

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022**

- Councillors Present:** Councillor Clare Potter in the Chair
- Cllr M Can Ozsen, Cllr Sarah Young (Vice-Chair),  
Cllr Michael Desmond, Cllr Lee Laudat-Scott,  
Cllr Jon Narcross, Cllr Fliss Premru,  
Cllr Midnight Ross, Cllr Ali Sadek,  
Cllr Claudia Turbet-Delof, Cllr Jessica Webb and  
Cllr Alastair Binnie-Lubbock
- Apologies:** Councillor Clare Joseph, Councillor Steve Race  
and Councillor Michael Levy
- Officers in Attendance:** Steven Davison, Enforcement (South) Team Leader  
Rabiya Khatun, Governance Officer  
Gerry McCarthy, Head of Community Safety,  
Enforcement & Business Regulation

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Joseph, Race and Levy.

### **2 Declarations of Interest - Members to Declare As Appropriate**

- 2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 Consideration of Minutes Of The Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 25 May 2022 subject to the inclusion of Cllr Binnie- Lubbock in the attendance list and 8 March 2022 were agreed as a correct record of the meetings proceedings.

### **4 Presentation on Noisework**

- 4.1 Steven Davison, Enforcement (South) Team Leader gave a demonstration of the Noise Works reporting system.
- 4.2 In response to questions from members, the Enforcement (South) Team Leader responded as follows:
- There were 12 Community Enforcement Officers in the office dealing with noise and that other agencies/partners such as the police, safeguarding and the mental health teams were involved in statutory noise nuisance cases;
  - The system was user friendly and the information was accessible and translated in many languages;

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- The police mainly referred contractors for noise nuisance but more work needed to be undertaken to improve people reporting this type of nuisance to the Council;
- It was noted that a video demonstration should be on the Council's website and that more languages such as Somali should be added to the system to improve accessibility;
- The Police were responsible for enforcing fireworks;
- The service dealt with 3,000-4,000 residential noise complaints annually and domestic noise was the most reported, which resulted from the young and elderly living in blocks with incompatible lifestyles.

**RESOLVED:**

The presentation was noted.

## **5 Environmental Enforcement - Annual Performance Report 2021/22**

- 5.1 Gerry McCarthy, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation introduced the report setting out the annual performance report across the enforcement remit for the 2021/22 financial year.
- 5.2 In response to questions from members, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation and responded as follows:
- The service worked closely with Adult Social Services to support residents living in blocks suffering from mental health issues due to the Covid-19 lockdown;
  - There was a team available 24 hours a day to remove graffiti in the Dalston area however, it was a challenge to tackle graffiti as it occurred during the early morning and also Enforcement Officers also had limited powers;
  - The Partnership Tasking meetings were being held to tackle, control and reduce crime and ASB related problems.

**RESOLVED:**

**To note the annual performance report for the service.**

## **6 Enforcement and Environmental Protection Service Delivery Plans 2022/23**

- 6.1 Gerry McCarthy, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation introduced the Enforcement Service Delivery Plan setting out the objectives of the Service and demonstrating how they were linked to the Mayor's Priorities and Hackney's Sustainable Community Strategy
- 6.2 In response to questions from members, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation and responded as follows:
- With regard to the EIA, it enabled additional support to be provided residents with a disability.

**RESOLVED:**

**To consider both the level and scope of work being carried out to meet the requirements of both the Enforcement and Environmental Protection Service Plans.**

## **7 Business Regulation Service Delivery Plans 2022/23**

- 7.1 Gerry McCarthy, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation introduced the report relating to the service delivery plans for 2022/23 for the Business Regulation Teams and the three following areas:
- Environmental Health Service: Food Safety
  - Environmental Health Service: Occupational Health & Safety
  - Trading Standards
- 7.2 In response to questions from members, the Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation and responded as follows:
- The Business Team worked with small businesses and information was available on the Council's website to support small businesses.
  - Any business selling food past the expiry date could be reported to the Business Support Team for investigation and an Environmental Enforcement would determine how to deploy the staff.

### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. To review and agree the contents of the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2022/23. There are no further recommendations set out in this report,**
- 2. To consider the level and scope of work being carried out to meet the requirements of the plan.**
- 3. To note the level and scope of work being carried out to meet the requirements of the Health and Safety and Trading Standards Service Delivery Plans.**

## **8 Draft Work Programme for 2022/23**

- 8.1 Members noted the Committee's work programme.

### **RESOLVED:**

**The draft work programme 2022/23 was noted.**

## **9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers to be Urgent**

- 9.1 There was no other urgent business.

**Duration of the meeting:** 6:30pm – 8.46pm

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