



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 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on **26 June 2018 at 7.30 pm.**

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Councillor Rowena Champion (Chair)
Councillor Roulin Khondoker (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Santiago Bell-Bradford
Councillor Tricia Clarke
Councillor Alice Clarke-Perry
Councillor Mouna Hamitouche MBE
Councillor Clare Jeapes
Councillor Matt Nathan
Councillor Caroline Russell

Substitute Members

Councillor Osh Gantly
Councillor Satnam Gill OBE
Councillor Anjna Khurana
Councillor Angela Picknell

Quorum is 4 members of the Sub-Committee



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

If you have a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest*** in an item of business:

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(b) Sponsorship - Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of your expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of your election; including from a trade union.

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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

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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 10 September 2018

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London Borough of Islington

Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee - 17 April 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on 17 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Champion (Chair), Andrews, Russell, Heather and Jeapes

Councillor Rowena Champion in the Chair

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

Apologies were received from Councillors Hamitouche, Doolan and Perry-Clark.

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

There were no declarations of substitute members.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and the Chair be authorised to sign them.

205 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item 5)**

There were no public questions.

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

The Chair noted that it was the last meeting of the municipal year and thanked all members, officers and witnesses involved during the review exercise for all their input and contributions.

207 **SCRUTINY REVIEW HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING IN ISLINGTON - FINAL REPORT (Item B1)**

The Committee considered the final report and recommendations and made a number of changes and suggestions. The following main points were noted in the discussion:

- The Committee agreed that recommendation 1 be rephrased so as to make it clearer.
- Members agreed to replace the word 'Target' with the word 'Prioritise' in recommendation 2.1.
- A suggestion on whether highlighting within the report the need to encourage composting especially through garden groups on housing estates was noted. In response the Waste and Street Scenes Manager advised that an action plan would be developed as a result of the Committee's review and recommendations and this

issue would be addressed.

- Members agreed that as part of the decision making process, the word 'statutory' be deleted from recommendation 5.4 as this would restrict report authors when writing committee papers.
- Members agreed that an additional recommendation relating to working with residents be included in the report as residents should play a vital role in decision making issues such as siting and design of bins in conjunction with caretakers.
- Members were advised of an error to be amended on page 14 of the report which stated that Camden's recycling rate had increased following the Council's decision to change from weekly to fortnightly collection. Evidence indicated that the change in regime was reported to have resulted in an increase in recycling tonnage.
- In response to suggestions that the issue of promoting and raising awareness amongst residents regarding nappy disposal be given prominence in the report especially as the Council participates in the nappy voucher scheme, the Waste and Street Scene Manager advised that although the Service provides workshops for residents, there is no evidence to indicate that this would result in any significant increase in recycling rates. Members agreed a recommendation to provide all new parents with information about the nappy voucher scheme and method of disposals.
- With regards to evidence given by both North London Waste Authority and London Resource that changes to fortnightly collections and providing containers to residents would result in an increase in the recycling rates, Members acknowledged that this was not practical especially with Islington housing mix and the demographics of the population.

RESOLVED:

That subject to amendments to the recommendations in the report and the inclusion of two additional recommendations highlighted above, the report be agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

CHAIR



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	26 June 2018		All
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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP, DATES OF MEETINGS AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Synopsis

1.1 The committee is asked, to note the Committee’s terms of reference, dates of meeting and working arrangements.

2. Recommendations

2.1. To note the membership appointed by Annual Council on 24 May 2018 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 in listed in the appendix. 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 2018/19 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

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Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and HR

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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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Report of: Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	26 June 2018		All

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Report: 2017/18 Quarter 4 Performance Report – Environment

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year the Council agrees a set of performance indicators and targets which help us to monitor progress in delivering corporate priorities and working towards our goal of making Islington a fairer place to live and work.
- 1.2 Progress is reported on a quarterly basis through the Council's Scrutiny function to challenge performance where necessary and to ensure accountability to residents.
- 1.3 This report sets out a progress update for those indicators related to Environment during and as at the fourth quarter of 2017/18.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note progress as at the end of Quarter 4 against key performance indicators.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council routinely monitors a wide range of performance measures to ensure that the services it delivers are effective, respond to the needs of residents and offer good quality and value for money.
- 3.2 Rather than Policy & Performance Scrutiny Committee (PPS) scrutinising all quarterly performance reporting, a new approach was agreed in 2016/17 whereby each of the four theme based scrutiny would be responsible for monitoring performance in their own areas.

4. Quarter 4 update on Environment performance

Objective	PI No	Indicator	Frequency	Q1-4 2017/18 Actual	Target 2017-18	On/Off target	16/17 actual	Better than last year?
<i>Effective disposal of waste and recycling</i>	ER1	Percentage of household waste recycled and composted	Q	29.4% (Q1-Q3 17/18)	35.6%	off	31.6% (16/17)	no
	ER2	Number of missed waste collections - domestic and commercial (per calendar month)	M	550pcm (17/18) (Q4 alone - 373 pcm)	450pcm	off over the year, on for Q4	680pcm	yes
	ER6	Number of reported flytips (all land types)	M	2588	not set	n/a	3011	yes
<i>Deal promptly with planning applications</i>	ER3	a) Percentage of planning applications determined within 13 weeks or agreed time (majors)	M	100% (17/18)	90%	on	97.9%	yes
		b) Percentage of planning applications determined within the target (minors)	M	88.2% (17/18)	84%	on	86.8%	yes
		c) Percentage of planning applications determined within the target (others)	M	90.4% (17/18)	85%	on	89.9%	yes
<i>Promote and increase use of leisure centres</i>	ER4	Number of leisure visits	Q	2,514k (17/18)	2,188k	on	2,496k	yes
<i>Tackle fuel poverty</i>	ER5	Residents' energy cost savings (annualised)	Q	£202k (17/18)	£182,500	on	£358k	no

Effective disposal of waste and recycling

- 4.1 Audited quarterly **recycling rate** data from Waste Data Flow comes in around three months after the end of the quarter. The confirmed rate for the first three quarters of 17/18 now stands at 29.4% and comparing to 31.6% for the whole of 16/17. The final 17/18 outturn is expected early in July. The main reason for the lower rates is an increase in rejected tonnages as contaminated. This spiked in Q2 (in the wake of key service changes in Camden) but has remained high in Q's 3 and 4 compared to the same periods the previous year. There is no direct evidence of actual higher contamination levels of Islington resident's waste, but recycling industry tolerances have become tighter and much of our waste is not separately processed from that of other boroughs.
- 4.2 In 2015/16, due to tighter industry-wide controls around permitted contamination levels, recycling levels dropped across London, though Islington's rate has remained the third highest of the twelve Inner-London Boroughs, so performing well in benchmarking terms.
- 4.3 The Q1-Q3 17/18 figure for **residual (non-recycled) waste per household** is 288kg. This projects to around 384kg for the year, exceeding the NLWA target of 413kg and comparable to the best ever result that we achieved in 16/17 of 381kg, then the second lowest of all London Boroughs.
- 4.4 **Missed collections** performance in 16/17 was under pressure due to ongoing vehicle availability and reliability issues of an ageing fleet, and also particularly in February and March due to the

extensive collection rounds changes. This continued high in Q1, though on a steadily improving trend, until by Q4 average monthly performance on missed collections was standing at 373 against the target of 450. The arrival of new fleet vehicles will continue to support improvement longer term.

- 4.5 Members have previously asked for a **dumping/fly-tipping indicator**, and this has been added as a monthly measure in ER6 above. This is the total number of reported fly-tips across all land types and waste types, and the total for 17/18 was 2588 across the borough compared to 3,011 in 16/17 (a 14% reduction) and 4,174 in 15/16. This data is entered on the national fly-capture database, though benchmarking is not considered viable as numbers (and by inference, definitions) differ so widely.

Deal promptly and effectively with planning applications

- 4.6 **Planning applications** performance for Majors remains very strong, with 17/18 at 100% determined within time, compared to 97.9% for 16/17. Performance with both Minors and Others applications are also similarly ahead of last year, now standing at 88.2% and 90.4% respectively. However, at the same time the backlog of 'already out of time' applications has risen somewhat since the last time it was counted, with many of these having to be put through in Q1 18/19 and which will lead to the seasonal drop in performance.
- 4.7 In benchmarking terms for the most recent 12-month period for which data has been published (calendar year 2017), the Council's performance remains in the top quartile of all London Borough's for Majors, borderline top quartile for Minors, and 2nd quartile for Others.

Promote and increase use of public facilities

- 4.8 More than two and a half million **total Leisure visits** during 17/18 pushed numbers 14.9% over the GLL contractual target, and 0.07% up on the total for 16/17, despite partial closures for refurbishments. **Targeted usage** is also very strong, with membership for people with disabilities now over 850 (the highest in the country), and Senior Members at an all-time high of over 1250.

Resident's energy cost savings

- 4.9 The **annualised estimated energy cost savings** for residents across 17/18 has come in at nearly £202k, 11% ahead of the target. This performance indicator is an aggregated measure of estimated savings achieved by residents through Warm Home Discount (WHD), Debt Relief and Energy Doctor (EDTH) visits. Both WHD and EDTH performed ahead of expectations but Debt Relief fell behind due to regulatory changes. Reduced levels of funding account for the overall reduction this last year compared to 16/17.
- 4.10 In October 2017, we successfully launched **Angelic Energy**, the Council branded white label energy supply company (in partnership with Robin Hood Energy). The first 12-month target is 4000 meter points on supply, and as of the end of May, we'd achieved 2,339, broadly on trajectory and with over 90% of Angelic Energy customers being Islington residents. We have seen a growing number of smart meters' installation and our tariff continues to be competitively priced when compared to the Big Six energy suppliers. We are looking to offer Angelic Energy partnerships to other London borough's and housing associations as well as extend our services to reach a wider clients base.

Final Report Clearance

Signed



15.6.18

Date

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Report of: **Corporate Director for Children, Employment and Skills**

Meeting of:	Date	Ward(s)
Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	26 June 2018	All

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SUBJECT: Quarter 4 Performance Report – Employment & Skills

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 Each year the council agrees a set of performance indicators and targets, which, collectively, help to monitor progress in delivering our corporate priorities and working towards the goal of making Islington a fairer place to live and work.
- 1.2 Progress is reported on a quarterly basis through the council's scrutiny function to challenge performance where necessary and to ensure accountability to residents.
- 1.3 This report sets out a progress update for those indicators related to Employment & Skills for the fourth quarter of 2017-18 (1 April to 31 March 2018).
- 1.4 Key performance indicators for libraries services are now included in this report as they form part of the new division Employment Skills and Culture and contribute to the Employment and Skills agenda.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the progress at the end of Quarter 4 against performance indicators for Employment & Skills which fall within the remit of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

3. Quarter 4 Update on Employment & Skills

Objective	PI No.	Indicator	Frequency	Q4 Actual Apr - Mar	Target 2017-18	On/Off target	Same Period last year	Better than last year	
Support Islington residents into employment	E1	a) Total number of people supported into paid work through council activity <i>with sub-targets for:</i>	Q	1334	1250	Yes	1117	Yes	<p>Significant progress has been made this year to reduce unemployment and support people into work. Council delivery has focused on long term unemployed, those with multiple barriers, and young people. We have established a “Team Islington” approach to co-ordinating services with external employment support organisations.</p> <p>We are now going to focus on identifying those communities’ least engaged with our collective efforts and improve our outreach to these communities. The successful achievement of our employment targets this year reflects our joint working with partners and Appendix A provides greater detail regarding this.</p>
		b) Islington parents of children aged 0-18	Q	388	385	Yes	267	Yes	<p>The number of parents supported into employment is on target and is a significant improvement on the same period previous year. This is due to improved processes for capturing data on outcomes for parents from partners and the embodiment of the “Team Islington” approach. The Parent House, Islington Somali Community, The Pillion Trust and Love London Working were key contributors to this target.</p>
		c) Young people aged 18-25		434	325	Yes	316	Yes	<p>We have exceeded the target for supporting young people into work and made a significant improvement on the same period for the previous year. IWork supported 107 young people into employment, with 60% being placed into an apprenticeship.</p> <p>Partners in the borough providing employment support to young people, in particular the Pillion Trust, Muslim Welfare House, Isledon Arts and Arsenal in the Community made valuable contributions to the achievement of the overall target.</p>

		d) Disabled people / those with long term health conditions	Q	272	200	Yes	202	Yes	<p>We have exceeded the target for the number of disabled people supported into work by Council services and partners. This year we had several key programmes in the borough testing approaches to working with disabled clients, including the NHS funded IPS trial, the Central London Forward funded Working Capital and Central London Works trials, and the Shaw Trust funded Get back on Track pilot, as well as the council funded Mental Health Working, Community Access Project (CAP) and iWork services.</p> <p>Whilst all of these have contributed to supporting residents with disabilities into work, we have identified a lack of data regarding which claimants we are affecting the most, JSA claimants with a disability, ESA work related action group, or ESA support group. In 2018-19 we will start collecting and analysing this data and will use it to establish shared good practise and ensure that all client groups are accessing an appropriate and good offer of employment support.</p>
	E2	Percentage of residents supported into paid work through council activity, who remain in employment for at least 26 weeks	Q	72%	70%	Yes	69%	Yes	<p>Sustained employment is measured by contacting clients at 13, 26 and 52 weeks after they have started work to see if they are still in employment. The measure this year has focused on those supported into work through iWork. Improved data capture systems are being developed to ensure sustained outcomes can be reported from all council services and external partners.</p>
Increase proportion of disabled people in employment	E3	Percentage gap between employment rate for residents with long term health conditions and overall Islington employment rate	A	20.3% (2016-17)	13.5%	N/A	15.1% (2015-16)	No	<p>Data source is the annual Labour Force Survey and it is used to measure the % point gap between those with a long term health condition and the overall employment rate. In the Labour Force Survey a long term health condition is defined as a physical or mental health condition or illness lasting or expected to last more than a year. The increased figure of 20.3% for 2016-17 could be due to a higher rate of employment in the overall Islington population, rather than an increase in the numbers of people with a long term health condition. There were 463 fewer people on ESA in Nov 2017 than in Nov 2016.</p> <p>Whilst employment rates are increasing, the rate for those without a long term health condition could be improving more quickly than those with a long term health condition so the gap has widened.</p> <p>There is a substantial 1 year + lag in data for this indicator.</p>

	E4	Number of Islington working age residents claiming Employment Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit	A	11,497 (Nov 17)	11,460	N/A	11,960 (Nov 16)	Yes	<p>Council services and partners are collectively working to reduce the number of claimants on ESA & IB. The target is to reduce the claimant level for these benefits to 10,130 by March 2019.</p> <p>This is a four-year target which was based on the expectation that an increasingly higher numbers of claimants would come off benefit each year. The ESA figure is decreasing with 463 fewer people on ESA in Nov 2017 than in Nov 2016. Assuming that rate of decrease continues, we are on track to achieve the 2017-18 target.</p>
Promote and facilitate take up of apprenticeships	E5	a) Number of people placed into council apprenticeships	Q	55	50	Yes	42	Yes	HR have led on this and have exceeded the target and improved our offer by aligning a number of apprenticeships with the school year and have employed our first degree level apprenticeship.
		b) Number of people placed into external apprenticeships	Q	118	75	Yes	80	Yes	<p>We have continued to build our expertise in the construction sector, with many of the apprenticeships linked to trades or professions within the sector. We are also pleased to report that we are now being told by young people that they hear about apprenticeship at schools, a real change from a few years ago.</p> <p>The data supports this, as recent figures show that Islington has the highest proportion of London School leavers going into apprenticeships.</p>
		c) Percentage of council apprentices who move on to further employment or training within 3 months of completing their apprenticeship	Q	68%	70%	No	N/A	New Measure	<p>This is a new measure that was introduced to monitor pastoral care and progression activities. This year we set up new processes to enhance the progression support offer from the iWork team prior to completion of an apprenticeship. We have an officer dedicated to pastoral care, supporting them to plan for their next steps and how to progress in their career. This has proved successful and of the 19 people who completed their apprenticeships within this period, 13 progressed into further employment, 3 were uncontactable, and 3 were out of work. Of these, two were unable to work due to medical/health conditions.</p>

<i>Promote social value through our commissioning and contracts.</i>	E6	a) Number of Islington residents supported into jobs with council contracted suppliers	Q	58	30	Yes	New Measure	N/A	We continue to increase our focus on social value, with a newly formed social value steering group exploring how we can best identify existing and new contracts which offer scope for supporting local residents into good employment and apprenticeship opportunities
		b) Gaining apprenticeships with council contracted suppliers.	Q	10	10	Yes	New Measure	N/A	
<i>Support residents to develop their learning and skills</i>	E7	Number of learners doing an accredited course	T	504	1,200	N/A	New Measure	N/A	The council provides free courses to unemployed residents or those on a low income to build employability skills. New indicators and targets have been set this year to monitor to what extent residents are enrolling on accredited courses as this is a less developed area of curriculum that was first introduced in 15/16.
		Percentage of those learners who achieve an accreditation	T	91%	90%	N/A	New Measure	N/A	ACL now comprises both accredited and non-accredited courses and so offers residents flexibility in terms of choice. Accredited courses are often more academic, run for longer and are more demanding with either an exam at the end of a course or a portfolio for learners to complete. Residents recruited by Adult Community Learning are normally assessed at entry level and through our non-accredited courses support is given with communication, confidence building and mental health and well-being. Enrolment on non-accredited courses is significantly higher and currently stands as 1228 learners. As residents' take up of accredited courses is lower, we have spoken to other providers locally and further afield. There appears to be a trend of decreasing participation in adult education and to understand why this is the case we will be talking to residents and our VCS contacts. There will be a more innovative and agile curriculum offer for the new academic year, from Sept 18, that will take into account the findings of conversations with learners, residents community groups and employers. ACL works on academic years, so achievement data (verified by ESFA) for the current year 17/18 will not be available until end of Oct 18.
<i>Promote employability skills and lifelong learning</i>		Number of library visits	Q	1052841	1081049	No	1059852	No	During 2017/18 local libraries provided a huge range of community activities to promote the benefits of reading and we saw the largest number children taking part and completing the Summer Reading Challenge. We had 1110 children complete the challenge an increase of 4% on 2016/17. The target for visits was narrowly missed and the context for this included: less opening hours in 2017/18 for most sites due to the way the bank holidays fell. The 3-week closure of the temporary John Barnes library (before the new one opened) as well as a faulty people

									counter at N4 Library which was not recording figures correctly. This was replaced in November and we have seen increased visitor figures for N4 since then.
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4. Implications

4.1 Financial implications:
N/A

4.2 Legal Implications:
N/A

4.3 Environmental Implications
N/A

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment:

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5. Reason for recommendations

5.1 We are recommending the committee accept the report because the figures have been checked and all relevant officers have contributed.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Number of Islington residents supported by council services and partners into paid employment for the period 1 April 2017 – 31st December 2017 (Q3) – 951

Background papers: None

Final report clearance:

Signed by:

Carmel Littleton
Corporate Director, Children, Employment and
Skills

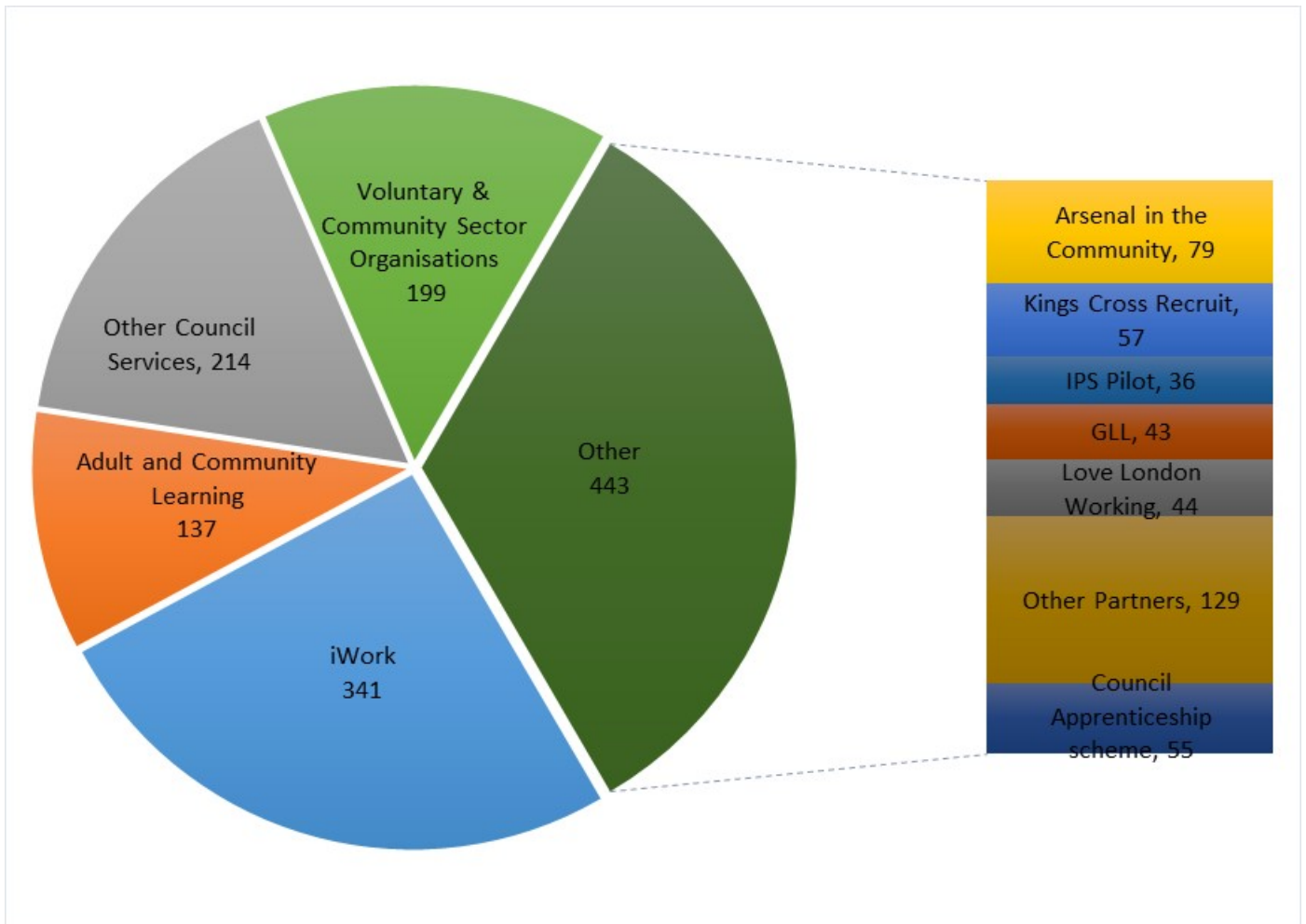
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**Appendix A:
 Number of Islington residents supported by council services and partners into paid employment for the period 1 April 2017 – 31st March 2018 – 1334**



ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SCRUTINY TOPICS AND WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

(A) SCRUTINY REVIEW FOR 2018/19

The Council's Constitution allows the Committee undertake one review of its own choosing, may carry out a further review subject to the agreement of the Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee.

In recent years the Committee has carried out the following reviews:

- CCTV (Report back May 2017)
- Smart Cities (Report back January 2018)
- Regeneration of Retail Areas (Report back in March 2019)
- Recycling (2017/18)

The Chair has suggested that the Committee may wish to review Green Spaces/Volunteering.

The Committee may wish to select this topic for review, or propose an alternative topic.

(B) ONE-OFF REPORTS

The Committee may also request one-off reports on environment related matters. Following discussion with the Chair, none have been identified at present

It is anticipated that two or three one-off reports could be incorporated into the work programme.

26 JUNE 2018

- 1) Membership, Terms of Reference and Dates of Meetings
- 2) Quarter 4 Performance Indicator Reports 2017/18 – Employment and Skills
- 3) Quarter 4 Performance Indicator Reports 2017/18 –Environment and Transport
- 4) Scrutiny Topics and Work Programme 2018/19

10 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1) Scrutiny Review: SID and Introductory Presentation
- 2) Q1 Performance Report (2018/19)- Employment & Skills
- 3) Annual Report of the Executive Member for Economic Development
- 4) Annual Report of the Executive Member for Employment
- 5) Work Programme

5 NOVEMBER 2018

- 1) Scrutiny Review: Witness Evidence
- 2) Quarterly Performance Indicator Report (2018/19)

4 DECEMBER 2018

- 1) Scrutiny Review: Witness Evidence
- 2) Q2 Performance Report (2018/19)- Employment & Skills
- 3) Work Programme

22 JANUARY 2019

- 1) Scrutiny Review: Witness Evidence
- 2) Work Programme

26 FEBRUARY 2019

- 1) Quarter 3 Performance Report (2018/19)- Employment & Skills
- 2) Scrutiny Review: Witness Evidence

28 MARCH 2019

- 1) Scrutiny Review: Final Report
- 2) Scrutiny Review: Draft Recommendations

7 MAY 2019

- 1) Work Programme
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