups on the planning policy database had been asked to contribute as had other groups and in addition posters and leaflets were distributed. The consultation gave people the opportunity to make suggestions about Islington's future and how it should develop in the next 15 years.
- There was a pub policy to help protect against their loss. Pubs had permitted development rights unless they were designated as a community asset. However there were strict regulations and not every pub was suitable for this. Planning had asked for pubs being sold to be marketed as pubs but had lost appeals on this.

Place (presented by Martijn Cooijmans, Team Leader – Planning and Projects E/W)

- Place making was about improving places for people to come together and to strengthen retail areas.
- At the Archway the gyratory was being removed and a new public space was under construction. There would be a new heart for Archway town centre and the potential for a market and other street trading. In the new year a new square would be built and the shops that were on the island would be more easily accessible.

- Concern was raised that the new bus stops at Archway could mean bus users were unsure which bus stop to wait at for the next bus to their destination. The officer advised that some bus routes that had previously stopped at the same stop would now stop at different stops but some buses that previously stopped at different stops would now stop at the same stop. TfL would be putting an electronic board in Archway station advising people which bus stop the next bus would arrive at. Due to the high frequency of buses, even if a bus user did not go to the bus stop where the next bus was due to stop, they would not have to wait very long for the next bus to arrive at their stop.
- Work would take place with the Town Centre Management Team and the local community on the design of the public space at the Archway early in the new year. In response to a member asking if independent coffee shops could be prioritised over chain ones, an officer advised that it was not possible to differentiate in planning terms.

Other plans across the borough included: -

- Subject to the plans for Highbury Corner being taken forward, the roundabout would be removed and a new public space and park created. It would create a new gateway to Upper Street and Holloway Road and the potential for some street trading.
- Subject to the plans for Old Street being taken forward, the roundabout at Old Street would be removed and a new public space would be created which would provide a new gateway to Old Street, Whitecross Street market and Shoreditch. There would be the potential for some retail and street trading.
- In Farringdon, there would be a new Crossrail station and improved public space. There would be a new gateway to 'Mid-Town' and a potential for some street trading.
- There was a masterplan for Central Street which included public space improvements to the King's Square shopping area.
- Clerkenwell Green was being redesigned with the 'car park' being used to provide improved public space.
- Finsbury Park would have new public space as part of the City North development. There would be a new pedestrian street leading to a new station entrance and new retail provision.
- The council was working with TfL to look at the possibility of removing the gyratory at King's Cross and making improvements to the Caledonian Road high street.
- The council was working with TfL to look at the possibility of removing the gyratory at the Nag's Head and making improvements to the Seven Sisters Road high street. This scheme was unlikely to go ahead as the scheme was the most problematic.
- In the Spring there would be a full consultation of the town centre strategy for Angel.

Town Centre Management (presented by Gemma Aked, Town Centre Development Manager)

- The Town Centre development function was established in 2015. It was restructured from the Chief Executive's Directorate to the Environment and Regeneration Directorate in October 2016. It was currently externally funded through the New Homes Bonus. There was a commitment to ongoing funding for staff.
- Key functions were 1) the strategic overview of town centres, 2) to increase footfall in the town centres, 3) To manage the council's relationship with town centre businesses, 4) To provide a gateway to other council services for businesses, 5) To provide business support advice, guidance and training, 6) To provide brokerage and partnership development, 7) To undertake project management and delivery of strategic projects and programmes, 8) To lever additional investment into town centres.
- There was a direct town centre management function to Archway, Finsbury Park and Nag's Head and an indirect town centre management function to the Angel. Funding support was provided by the council to the Angel Business Improvement District (BID) covering two seconded staff posts.
- Core priorities were drawn up following a survey of over 300 businesses. They were 1) Business Engagement and Support which included business support programmes, Town Centre Management Groups and Traders Associations, 2) Town Centre Environments including cleaner, greener and safer, improving public realm and transport infrastructure; 3) Thriving Town Centre Economies included developing the town centre offer, key development sites and engaging investment partners including the GLA and London Councils to ensure a link into funding schemes and into other projects, 4) Unlocking wider opportunities including employment and skills e.g. asking businesses to provide local employment and skills training, community cohesion and tourism and 5) Galvanising and promoting strong town centre offers and animating town centres. The core priorities had driven the projects that had been undertaken in the last 18 months.
- The current programme included delivering the Town Centre Partnership's Business Plans 2016/17, supporting the development of the Economic Development Strategy and delivering core projects funded by NHB and GLA High Streets Programme.
- Projects included maintaining (and establishing in Finsbury Park) Town Centre Management Groups, the Shop Front Improvement Programme in Finsbury Park (engaging with 35 businesses), Marketing and Promoting Town Centres, (Focussing on Finsbury Park to establish brand identity, website and promotional campaign), Developing Business Support Programme (Business rates/marketing/visual merchandising), Festive Lighting and Events programme, supporting the delivery of Archway Square.
- Key challenges included a potential increase in business rates for small businesses in March 2017 (businesses would be offered workshops and one to one sessions, an increase in rents for small business and general land value increases, managing relationships with key landowners and developers, parking (identified by businesses as a problem, although evidence had shown 80% of their customers did not drive to visit them), retail and office space to residential, capacity and managing expectations, resources for strategic posts, programmes and ongoing commitments, promoting town centres and making the most of the wider offer.
- 95% of the businesses who attended the town centre management groups were independent. Chains generally engaged through the Chamber of Commerce.

2. Findings

The Committee, at its meeting on 23 January 2017, considered evidence from Councillor Shaikh, Executive Member for Economic Development .

The Committee were informed that the Council approach to Economic Development and Growth built upon the work of the Fairness and Employment Commission's recommendations. It was noted that the Council has now assisted over 2700 residents back into work.

The aim is to tackle inequality and poverty and to develop an approach that is driven by inclusion, through a model of economic growth that benefits all sections of the community.

The draft economic development strategy vision is to make Islington a place for sustainable inclusive economic growth, where local people and communities share in this growth.

Islington seeks to be a diverse, resilient local economy for the most densely populated local authority in the country, where economic activity can successfully co-exist with residential and other land users and displacement of successful economic activities is limited, provided demand is existing. Economic growth should be a means of reducing inequality of opportunity within the local community.

The Council should take a proactive role in shaping the local economy and successfully engaging with and supporting key economic factors.

The Council's objectives are to ensure Islington residents share in economic growth, particularly through employment opportunities such as the I Work employment support, in order to improve the skills and learning of Islington residents to enable them to take full advantage of available employment opportunities, such as the Employment and Skills strategy, Adult Community Learning and skills devolution and to meet the challenges of BREXIT.

The Council also hopes to encourage business uses and other appropriate commercial development in the borough through the Local Plan and the opportunities of economic clusters.

In addition the Council will seek to support Town Centres and encourage diversity as an enabler, through small business support and the night time economy, where it did not impact adversely on residents, and refreshing the markets strategy.

The Council will also seek to maximise opportunities for the growth of SME's and for local entrepreneurs, through planning policy, and S106 and affordable workspace, and making a difference through the Council acting as an economic agent. It was noted that a large amount of affordable workspace has been lost to residential use over a number of years.

The Committee were informed of the Business Rate re-evaluation that had been recently announced and that this will see a large increase in Islington of business rates of around 45%, and this will see business rates increasing between 35% and 45%. The Committee expressed concern that this level of increase could force businesses to close or leave the borough.

The Committee were also concerned that the Council would not see an increase in funding as a result of the re-evaluation, and were calling on the Government to delay the re-evaluation until after Britain leaves the EU and extend the transitional relief to small businesses and to also increase the threshold for small businesses relief in London to £20,000.

The Committee noted that the proposals around Business Rate retention were still unclear, as the Government had still given no clear indication as to how this will work in practice. It was noted that current understanding is that the Council will not retain 100% business rates and that it was unlikely to result in any additional funding to the Council. Further details would be notified to the Committee, once they were available.

The Committee also were of the view that employers who had corporate responsibility policies should be encouraged to take these more seriously to enable local residents to take advantage of work opportunities. In addition, the Committee felt that the lack of affordable housing impacted on the ability of some young people to learn in a suitable environment and impacted on their future employment opportunities.

In terms of one of the recommendations of the Employment Commission it was noted that in terms of career advice for young people, this is being addressed and direct work is taking place with schools to ensure that proper careers advice is being addressed at schools, and by employers and at job fairs. The challenge is to make this sustainable in view of the severe reductions in Council funding by the Government.

The Committee also felt that broadband suppliers should be encouraged to increase their broadband speeds, as this would assist businesses.

The Committee at its meeting on 9 March 2017 considered evidence from David Fordham, Service Trading Standards, Jan Tucker, Chair of Archway Traders Association and Christine Lovett, CEO of Angel's Business Improvement Bid (BID).

The Committee expressed the view that Town Centres could be revitalised by encouraging pop up shops and by holding cultural events, in order to give new businesses an opportunity and that consideration should be given to this.

The Committee were advised that with regards to parking concerns, an update would be provided for Members after the completion of a project looking into the issue.

Members were informed about the draft street trading strategy which lists key things the Council aims to achieve in the next 5 years.

It was noted that revitalising and keeping the markets alive, providing local jobs for local people and meeting environmental sustainable objectives was the stimulus for action and that the strategy aims to create a dynamic street trading and market experience suitable for residents and businesses.

Members were informed that as shopping habits of members of the public had changed over the years, street markets would have to adapt to this new trend.

It was noted that a number of challenges facing Street Trading such as lack of infrastructure regarding the removal of waste, parking issues on market site attracting new traders and retaining the existing traders.

The Committee were informed that the Council aims to raise the profile of street markets and promote street markets in the Time Out Magazine in May 2017 called 'love your market' as Street markets still had a vital place within the community not only with residents but businesses in its vicinity so the regeneration of the market was essential to provide future opportunities.

Members were informed that street markets would be encouraged to introduce different themes on market days as it was noticeable that the existence of farmers markets had resulted in an increase

in trading and footfall especially visitors

The Committee were advised that most authorities in the country were experiencing similar issues on managing street markets and that the decline of traditional street markets was due to a number of factors such as competition from other forms of retail, lack of investment or vision by the local authorities and changing demographics.

With regards to the cost of hiring stalls and pitches and the revenue derived by the Council, the Service Manager, Service Trading Standards advised that Council charges £60 per week, the lowest in comparison to other neighbouring authorities and cheaper than markets that are located on private land. On the issue of revenue, Members were advised that any revenues received would be 'ring fenced'.

A Member enquired whether the Council offered support such as mentoring/training for new stall holders with a view to helping the stall holders move into retail shops.

Members were informed that there is financial incentive offered to stall holders in Crystal Palace where they were being charged rent as a percentage of their daily takings and this could be looked into.

The CEO BID welcomed the Council's strategic approach to street trading, stating that the success of the farmer's market in Chapel Street was due to the difficult and bold decisions taken by the Council and such difficult decision should continue to be applied to parking concerns around the markets.

The Chair Archway Traders Association highlighted the parking issues around the Archway square especially with the relocation of Archway market. Jan Tucker indicated that business was picking up in the private market and it was noticeable that shops were flourishing. She also suggested that Markets should be encouraged to introduce theme days such as Antique and Craft activities within the markets, activities that have resulted in an increase of foot fall in the market.

It was suggested that the Council should continue taking difficult decisions on issues such as business rates, employment opportunities for Islington residents and parking challenges in and around the market without impacting the traditional nature of the street markets. The regeneration of retail areas was important and that well known markets such as Chapel Market should not lose its original identity. Reference was made to neighbouring markets such as in Camden Lock where most of the stalls are now privately owned and although regarded as successful, the view was expressed that it had lost its traditional nature.

A Member suggested that consideration should be given to businesses such as One pound shops and Charity shops taking up empty spaces as these businesses do attract people into the area.

The Executive Member for Economic Development noted that in defining the purpose of growth, it was important to ensure that whatever changes are introduced that it benefits everyone, resident and businesses in the neighbourhood. She also advised that private markets results in money out flow of the borough as most of the stall holders were not residents

The view was suggested that empty rooms spaces above shops should be utilised for culture or exhibition events and that Officers should look into tapping into some of the healthy scheme initiatives promoted by the Office of the Mayor of London on walking, cycling and supporting less traffic as ways of regenerating retail areas. In addition Healthy Streets Scheme was mentioned with funds for provision of street benches.

The Committee acknowledged that markets were vital to the local community as it brought people into the area and that the relationship between shops and street market traders are symbiotic. He also noted that without parking spaces street markets would struggle.

It was acknowledged that parking was an issue around markets however the council was involved in a project looking at the issue and would provide an update to the Committee in the next month.

3. Conclusion

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Executive be recommended to consider the following:-

- a) That a programme of activities supporting local businesses be developed to deal with the local impact of increased business rates, including the fair allocation of funds as part of the discretionary relief scheme.
- b) That Islington Council review and amend its procurement policies to secure social value, including benefits for local businesses, in particular SMEs.
- c) That the Council undertake activities to promote street markets and increase public awareness.
- d) To facilitate workshops and seminars for SMEs and aspiring business owners.
- e) That the Council's Street Market's Strategy be updated to ensure that it supports local businesses.
- f) That during the review of the Local Plan, consideration should be given to suggestions on supporting local shops, town centres and SMEs and as part of the Local Plan review, if required to amend the boundaries of Islington's town centres.
- g) That Council consider designating at least one area of Islington as a 'Cultural Quarter' as part of the Local Plan review process ensuring that this designation supports the council's wider economic development priorities.
- h) That Council continue working with the GLA and other Central London boroughs to introduce an Article 4 Direction to continue to protect office floorspace in the Central Activity Zone (CAZ) from Permitted Development rights for change of use from office to residential.
- i) To contact broadband providers and lobby for more affordable and faster broadband connections for local business and street traders.
- j) To review parking requirements in town centres to support the day-to-day operation of local business in terms of loading and servicing provision, providing the necessary parking for disabled people, pay and display bays with an emphasis on encouraging visitors, shoppers and workers to travel to the town centres using sustainable forms of transport; i.e. widely available public transport, cycling or walking.

- k) To provide an update to the Committee on the Council's planned response to the devolution on business rates.
- l) To work in partnership with local businesses to address the problem with the collection of waste.
- m) To explore and pursue opportunities for consolidated business deliveries in retail areas undergoing considerable regeneration.

APPENDIX – SCRUTINY INITIATION DOCUMENT

SCRUTINY REVIEW INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID)
Review: Regeneration of Retail Areas
Scrutiny Review Committee: Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Director leading the Review:
Lead Officer:
<p>Overall aim:</p> <p>To encourage the regeneration of retail areas by making Islington more attractive for customers and potential business and to maximise future income under the recent business rate changes.</p>
<p>Objectives of the review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To look at the areas in need of regeneration and how the council decides where to allocate attention. 2) To consider upcoming opportunities for regeneration e.g. Farringdon Crossrail. 3) To look at areas that are currently underutilised e.g. some areas around tube stations. 4) To look at the tools available to the council when regenerating an area e.g. spatial planning and how these can be used more effectively.
<p>How is the review to be carried out:</p> <p><u>Scope of the Review</u></p> <p><u>Types of evidence will be assessed by the review:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documentary submissions: 2. It is proposed that witness evidence be taken from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Chamber of Commerce ii) The Spatial Planning team iii) Market Stall Holders iv) The Town Centre Management Team

v) Executive Member for Finance, Performance and Community Safety – to outline the property owned by the council.

vi) Executive Member for Economic Development

3. Visits

Attendance at a Town Centre Management Forum meeting.



Overview of funding from the Mayor's Air Quality Fund (MAQF) in Islington

Islington Environmental Pollution Service

Report by: Andrew Ford (Environmental Pollution Manager)
Date: June 2017

Background

The mayor does not make any funding directly available for the local implementation of air quality improvements.

Instead the Mayor puts together schemes and funds which local authorities can bid for. This money is not guaranteed to the council. The Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF) supports new projects by London boroughs to improve air quality. This is a significant source of funding for air quality projects in Islington.

So far there have been two rounds of funding and the council has bid into both of these rounds.

These projects offer good value for money to the council by delivering measurable benefits by adding to and going beyond our existing programmes of activity by being matched funded via a range of different sources e.g. in-kind, s106, Defra funding, LIPs, etc.).

Round One

In the first round (2013-2016) we were involved in several projects.

Project Name	Partners	Total MAQF Funding	Total Match from Islington	Description / Further info
Breathe Better Together	Camden Islington Croydon Mayor of London	£350k	£20k	www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/breathe-better-together Information campaign about air pollution and to promote AirTEXT
Cleaner Air 4 Manor House and Finsbury Park	Islington Haringey Hackney	£54k	£18k	www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxODZWRMD2U Working with schools to improve understanding of air pollution and how to avoid it.
Cleaner Air Better Business (CABB)	City of London Islington Westminster Camden Hammersmith & Fulham Lambeth Southwark Kensington & Chelsea Wandsworth	£330k	£10k	https://crossriverpartnership.org/projects/clean-air-better-business/ Air quality raising activities targeted at BIDs
Freight Consolidation Service for central and north London	Camden Islington Enfield	£300k	£81k	Stopping multiple deliveries to council buildings in favour of 3 deliveries a week

London Low Emission Construction Partnership	Camden Islington Lambeth Lewisham Hammersmith & Fulham Kings College London	£400k	£5k	www.llecp.org.uk/about/about-project Working to reduce pollution from construction sites.
City Fringe Zero Emissions Network (ZEN)	Hackney Islington Tower Hamlets	£300k	£100k	https://zeroemissionsnetwork.com Working with businesses to reduce pollution from their operations

Some of the figures above have been rounded for simplicity.

Round Two

In the second round (2016-2019) we again were successful in several bids.

Project Name	Partners	Total MAQF Funding	Total Match from Islington	Description / Further info
City Fringe LEN seed funding	Hackney Islington Tower Hamlets	£10k		Creating clean air communities planning
City Fringe LEN	Hackney Islington Tower Hamlets	£1m	£300k	https://zeroemissionsnetwork.com/len/low-emissions-neighbourhood-overview Creating clean air communities through infrastructure
City Fringe Zero Emissions Network (ZEN)	Hackney Islington Tower Hamlets	£100k	£90k	https://zeroemissionsnetwork.com Working with businesses to reduce pollution from their operations
Archway Zero Emissions Network (ZEN)	Islington	£300k	£300k	http://archwaylondon.com/zen Working with businesses to reduce pollution from their operations
Anti-idling Action	Camden City of London Croydon Enfield Greenwich Hammersmith & Fulham Harrow Islington Kensington & Chelsea Lambeth Lewisham Southwark Tower Hamlets Waltham Forest Wandsworth	£100K	£15k	http://idlingaction.london working with the public to reduce idling through no idling action days

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Details of Stage 1 projects that have completed

Breathe Better Together

Camden (lead), Islington, Croydon and Mayor of London

Breathe Better Together campaign ran from February – May 2015. It aimed to raise awareness of air pollution and notify the public of particulate matter pollution episodes. The AirTEXT alert service was promoted via a poster campaign. The public was informed via emails and social media in the run up to pollution episodes. People were also encouraged to walk or cycle to avoid air pollution with the message that air is cleaner outside a car than inside.

Key achievements:

- Featured in Evening Standard, ITV.com, Daily Mail and several other publications
- 12 public events held using 'pollution' floating inside instead of snow to highlight this invisible problem
- Information sent via email and social media in the run up to the two high pollution days during the campaign reached 46,900 people
- Nearly 25,000 unique views of Breathe Better Together webpages on London.gov.uk
- 1,725 new sign ups to AirTEXT (17% of the total number of AirTEXT subscribers since the service launched in 2007)

Cleaner Air 4 Manor House and Finsbury Park

Islington (lead), Haringey and Hackney

Schools and businesses were engaged to encourage walking. This resulted in measured increases in walking at most of the schools involved.

Key achievements:

- 6% increase in walking at Pakeman School
- 4% increase in walking at Stroud Green School
- Stamford Hill School had a 31% increase in walking in year 5 (participating) students and a 14% increase across the whole school

Cleaner Air Better Business (CABB)

City of London, Islington, Westminster, Camden, Hammersmith & Fulham, Lambeth, Southwark, Kensington & Chelsea and Wandsworth

This project is helping local councils and business improvement district (BID) partners to mitigate pollution from vehicles.

Key achievements:

- London's first Wellbeing Walk gave pedestrians a sign-posted safer, less polluted and calmer route between Euston and King's Cross. Euston Road is one of London's most polluted, with levels over two and a half times the EU Limit. This new route reduces exposure by around 65% and is used by around 10,000 people daily
- 15,000 bespoke clean air route maps distributed with WeAreWaterloo BID
- 68 Change Makers advised drivers why they should switch off when stationary during Cleaner Air Fortnight in April 2016
- Clean Air Action Days lead to a measurable drop in pollution (according to Kings)
- Route mapping widget on seven BID websites has been visited by roughly 30,000 unique visitors since launching in June 2015

Freight Consolidation Service for central and north London

Camden (lead), Islington and Enfield

This project involved consolidating externally supplied council goods in London. By reducing order frequencies and bringing orders together, the project has cut 4,258 deliveries in a year.

Key achievements:

- Maximising capacity: vehicles 87% full to date
- Collection of items to reduce empty running on return trips: in 2016 this happened only 16% of each vehicle trip
- Consolidation of goods from different suppliers to the same address: in 2016, over a quarter of deliveries were of this type
- Cutting CO₂/PM/NO_x emissions. In 2 years 3 months of running, it reduced nitrogen oxide (NO_x) by 50,373 g and particulate matter (PM) 5,342 g.

London Low Emission Construction Partnership Camden, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Hammersmith & Fulham with Kings College London

The LLECP raises awareness of the impact of construction on air quality, and works with the industry to apply 'best in class' abatement measures.

Key achievements:

- Outreach programme which has ensured support and participation from a host of large developers and infrastructure projects.
- The website provides information and a platform for disseminating construction site measurements to contractors and local authorities.
- Applied and tested the efficacy of dust suppression in Camden, the effect of diesel fuel additives on black carbon in Islington, the impact of hybrid power generation on ambient PM concentrations in Lambeth. and 'ecomode' / anti-idling on black carbon emissions from NRMM in Hammersmith & Fulham
- The outreach programme has also worked to ensure that developers are aware of the GLA's low emission zone for NRMM and the NRMM register (nrmm.london)

Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) Hackney (lead), Islington and Tower Hamlets

The Zero Emissions Network works with businesses across the City Fringe (Shoreditch/Clerkenwell/Spitalfields).

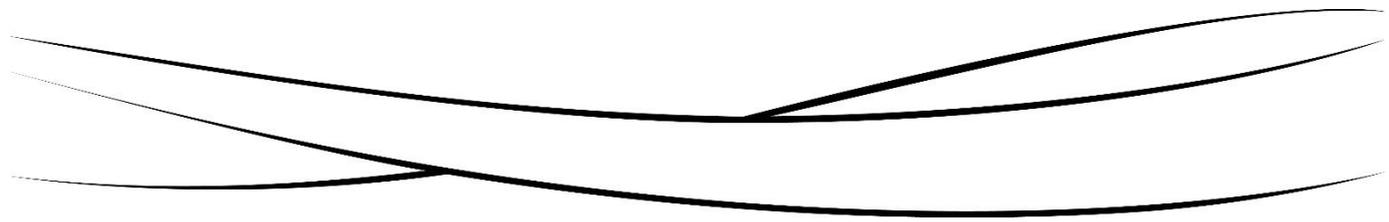
It demonstrates that air quality is an issue that can be best addressed through working together. The project has exceeded targets - both in terms of businesses joined up and how many have changed their behaviour.

Key achievements:

- Recruited over 850 businesses to the ZEN
- Over 583 pollution reducing measures with ZEN businesses
- Offered grants for active travel (including 10 cargo bikes, 19 showers, 13 cycle storage facilities and 16 pool bikes/e-bikes)
- These and other measures like eco audits have saved around 114.14 kg p/a of NO_x
- Two national awards – Fleet Heroes and National CSR Awards, runner up in three more
- Featured in Evening Standard and several other publications

Air Quality Update

Islington Environmental Pollution Service



Air Quality Action Plan Progress 2017

Report by: Jo Shaw (Environmental Projects Officer)
Date: July 2017

This is a progress report on the current Air Quality Action Plan for Islington Council (the “Council”). The Air Quality Action Plan helps to improve air quality and focus our work towards the achievement of the Government's air quality objectives in our designated Air Quality Management Area across the whole Borough. The Air Quality Action Plan includes details of existing initiatives as well as proposed measures and their implementation. Beside each action you will find a description of the progress that has been made.

The Air Quality Action Plan is a statutory requirement and part of the Council's continuing Local Air Quality Management responsibilities under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995. The Council produced the Action Plan in partnership with other stakeholder organisations and for that purpose is working closely with other agencies. The purpose of the Action Plan, as required by section 84 of the Environment Act, is to outline measures “in pursuit of the achievement of air quality standards and objectives in the designated area, of any powers exercisable by the authority”.

A new Air Quality Action Plan is currently being written and will be produced alongside the now Air Quality Strategy due in 2018.

1.1. Lobbying the Mayor of London

Ask the Mayor of London to take action to deliver improvements in air quality in Islington by:

Action	Progress
The introduction of low emission and alternatively fuelled taxis, together with enforcement of emission standards	The Mayor announced a Taxi and Private Hire Action Plan in 2016. This included a statement that no new diesel vehicles will be licenced from 2018 all new registrations will need to be zero emissions capable. To support this the Mayor announced funding of £65m in October 2016 to support zero emission taxis. This includes a scrappage scheme for the oldest most polluting taxi vehicles licensed in London with additional funding for those who upgrade to Zero Emission Capable vehicles.
Commit to undertake independent, real-world testing of Euro 6 vehicles in 2014/15 to assess whether this is a suitable benchmark for diesel vehicles in the ULEZ	No commitment received but research conducted by the International Council on Clean Transportation is now available showing that Euro 6 does not perform as well as is claimed.

Consider an earlier implementation date for the ULEZ and undertake an options appraisal to outline the cost and benefits of different approaches including widening out from the current congestion charge zone.	Islington has responded to the Mayors three consultations on ES and ULEZ, this included encouragement of earlier introduction of the schemes, decrease in exemptions and expansion of the scheme so it covers the whole of Islington at a minimum. We await outcomes and the further consultation on expansion of the scheme. The most recent ULEZ consultation looked at introducing the ULEZ at the earlier date of April 2019.
Ensure all buses operating from the Holloway garage are hybrids or New Bus for London standard (NB4L)	Councillor Webbe wrote to the Mayor in September 2014 regarding the bus garage at Holloway, asking for a commitment to make 50% of the buses at Holloway Garage hybrid by May 2015 but no commitment was given.
To apply the next phase of the low emission zone (LEZ) to all buses and coaches.	Mayor's consultation includes all buses, coaches and lorries to be compliant in the ULEZ by 2020, or by the earlier date of 2019. Islington responded to consultation encouraging earlier uptake and a decrease in exemptions.
Give a long term commitment to funding to boroughs for air quality initiatives, projects and improvements.	TfL provide LIPs funding, DEFRA and GLA provide funding for improvements to Air Quality. Islington was successful in several bids for further funding in 2016 and continues to apply for funding that has been made available to local authorities in 2017.
Review junctions at Old Street, Highbury Corner and Archway with priority given to improvements that will create an environment which is conducive to active travel and protects our residents from exposure to poor air quality.	Work revamping the Archway Gyratory System started early 2016. A new two-way traffic system including a new public space, dedicated cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings opened in December 2016. Consultation on Highbury Corner was conducted in 2016 and plans are being developed and Old Street junction will also be considered by TfL.

1.2. Transport

a. Encouraging changes in driver behaviour

Action	Progress
Minimise traffic speeds	Islington became London's first 20 mph borough in March 2013 and signage has been placed on borough roads to inform drivers. A stop and advise campaign was held with the support of Islington police to inform drivers and the limit has been actively enforced by the police since 7 th October 2014.
Renew Islington's Bronze FORS (Freight Operators Recognition Scheme). Achieve Silver FORS accreditation	The Council is Bronze FORS accredited and is working towards silver accreditation.
Continue to renew the council's fleet over the next 3 years to replace vehicles with the cleanest, affordable technology.	A review of the fleet is being conducted to identify which vehicles may be operated as electric or ultra-low emission. In 2016 there were 12 electric vehicles and 4 hybrid vehicles.
Review the infrastructure of electric vehicle charging points across the borough.	This has been completed by the Highways team as part of the 100 new charging points programme.
School travel plans will be updated to include air quality awareness raising measures and actions to reduce emissions and exposure.	Over 50 School Travel Plans were approved in 2016. These plans encourage a change in travel patterns of school communities to safer, healthier and environmentally friendly methods of travel all of which will help to improve air quality.
Undertake a targeted campaign to encourage active travel working together with local schools.	In 2016 the council continued its tri borough school engagement programme to encourage active travel and raise awareness of poor air quality by creating a walking map for Grafton School. The Theatre in education programme was on-going in 2016 covering sustainable travel, active travel and air quality. Schools were supported to take part in the 2016 Walk to School Week; schools were given resources such as posters, leaflets, walking diaries, competition ideas and assembly plans. Three primary schools took part in the 2016 Car Free Day in September which included air quality information, lung function tests and sustainable travel information. 67 school and 90 school holiday bikeability courses were conducted in 2016 to around 1200 pupils. 20 girls took part in the This Girl Can project in 2016 where they attended a bikeability course and conducted a cycle campaign. In 2017 we started a new project with schools where we will display air quality information at each school for one month. This will

	include information from an air quality monitor located at the school as well as information on impacts and causes of air pollution and ways to decrease pollution and exposure through active travel.
Participate in the “Breath Better Together” (BBT) campaign for London	The programme launch event took place on January 30 th 2015. Many action days took place following this to raise awareness of the issue and allow residents to take precautionary measures to protect their health and change their behaviour to lessen emissions.

b. Reducing emissions from idling vehicles

Action	Progress
Undertake an anti-idling campaign that will include the following; Webpage update Signage Targeted hotspot enforcement Dashboard notices Campaign day Targeted campaign outside schools.	The council webpage has been updated with information about idling. Council officers have been trained and authorised to get idling compliance. Idling stickers have been produced for street use and council vehicle dashboards. Islington is part of the London wide anti-idling campaign which started in 2016. This scheme has recently been extended to 2018. Islington has conducted nine events so far speaking to around 475 people. These events included locations outside schools at drop off and pick up time as well as targeting traffic outside local businesses.

c. Low emission zone feasibility study

Action	Progress
Commission a source apportionment study to inform the Air Quality Strategy and check that the actions are correct.	The study was completed in 2014 and determined that the actions agreed in the Strategy remain relevant but more needs to be done to reduce emissions from buses and cars, and diesel vehicles.
Conduct a study into the validity and feasibility of having an Islington low emission zone or extending the boundary of the ULEZ. This will include a review into the most suitable location, legal implications, enforcement strategy and effect on residents.	Since the Islington study the Mayor has completed three consultations on the ES and ULEZ, including proposals to extend the ULEZ to the North and South Circular for all vehicles and London wide for HGVs which would then cover the whole of Islington. A further consultation on the extent of ULEZ is expected later in 2017.

d. Reducing personal car use

Action	Progress
Review car clubs agreements to prioritise low emission vehicles.	There are a number of car club suppliers that now operate in the borough, including low emission vehicles. This industry does not currently require direct council support.

e. Reducing emissions from taxis

Action	Progress
Review taxi services operating in the borough to create a green ranking scheme.	Following previous work a rapid electric charger was installed on Sheringham Road in late 2016/early 2017 (located near a taxi rank on Holloway Road) and preparations for further charging points were started in 2016.
Publish best practice guidance for mini-cab drivers and operators, working with mini-cab offices to encourage greening of their fleet as well as providing guidance on efficient driving in order to reduce fuel consumption and emissions.	A new best practice guide is being written and will be distributed to minicab operators in at the completion of the DEFRA funded Green Taxi Programme.

f. Emission-based parking surcharges

Action	Progress
Continue tiered parking permit charge based on emissions.	Permits continue to be varied dependent on engine type, size, age, CO2 emissions etc. In addition since 2015 a diesel surcharge is added to all residential diesel permits.
Work with Transport for London (TfL) and partners in developing and responding to TfL's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ).	Responded to three ULEZ consultations in 2016 and 2017 asking for earlier and wider introduction, with less exemptions and a move to a diesel free London. Awaiting further consultation later in 2017.

g. Freight consolidation

Action	Progress
Review deliveries to council buildings and consolidate to reduce vehicle traffic and emissions.	The council has diverted delivery of stationary and cleaning supplies to the London Boroughs Consolidation Centre (LBCC) reducing delivery days from five to three per week. Plans to expand the scheme to local businesses were investigated in 2016.

1.3. Planning & Development

a. Determining the impacts of new developments on air quality

Action	Progress
Require all new developments to submit air quality impact assessments to meet an “air quality neutral” standard.	All new major developments in Islington are required to submit air quality impact assessments. They are required to meet the GLA air quality neutral standard and protection measures for those developments that seek to introduce new receptors into areas of existing poor air quality. All planning applications that may have an impact on local air quality are reviewed by the pollution team as part of the consultation process.

b. Reducing emissions at construction sites

Action	Progress
Update Islington’s Code of Construction Practice to include further requirements for reducing local air pollution, monitoring criteria and best practice transport strategy.	Developed draft documents in 2016, aim to publish 2017
Develop a contractor’s guide for reducing local air pollution.	This has been incorporated into the renewed Code of Construction Practice.
Require all developers to meet the highest feasible level of BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Methodology) and all major developments to meet the code for sustainable homes level 4/5.	Islington’s local validation requirements for planning include the need to meet the highest level of BREEAM and the code for sustainable homes. www.islington.gov.uk/~/-/media/sharepoint-lists/public-records/environmentalprotection/information/guidance/20112012/20120303introductiontbreea_mandcsh .

1.4. Energy Usage

a. **Cleaner energy**

Action	Progress
Provide advice on use of non-combustion renewable energy technologies to developers to ensure compliance with carbon reduction targets, minimising emissions.	The energy strategies produced by developers are now reviewed by the pollution team to ensure the best available technology is used.
Continue grant scheme to enable F & G rated boilers to be replaced with energy efficient A-rated boilers.	The scheme was completed in 2015 with in excess of 850 boilers replaced.
Expand the Bunhill Heat and Power Network to utilise other heat sources.	The potential for heat networks has been reviewed across the borough and twelve opportunity areas identified, including the Bunhill network. Expansion of Bunhill 1 to source waste heat from electrical transformers and the London Underground started in 2016. A feasibility study was completed into the opportunity to source heat for the network from a data centre and the canal. This is currently being built.

b. **Providing advice on energy saving and fuel use**

Action	
Provide advice services to residents.	Islington's telephone energy advice service dealt with over 4,500 calls from Islington residents in 2016. Over 1,700 vulnerable Islington residents were offered a range of health and wellbeing services through SHINE including AirText. Service is ongoing.

1.5. Businesses

a. Environmental impact Assessment for procurement

Action	Progress
Incorporate Air Quality considerations in to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for procurement to ensure that improving local air quality is considered by our suppliers.	The council's EIA was last renewed in May 2016 and air quality considerations form part of the assessment.

b. Business Engagement Programme

Action	Progress
Work with businesses on the "City Air" initiative in our hotspots, assisting them to improve local air quality by reviewing operations such as deliveries, building management and energy use.	We worked with businesses in the Finsbury Park area and Angel for 'City Air'. Businesses continue to be engaged through the award winning City Fringe ZEN at Old Street in 2016 which now involves almost 1000 businesses, with 265 of these located in Islington. Archway ZEN began in 2017 working to reduce emissions from businesses in the Archway area. The City Fringe Low Emission Neighbourhood also began in 2017, creating a low emission neighbourhood.
Work with neighbouring boroughs to extend existing programmes such as the Zero Emission Network (ZEN) to improve air quality at the borough boundaries.	The ZEN was expanded beyond Hackney in 2014 to include Islington and Tower Hamlets. In Islington 265 businesses around the Bunhill area have signed up to the ZEN and actions carried out have included electric vehicle trials, use of zero emission taxis, cargo bike trials and use of car clubs. Eco-Audits have been conducted to give advice on how emissions from energy use can be reduced. The model was extended to Archway in 2017 and we are now working to reduce emissions form businesses in the Archway area.

1.6. Air quality awareness raising initiatives

a. Raise awareness regarding personal exposure

Action	Progress
Undertake a source apportionment study to identify the most polluting sources in the borough	Report completed in 2014
Undertake joint working with Camden Council and the joint public health team to advise residents on local air quality, health impacts and actions individuals can take to reduce exposure.	This project was completed ahead of schedule in September 2014. The Air Aware programme and associated toolkit was created, comprising pollution concentration maps, information for residents and health professionals, and activities for children. Training sessions were held for professionals alongside attendance at events, GP Surgeries and Health Centres.
Hold an annual car free event.	The 2016 Car Free Day consisted of a closed event for children of three Islington primary schools and an open event for members of the public. 240 pupils attended from Grafton Primary, Hugh Myddelton Primary and St Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School Activities included air quality information, lung function tests and sustainable travel information. Previous events include street closure and air quality information on Caledonian road as part of the Cally Festival in 2014.
Develop Air Quality Champions for Islington to work with officers to implement measures to improve local areas and reduce emissions.	In previous years 17 air quality champions were recruited across Islington. They provided information on AirText for local pharmacies to cascade to customers collecting medication for illnesses impacted by air quality. They also conducted programmes such as Air Aware. In 2016 further volunteers were recruited for the 2016-17 anti-idling campaign. This scheme has now been extended and will continue to run in 2017-18.

b. Provision of air quality information

Action	Progress
Continue to lead the London wide AirText service and promote to residents.	Islington continues to lead the AirText consortium and promotes AirText where possible for example through the energy advice service which received 4500 calls in 2016.
Participate in the Breathe Better Together campaign for London.	The campaign aimed to increase awareness of air quality issues. The campaign launched in January 2015, with action days to provide residents advice. No action currently being conducted specifically for Breathe Better Together.

1.7. Public Realm

Action	Progress
Increase cycle parking around the borough, particularly in shopping areas and on housing estates.	In 2016 around 160 cycle parking bays were installed across the borough. Continue to look for opportunities.
Map and advertise safer walking and cycling routes.	Clean Air walking routes have been mapped and are available to the public. Clean Walking Routes have been mapped with local schools. Islington organised a Festival of Cycling in June 2016 in conjunction with Hackney and Haringey Councils. Over 1500 people attended and participated in activities such as personal travel planning as well as a 67 mile ride, bike security marking, scooter training, bike repair and bike exchange where you see a lorry drivers perspective.
Promote walking through the Islington Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to tackle physical inactivity and obesity.	The 2014 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment provided a focus on physical activity and detailed programmes and services that are available to tackle obesity. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2017-2020 was developed in 2016 and includes a section on promoting healthier and more active families, increasing physical activity (such as walking) in their everyday lives. https://www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/draft-joint-health-and-wellbeing-strategy .
500 trees to be planted across the borough in 2013/14	Action completed with a further 480 trees planted in 2014/15, 339 in 2015/16 and 194 planted so far in 2016/17.
Introduce more species of plants and trees that assist in improving air quality.	Research into species that have a positive impact on local air quality has been completed. Air quality planting is carried out where possible. For example plans for planting in Archway ZEN were developed in 2016 to be completed in 2017.
Ensure that contractors undertaking works to the highway use best practice to avoid adding to local air pollution.	An update to the Code of Construction Practice, which is issued to contractors and enforced by Public Protection, was developed in 2016 and it is planned to launch this in 2017, setting out expected methods of working, including ways to reduce air pollution.
Work with TfL to ensure that all new road improvements are considerate of walking and cycling and create safer, cleaner spaces for active travel.	Work revamping the Archway Gyratory System started early 2016. A new two-way traffic system including a new public space, dedicated cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings opened in December 2016. Other gyratory systems being considered which include plans for active travel etc. are Highbury Corner and Old Street. Consultations for Highbury Corner began in 2016 and a report was published in March 2017.
Work with the Canal and River Trust to reduce	New mooring rules are in place for part of the canal. Wood burning is no longer permitted except

<p>pollutant concentrations around Regents Canal by changes to mooring rules, launching best practice guidance for boaters and using enforcement actions where non-compliance continues.</p>	<p>for kindling. An action plan has been developed with residents to address issues affecting air quality along the canal and its environs. In 2016 plans to install a number of electric charging points at moorings began, this is still ongoing.</p>
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1.8. Cleaner Air Borough

<p>Action</p>	
<p>Participate in the GLA's Cleaner Air Borough initiative and obtain a kite mark demonstrating Islington's commitment to improving air quality.</p>	<p>The London Borough of Islington was awarded Cleaner Air Borough status in 2016 and we are waiting to hear whether we have retained this status in 2017.</p>

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2017/18

11 July 2017

- 1) Regeneration of Retail Areas Scrutiny Review – Final Report
- 2) Air Quality – Officer update
- 3) Scrutiny Topics 2017/18
- 4) Work Programme

11 September 2017

- 1) Quarter 1 Performance Indicator Report (Employment)
- 2) Executive Member for Employment & Development - Annual Report 2016/2017
- 3) Quarter 1 Performance Indicator Report (Environment)
- 4) To agree Draft SID
- 5) Work Programme

17 October 2017

- 1) Work Programme

14 November 2017

- 1) Quarter 2 Performance Indicator Report (Environment)
- 2) Quarter 2 Performance Indicator Report (Employment)
- 3) Smart Cities Scrutiny Review -12 month report back
- 4) Work Programme

25 January 2018

- 1) Work Programme

26 February 2018

- 1) Quarter 3 Performance Indicator Report – Q3 (Environment)
- 2) Quarter 1 Performance Indicator Report (Employment)
- 3) Work Programme

17 April 2018

- 1) Performance Indicator Report – Q4 (Employment)
- 2) Executive Member Annual Report (Economic Development)
- 3) Performance Indicator Report – Q4 (Environment)
- 4) Executive Member Annual Report (Environment)

26 June 2018

- 1) Performance Indicator Report – Q4 (Employment) - ?
- 2) Work Programme
- 3) Scrutiny Topics (2018/19)

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) Site visit to Recycling Depot and Waste Depot