

## LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 17 DECEMBER 2020

Members  
in remote presence: Paul Osborn (Chairman) Heather Johnson  
Derrick Ashley (Vice Chairman) Chris Kennedy  
David Andrews Valerie Metcalfe  
Ross Houston Mary Sartin

In remote attendance: John Bevan

Officers Present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive  
Beryl Foster - Deputy Chief Executive  
Dan Buck - Corporate Director  
Jon Carney - Corporate Director  
Keith Kellard - Head of Finance  
Victoria Yates - Head of Human Resources  
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also in remote presence: Matt Bowmer (London Borough of Enfield)  
Laurie Elks  
Martin Young (Barrister)

#### Part I

#### 909 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda Item No.	Nature of Interest	
Chris Kennedy	3	Laurie Elks is one of his Hackney constituents	<i>Non-pecuniary</i>

#### 910 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Laurie Elks addressed the meeting including:

- congratulated the Authority on the Wildlife Discovery Centre;
- the Country Park was a jewel in the Authority's crown;
- opening up and improving the countryside was the initial impetus for the Park and its overriding statutory duty;
- acknowledgment of straitened financial circumstances to deliver this;
- the proposed capital programme did not include funding for countryside projects;
- an officer had previously commented that countryside projects would only be funded on an opportunistic basis;
- given the Park's duties there needed to be explicit provision in the budget for countryside projects;
- criticism of the Landscape Strategy as it was really only a Landscape Assessment with no identification of intended landscape projects;

- at the Authority meeting of April 2019 officers were tasked to create a list of priority landscape projects, where would the money come from when this list saw the light of day;
- creation of an unallocated countryside budget in the long term capital programme would make the highest priority projects feasible as well as providing a source of funds to match contributions coming in from external sources.

The Chairman commented that the delay in developing a list of landscape projects was due to capacity issues but that a report would come forward to Members by February 2022.

A Member thanked Laurie Elks for the reminder of the importance of landscape projects.

911 FEES & CHARGES REVIEW 2021/22

Paper E/705/20

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

In response to a Member it was advised that miscellaneous costs, such as the Mayor's proposal to charge drivers entering London, which impacted visitors to the Park were a consideration.

A Member commented that promotion of campsites and marinas may be of benefit next year if people chose staycations rather than overseas holidays.

**(1) the Authority's proposed 2021/22 fees and charges as summarised from paragraph 7 and set out in detail in Appendix A to Paper E/705/20 was approved.**

912 PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 (REVISED)  
TO 2024/25

Paper E/703/20

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

In respect of Laurie Elks speech, the Chairman proposed a further recommendation that a report on potential landscape projects be presented to Executive Committee in February 2022.

The Regeneration & Planning Committee Chairman advised that the committee would be looking into funding opportunities through Section 106 agreements linked to planning developments to enable further enhancement of the Park.

It was agreed that consultation with local community groups was an essential element in delivering landscape projects.

**(1) the revised capital programme for 2020/21 (revised) to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A to Paper E/703/20;**

**(2) the proposed capital funding to meet the planned capital programme as set out in Table 2 (paragraph 16) of Paper E/703/20; and**

**(3) a report on potential landscape projects be presented in February 2021 was approved.**

913 CAPITAL STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21 TO 2024/25 Paper E/702/20

The report was introduced by the Head of Finance.

The Chairman requested that consideration be given to how data could be included in the table of future estimates of capital receipts.

- (1) **the Capital Strategy as an overarching strategy which encompasses the Capital Programme, Land and Property Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy; and**
- (2) **the Prudential Indicators for 2020/21 to 2024/25 as set out in paragraphs 4 to 25 of Paper E/702/20 was approved.**

914 REDUNDANCY POLICY UPDATE Paper E/701/20

The report was introduced by the Head of HR.

In response to a Member it was advised that liaison with Unison was being undertaken.

- (1) **the Redundancy Policy attached at Appendix A to Paper E/701/20 was approved for recommendation to Authority.**

915 PAY AWARD FOR STAFF ON VIBRANT PARTNERSHIPS TERMS AND CONDITIONS Paper E/704/20

The report was introduced by the Head of HR.

- (1) **to set a pay award for 2021 for employees on Vibrant Partnerships Limited terms and conditions in line with the National Joint Council (NJC) pay award as described in paragraphs 7 to 9 of Paper E/704/20 was approved.**

Laurie Elks left the meeting.

Martin Young joined the meeting.

The Chairman agreed to accept an additional agenda item by reason of urgency.

916 **EXEMPT ITEMS**

**THAT based on the principles of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the items of business below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information again on the principles as defined in those sections of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated:**

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Exempt Information Section Number</b>
9	Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd Matters	3

The report was introduced by the Chief Executive.

- (1) **the position of the Authority as set out in paragraphs 14 and 16 of Paper E/706/20 was noted;**
- (2) **delegation to the Chief Executive and/or Deputy Chief Executive in conjunction with the Chairman of the Authority on the basis and parameters set out in paragraph 15 of Paper E/706/20 was approved.**

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Chairman

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Date

The meeting started at 12.31pm and ended at 1.33pm