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ENVIRONMENT FORUM

Thursday, 22nd September, 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA

Membership:

Nicki Adeleke, Chris James (Associate Cabinet Member (Enfield West)), Hannah Dyson, Stephanos Ioannou and Nia Stevens

AGENDA – PART 1

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Forum are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relevant to items on the agenda.

3. AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING OF 20TH JULY 2022 (Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 20th July 2022.

4. FORTY HALL UPDATE (Pages 5 - 8)

To receive an update on Forty Hall.

5. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE (Pages 9 - 18)

To receive an update on the Climate Action Plan.

6. PARKS MAINTENANCE UPDATE (Pages 19 - 20)

To receive an update on Parks Maintenance.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To confirm the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 25th October 2022.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH JULY, 2022

MEMBERS: Councillors Nicki Adeleke, Chris James (Associate Cabinet Member (Enfield West)), Hannah Dyson, Stephanos Ioannou and Nia Stevens

Officers: Sarah Cary (Executive Director - Place), Koulla Panaretou (Mayoral Services Manager)

Also Attending: Denise Gandhi (Federation of Enfield Residents and Allied Associations), John West (the Enfield Society), Chris Horner (Southgate District Civic Voice), Paul Hutchinson (Grange Park Conservation Area Study Group), Neil Paddon-Smith (Meadway Conservation Area Study Group), Dennis Stacey (Bush Hill Park Conservation Area Study Group), Juliet Barnett (Trent Park Conservation Committee), Cath Paget and Kavya Abeysundara (Enfield "Help the Climate" in association with Friends of the Earth), Dave Cockle (Enfield Transport Users Group).

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Robert Wilson (Hadley Wood Conservation Area Study Group and Hadley Wood Association), and Ann Bishop-Laggett (Federation of Enfield Residents and Allied Associations)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest registered in respect of any items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 15th February 2022 were agreed.

An update on all outstanding actions will be circulated under separate cover.

4. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair advised the purpose of the meeting was to agree and set the work programme.

A productive debate allowed the attached work programme to be finalised. It was agreed that as the year progressed, if any items are identified that need discussions, these could be accommodated if time permits.

5. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates for future meetings were agreed:

Tuesday 27 September 2022 - may be subject to change (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 25 October 2022

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Thursday 15 December 2022

Thursday 26 January 2023

Tuesday 28 February 2023

Tuesday 28 March 2023

Tuesday 25 April 2023

ENVIRONMENT FORUM WORK PROGRAMME - MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022-2023

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022	TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER 2022	WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2022	THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2022
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forty Hall 2. Climate Action Plan Update 3. Parks Maintenance 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Transport 2. New River Loop 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Plan (progress report) 2. Enfield Town Centre 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heritage (to include TFL heritage sites and historic buildings “at risk” register) 2. Parks (to include management and maintenance)
THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023	TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2023	TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2023	TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green Belt 2. Local List 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate Action Plan Update (to include waste update) 2. Air Quality 3. Carbon Offsetting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Green and Blue infrastructure 2. Rewilding 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edmonton Centre 2. Local Plan Update and Round Up to date.

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BRIEFING NOTE**FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Environment Forum****Subject / Title: Forty Hall****For information****Wards:****Officer Contact Details:**

Name & Division: Marcus Harvey

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Date: 12th September 2022**Background information**

Forty Hall estate is collectively managed through teams in both Culture and Parks and Open Spaces. Culture manages the house and associated aspects including the bookings and events, whereas Parks focus is on the grounds of the estate and relationships linked to the estate, including voluntary groups, historic and natural England.

The estate grounds are maintained by three FTE members of the parks department, a wealth of volunteers, and mobile park teams which care for grass areas and the wider elements of the estate.

LBE's Culture team, consisting of 5.6 FTE's experience above 70K visitors to the house annually, and reached 350K followers via social media. The team facilitate a diverse schedule ranging from weddings, through to sewing plants workshops.

The estate participates in the green flag award scheme, Enfield in bloom and recently London in bloom, achieving high accolades for standard and detail of the grounds.

Update**Conservation grass**

- Recent extreme weather saw areas within the conservation grass ignite and require blue light service intervention
- Due to the weight restrictions linked to the archaeological importance of the areas, land management through machinery has historically been complicated and limiting
- Introduction of cattle grazing has been suggested and welcomed in principle, as an alternative to machine driven land management. Initial

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discussions have included Capel Manor, Epping Forest, Historic England, Natural England and Friends of Forty Hall.

This is an exciting opportunity, a sensible and sustainable alternative, yet not without risk and significant change to use and perception of the space and management of.

Woodland Encroachment

- Woodland encroachment threatens the characteristics of the grounds
- Working with Historic England to prioritise removal of saplings in autumn / winter 2022.
- Team focus to be drawn from pleasure grounds to support the required works



Figure 1. Seen from north-west in 27th May 2015. The clump on the right has grown further. Saplings have established themselves around an open grown tree toward bottom centre of image

Walled Garden

- Main volunteer hours within the estate completed within this pocket of the estate
- Submitted for London in Bloom for 2022, submission completed by the Friends of Group, supported by LBE

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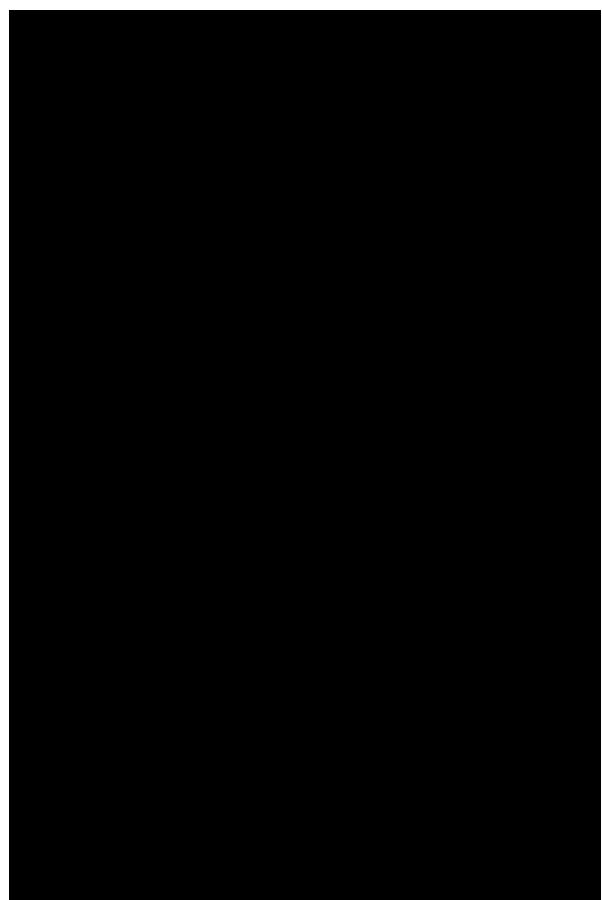
- Recent planting undertaken within the four main beds funded by LBE and planting completed by LBE and Forty Hall's volunteers.
- Pergola is to be installed in the walled garden, funded by the friend group, through Music on the lawn (event) and other funding streams. Wisteria reduction to allow for pergola installation, delayed project as identified damage to historic wall structure.

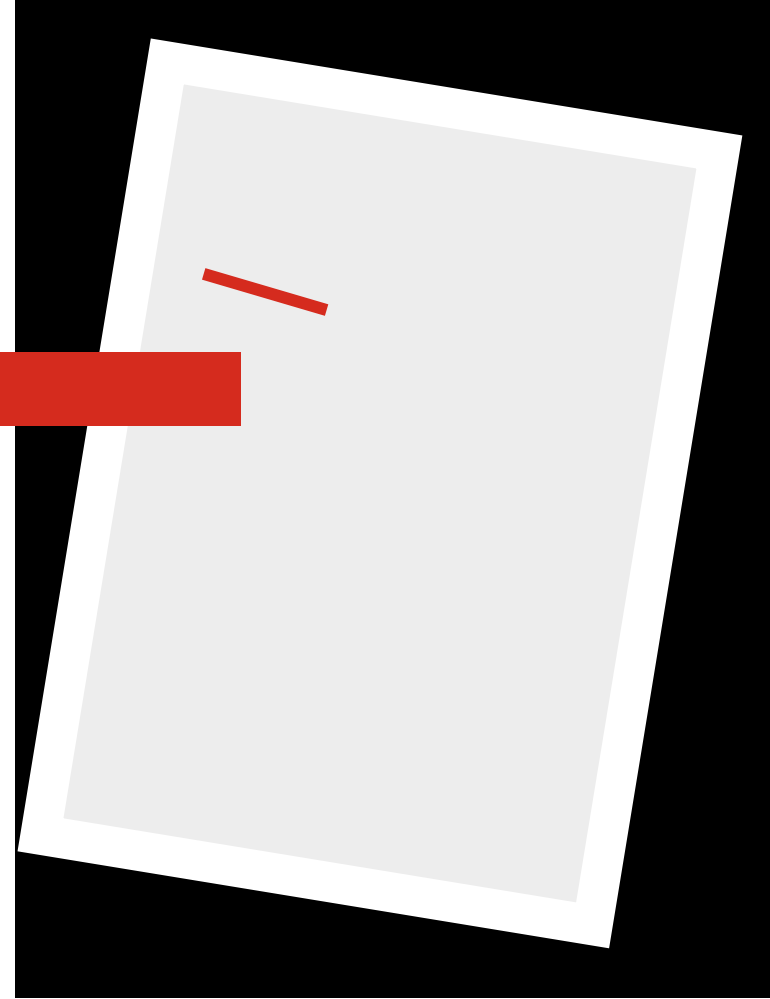
Operational

- All-Terrain vehicle (ATV) to be sited at the estate October 2022 onwards, to assist with general activities within the grounds. LBE working with Capel Manor Farm to agree suitable secure location.
- ASB issue within the car park area, groups of car drivers congregating later part of park opening times and creating nuisance. LBE working with Met police, to agree future management and control.
- Estate awarded Green Flag status for 2022, inspection of site completed as secret shopper, hopeful that 2023 inspection will be completed face to face, allowing for celebration of estate with Green Flag representatives.

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BRIEFING NOTE**FOR THE ATTENTION OF: Environment Forum****Subject / Title: Parks Maintenance****For information****Wards:****Officer Contact Details:**

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Date: 12th September 2022**Background information**

Parks' maintenance is delivered via an inhouse service delivery model, and encompasses all the boroughs green areas. Since 2018 two services (cemetery and highways / housing grounds maintenance) bolted to the parks operations department, again based on an inhouse delivery model.

Parks' maintenance continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic, with fundamental tasks completed, providing a clean and green space for our users, equally gaining an understanding of importance and reliance of parks and open spaces through this process.

While Parks operations continued during the pandemic, certain tasks were not completed as normal circumstance, predominantly our sport renovations. Government guidelines on sport impacted on season and created extended durations of play leading to our inability to perform renovation works of benefit, which impacted on the following season.

Projects within the parks, including sustainable drainage systems, the post Covid Parks environment and change in seasonal characteristics, are driving a review of service delivery methods.

Update

Parks maintenance

Conservation grass areas

- **Outside of our heritage parks, we have thirteen parks that have dedicated conservation grass areas.**

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Responsibility for safe and appropriate management of the event and attendee's lays with the event organiser, though as corporate landlord, the council retains overall responsibility. The council hold Safety Advisor Group (SAG) meetings monthly with blue light service's contribution and involvement. Furthermore tabletop scenario exercises are undertaken as the event date becomes closer.

Considerations

Albeit the events are permitted and considered safe, the general key components considered during SAG meetings will require further focus than pre-covid-19. They include:

- Public Health guidance
- Management of access and egress, pre- and post-event.
- Support from blue light and transport services
- Event organiser's staff levels, including security and marshalling provision.
- Response to MEQ's

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council continues with the outlined event schedule for 2021, in line with the government roadmap and associated permissions. To achieve successful event provision, the following is recommended:

- SAG meetings continue at the agreed frequency and with contribution from Public Health. The meetings cover in detail the proposed access and egress of event, capacity of public transport and other means to provide a safe environment.
Full table-top scenario exercises completed by event organiser and SAG team.
- Clear and thorough scrutiny of event organiser's resource and agreements with their suppliers, ensuring adequate and agreed levels of resource are achieved during event programme.
- Collaborated response to MEQ's received regarding event programme, provided by Public Health, Environmental Health and Parks Business Unit, allowing for an informed and consistent response.

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