

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022

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- 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
- Councillors joining
remotely:** Councillor Ifraax Samatar
- Officers in Attendance:** Steven Davison, Enforcement (South) Team Leader
 Rabiya Khatun - Governance Officer
 Gerry McCarthy – Head of Community Safety,
 Enforcement and Business Regulation
 Josephine Sterakides – Senior Lawyer
- Also in Attendance:** Councillor Susan Fajana-Thomas

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.

2.2 **Terms of reference**

RESOLVED that the Terms of reference be noted.

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.

Matters arising

TENS

The cost of enforcement was more than the administration fees for TENS. The TENS were covered by legislation and a lot of work was being done to lobby the government for change.

Comparison of Pay

This item from 8 March 2022 relating to data on the comparison between the Council and other local authorities in relation to pay was deferred to the next meeting.

Action: The Head of Community Safety, Enforcement & Business Regulation to provide an update.

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.
- 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 the Enforcement (South) Team Leader 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.

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- 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 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: 6.30- 8.40pm

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