

Amendment

Moved by Cllr Claudia Webbe

3. Motion: Islington ~~commits to~~ welcomes the National Park City Initiative

This Council notes that the Labour London Mayoral candidate Sadiq Khan has recently declared his support for the proposal to make Greater London a National Park City and that the London Assembly has passed a motion approving the plans to turn London into a National Park City.

Further, the National Park City initiative is seeking the support of ward councillors across London.

This Council celebrates the huge natural diversity in Islington, a borough in a city that more than 8 million people share with over 13000 other species. We believe that people in Islington share our commitment to nurturing and enhancing our natural wonders, from our allotments, to the gardens at King Henry's Walk to the Ecology Centre in Gillespie Park and many more precious and valued green spaces besides.

This Council therefore welcomes the Greater London National Park City Initiative, which aims to "inspire us to create a more liveable, fair and healthy London". The proposed organisation would bring together public, private and third sector organisations and seeks to enhance our natural and cultural heritage, encourage a better understanding and enjoyment of the city, foster wellbeing and inspire others to share these purposes.

This Council notes that, despite the ambitious proposals for the Park, it would be unlike other UK National Parks, and would not control development or prepare planning policies. These powers would remain with the Greater London Authority, the 32 London boroughs and the City of London Corporation.

This Council further notes that the estimated annual cost of the National Park City would be £2 million rising to £4 million per year.

This Council resolves thatto -

~~The Council explore how the plans to make London a National Park City can fit in with the administration's regeneration plans for the borough.~~

~~All Islington Councillors be encouraged to sign to declare their wards support for the scheme at <http://www.nationalparkcity.london/ward-support> website.~~

~~The Council show~~

- Call on Cllr Claudia Webbe, Executive Member for Environment and Transport, and Cllr James Murray, Executive Member for Housing and Development to investigate the proposals further, paying specific attention to how the proposals would impact on the council's development plans and to

ensure that there would be no financial burden placed on the council by this proposal.

Show support for the organisation as it develops its vision, in particular by setting out how Islington Council and Islington residents can contribute towards its aims.