



## Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

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5.30 PM

Venue:

COMMITTEE ROOM 6 -

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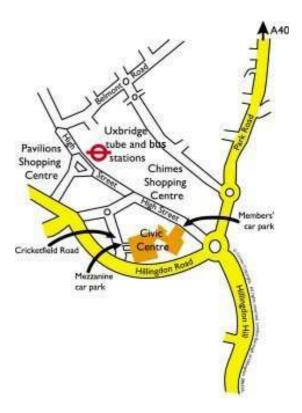
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This Committee undertakes the policy overview role in relation to the following matters:

- Highways, traffic, parking & street environment
- Local transport, including rail, cycling & London Underground
- Footpaths and Bridleways
- Road safety and education
- Planning & Building Control
- Libraries
- The Borough's heritage and history
- Sport & Leisure services
- Waste management & recycling
- Green spaces, allotments, woodlands, conservation and sustainable development
- Consumer Protection, Trading Standards & Licensing
- Registrars & Bereavement Services
- Local watercourses, drainage and flooding
- Environmental Health, Air & Noise Quality
- Local impacts of Heathrow expansion
- Local impacts of High Speed Rail

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## RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE



16 October 2014

Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW

#### **Committee Members Present:**

Councillors Michael White (Chairman), David Yarrow (Vice-Chairman), Lynne Allen, Teji Barnes, Mohinder Birah, Peter Davis, Patricia Jackson, Carol Melvin and John Morse

#### Also Present:

Katerina Paterson (Street Champion (Uxbridge South)), Murtaza Amin (Street Champion (Townfield)) and Ann Giddens (Street Champion (Pinkwell))

#### **LBH Officers Present**:

Steven Maiden (Democratic Services Officer), Charlotte Stamper (Communications Manager) and Helena Webster (Community Engagement & Town Centres Team Leader)

18. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor Lakhmana with Councillor Morse substituting.

19. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2014 (Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting dated 25 September 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

20. DIVERSIFYING THE STREET CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE - SECOND WITNESS SESSION (Agenda Item 5)

The second witness session into diversifying the Street Champions Initiative was divided into two sections; the first dedicated to gathering evidence from 3 active street champions and the second set aside for officers from the Corporate Communications and Community Engagement teams to outline the support that their service areas provide for the initiative. The following is a summary of evidence heard.

#### **Street Champions**

The Street Champions present at the meeting were from Townfield, Uxbridge South and Pinkwell wards and had actively been reporting issues in their local areas for varying lengths of time. Two volunteers had been part of the initiative from its introduction and noted that the system was more efficient in the early days as issues were logged and progressed more quickly. It was also noted that there used to be regular local meetings that were valuable and as they allowed volunteers to meet and hear from officers and representatives from the Police etc. Witnesses advised that these meetings had now been stopped.

Each of the volunteers advised that they had decided to become Street Champions as they wished to make a positive impact on their local areas and to develop their communities. All three volunteers noted that the main and persistent issues that they reported to the Council related to rubbish and fly tipping. There was concern that not enough was done to prohibit people from continually fly tipping and that this led to the same areas needing to be cleared repeatedly. It was suggested that CCTV be used to monitor areas that were prone to fly tipping.

A Street Champion suggested that the Planning Department might be asked to use the network of volunteers to advise them of upcoming planning applications in their local areas. This would ensure that they were kept informed and could relay this information to residents in their local areas.

The Street Champions did not have a great deal of involvement with their Ward Councillors and noted that they would appreciate the development of closer ties.

On a practical level, volunteers highlighted that there were some issues with computers not remembering their details so that they had to fill in their full details every time. Furthermore, the information required for reports was, at times, prohibitively detailed. Officers noted that this area would be looked into as the system should automatically store details.

As in the previous witness session, Street Champions noted that there appeared to be a lack of joined up thinking with some Council services. An example was provided on how the Council managed refuse collection. Members suggested that this was an issue that could be raised with the relevant officers but also noted that residents needed to be better educated on waste management.

Two of the Street Champions noted that they were Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and advised that the two roles worked well together. The third volunteer advised that he would be very interested in becoming involved in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as there were a number of issues that he would like to report that did not fit into the Street Champion's remit.

#### **Corporate Communications**

Witnesses advised that Corporate Communications did not have any direct contact with Street Champions but that they were reached through standard communication such as Hillingdon People. With regard to some of the issues raised by the Street Champions (as above), it was noted that information was also regularly sent out on issues such as refuse collection and waste management. On this point it was noted that there was generally a high level of satisfaction with waste services but that, due to a relatively transitory population within the Borough, this message needed to be regularly communicated.

The Committee was advised that there was potential to improve how the Council communicated with Street Champions through social media such as Facebook and Twitter. However, these were very resource heavy options as there was an expectation from users that they would be responded to on demand. Witnesses recommended that, prior to considering the implementation of another layer of communication dedicated to Street Champions, research should be undertaken to ascertain exactly what they wanted and whether they wished to be provided with different services to those available to all residents.

Witnesses acknowledged that there were residents who did not have access to a computer / smart phone and who were unwilling to go to the library to report an issue. Although work was done not to alienate residents who did not wish to use the internet, it was noted that the Council was encouraging people to report online because this was much more efficient and cost effective.

With regard to demographics, witnesses advised that, based on anecdotal evidence, younger people seemed to have less time to engage in reporting issues and becoming Street Champions. Consequently, it was suggested that the Council might focus on making better use of those portions of the Borough's population that did have the time and will to report issues.

Members confirmed their commitment to the introduction of a tick box on the Street Champion reporting system asking whether they wished to inform their Ward Councillors of an issue. It was noted that this would not amount to too many emails for Ward Councillors to deal with and that it was important that links between volunteers and elected representatives were strengthened.

#### **Community Engagement**

Witnesses advised that the Community Engagement team oversaw the Chrysalis Programme and the Ward Budget Scheme and was also currently conducting a pilot project into the Street Champion and Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

The Committee was advised that the majority of the roughly 4,000 Street Champions volunteered in the early stages of the initiative in 2006. At this time volunteers were provided with a cheque book to report issues and a range of incentives. As a high proportion of these volunteers now did not report, it was suggested that the Council might contact those who were now inactive and ascertain whether they wished to continue as Street Champions. This could also be used as an opportunity to ask additional questions such as whether they would like their details to be shared with Ward Councillors.

With regard to the regular meetings with Street Champions, witnesses advised that these meetings had been stopped temporarily whilst the Street Champion pilot project was underway. The Community Engagement Team was eager not to over consult during the pilot and the meetings (or a replacement) would be reintroduced at a later date. In the past the meetings had been standardised across the Borough but officers were currently assessing other ways to connect volunteers and disseminate information. The future make up of meetings and / or communications would be based on research as to what Street Champions wanted and needed.

Witnesses provide a breakdown of the demographics of Street Champions and how they are reporting. The data was several years out of date but indicated that there was a 65 / 35 % split on issues being reported online / offline. It was expected that an even higher proportion of volunteers were now reporting issues online. Volunteers were also predominantly white which meant that there was an opportunity to diversify the initiative.

With regard to the pilots being undertaken by the Community Engagement Team, the Committee was advised that an Academician had been allocated to progress the project. The pilot would be taking place November 2014. The Academician would be in a position to provide more up-to-date information and data on the current

demographics of Street Champions and report this to the Committee. He would also be progressing a leaflet promoting online reporting that would be made available to the Committee at their next meeting.

#### **RESOLVED: That:**

- 1. Officers investigate the issue of the reporting system not storing the details of Street Champions;
- 2. Officers provide up-to-date data on the demographics and reporting habits of Street Champions;
- 3. Officers make available the leaflet on online reporting for the next meeting of the Committee; and
- 4. The evidence provided be noted.

#### 21. | CONSIDERATION OF BYELAWS FOR PARKS (Agenda Item 6)

Officers provided a brief presentation on the report which was previously entitled "Byelaws for Parks". Since its inclusion on the Cabinet's Forward Plan, the item had changed focus and now concerned "The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014: Public Spaces Protection Orders".

Members raised concerns that this paper had only been circulated to the Committee one day in advance of the meeting. It was noted that this was insufficient time to consider fully the report and propose comments to Cabinet. There was also concern that the paper was not published 5 clear working days in advance of the meeting as per the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Officers advised that this report was not a report for the Committee but for the Cabinet. Consequently, it had been made available as soon as the Cabinet agenda was published. However, it was agreed that the Committee's concerns would be relayed to the Cabinet and senior officers in Democratic Services.

#### **RESOLVED: That:**

- 1. The Committee's concerns about the delay in receiving this report be relayed to the Cabinet and senior officers in Democratic Services; and
- 2. The Report be noted.

#### 22. **FORWARD PLAN** (Agenda Item 7)

RESOLVED: That the Forward Plan be noted.

#### 23. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Agenda Item 8)

**RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be noted.** 

The meeting, which commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 7.25 pm.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact on Democratic Services Officer 01895 250692. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

## Agenda Item 5

## MAJOR REVIEW - DIVERSIFYING THE STREET CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE - WITNESS SESSION 3

Contact Officer: Steven Maiden

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to gather evidence as part of their Major Review into diversifying the Street Champions Initiative.

#### **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE**

- 1. Question the witnesses
- 2. Highlight issues for further investigation
- 3. To make a note of possible recommendations for the review

#### INFORMATION

As at the previous meeting this witness sessions will be divided into two sections. The first section (starting at 5.30pm) will be with 2 active street champions who have volunteered to provide evidence to the Committee. Once Members have heard from these volunteers they will be allowed to leave the session before the second section in which other witnesses will be present to provide evidence.

Members should note that it has not been possible to secure the witnesses for this session as proposed in the scoping report. This means that the Committee will not be hearing from Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators as initially intended. Instead, witnesses who have already presented to the Committee have been invited to come back to respond to any further questions and to assist Members with the development of final draft recommendations.

Witnesses for the first session are as follows:

| Name              | Position  |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Street Champion   | Cavendish Ward  |  |
| Street Champion   | Uxbridge North Ward                                     |  |
| Break             |   |  |
| Helena Webster    | Community Engagement & Town Centre Improvements Manager |  |
| Charlotte Stamper | Communications Manager                                  |  |

#### PAPERS WITH THE REPORT

Review Terms of Reference

#### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Setting the context**

- 1. To gain a comprehensive understanding of the current Street Champions initiative to include:
  - a. The current level of uptake across different areas of the Borough;
  - b. The volume and nature of the issues raised;
  - c. The remit and accountability of the role; and
  - d. The barriers to involvement and reporting issues.
- 2. To gain a comprehensive understanding of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to include:
  - a. The findings of the pilot project into linking the Street Champions Initiative and the Borough's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme;
  - b. The current level of uptake across different areas of the Borough;
  - c. A clear idea as to where schemes are located in the Borough; and
  - d. The barriers to involvement.

#### **Better Access and Reporting**

- 1. To explore ways in which the Council could better use its current resources (e.g. its website) to increase the ease with which volunteers are able to report issues;
- 2. To assess the viability of using new forms of digital media in order to make reporting issues more accessible; and
- 3. To explore ways in which those volunteers who do not wish to use digital medias can better report issues.

#### **Street Champions and Neighbourhood Watch**

- 1. To put forward recommendations on how the Street Champions initiative could be linked with Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Borough;
- 2. To explore ways in which Street Champions could be encouraged to engage more generally in the community safety agenda; and
- 3. To explore how these initiatives might be linked through the use of the technologies highlighted above.

## Agenda Item 6

#### FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

At its meeting on 26 March 2014, the Committee asked that an update on the Council's response to flooding in the Borough be provided in due course. The attached report sets out this information.

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

• To note and comment on the Flood Investigation Report.

#### **INFORMATION**

Further information is contained within the report below.

# FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT December 2013 - June 2014

The report is produced to fulfil Lead Local Flood Authority requirements to investigate significant flooding under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 which states:

"On becoming aware of a flood in its area, a lead local flood authority must, to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate, investigate -

Which risk management authorities have relevant flood risk management functions, and

Whether each of those risk management authorities has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to flood.

Where an authority carries out an investigation under subsection 1) it must -

- (a) Publish the results of its investigations; and
- (b) Notify any relevant risk management authorities".



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#### 1 Summary

#### Flood Risk in Hillingdon

Hillingdon Council is susceptible to a number of different sources of flooding. Within its boundaries lie the River Colne and River Crane catchments as well as the River Pinn and Yeading Brooks in addition to numerous ordinary watercourses. The Council has also identified large areas as being at risk from surface water according to recently released Environment Agency 'Risk of flooding from Surface water<sup>1</sup>' maps (which can be found on their website). Flooding could affect over 5,000 people in the borough. Further information on these risks can be found in Hillingdon's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Surface Water Management Plan available on the Council's Website<sup>2</sup>.

#### Causes of flooding

It is considered that there has been the highest rainfall on record over recent months across the country. From a rain gauge operated by the Council's Green Spaces team at Haste Hill Golf Club, Hillingdon received 157mm in January and 40mm between February 1st - 14th. This was consistent across the borough as can be seen from data obtained from a weather station at Heathrow where Table 1 shows data from December to February.

#### London Heathrow Airport

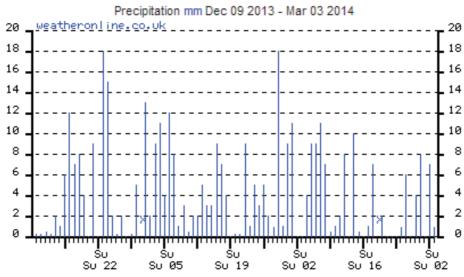


Table 1 Rainfall from Dec 09 to March 3rd from 'Weather Online'3

Although this is considered unprecedented weather, the Council needs to ensure that flood events are investigated to ensure any contributing factors are being managed appropriately.

#### Flooding impact

Evidence has been collected from the numerous calls, emails and letters that the Council has received over this period.

This is the largest flood event Hillingdon has experienced for a number of years. Given the enquiries from members and other bodies in the response to this flooding, an investigation

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http://watermaps.environment-agency.gov.uk/wiyby/wiyby.aspx?topic=ufmfsw#x=357683&y=355134&scale=2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/24117

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.weatheronline.co.uk/weather/maps/city

should be undertaken. This action is recommended by the Surface Water Management Plan Appendix C Actions. In addition it is appropriate under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

#### **Lead Local Flood Authority response**

Hillingdon has a clear process in place through the Civil Protection Service in which adverse weather warnings are disseminated within the Council so that officers in different services can take the appropriate action. In an emergency, Hillingdon has a number of officers on standby, ready to respond.

During this period, officers liaised with the Environment Agency and monitored closely the weather forecast and the impact of rainfall on rivers in order to determine the appropriate action to take. An internal cross-departmental meeting was held to ensure the response was co-ordinated.

The Council Highways service in particular attended sites on numerous occasions over this period during the night and at weekends as requested by residents. They delivered over 1,000 sandbags to residents, as well as continuing to visit structures on rivers across the borough to remove debris and thus reduce the likelihood of blockages.

Hillingdon also experienced a significantly higher call volume to the Customer Contact Centre relating to flooding issues from residents. Over 100 enquiries required specialist advice from the Flood and Water Management Officer. This included clarification on the responsibility for alleviating the flooding; and advice on what action to take. 20% of all enquiries were from Councillors.

During this period, the Council website was updated to provide information on the action to take if in an area at risk of flooding.

#### Other Risk Management Authorities (RMA) responses

The Environment Agency opened its incident room in anticipation of the forecast adverse weather and responded to a number of queries from residents. They provided the Council with clear updates on what was happening so the Council could plan work. Their operations teams also visited known hotspots to clear debris and trees to reduce the likelihood of blockage. A number of flood data recorders were also deployed to collect information on the flood levels, extents and impacts of flooding.

#### 2 Areas affected in Hillingdon

#### **Summary of Impact**

In Hillingdon approximately 29 residential properties, gardens and some garages have been affected by flooding, with a few businesses, educational institutions also reported affected. Only one educational institution was severely affected internally. In addition Breakspear Road South a key highway route have been affected. The Council is aware of others that have been affected but not reported directly to the Council.

The following areas listed are the key affected sites that have been reported to the Council. There may be other areas that the Council are not aware of.

The Council have requested the Environment Agency Flood Investigation report which covers Hillingdon, but at this time it has not been finalised and so was not provided to the Council and has therefore not informed this report.

The flooding reports were from across the whole borough and from different sources, and therefore it is important that each site is identified and examined. Not all have been able to be verified.

| Area affected                                      | a) Spout Lane no  | orth, Heathrow TW19 6BW  |
|--|---|--|
| Date of flooding                                   | 07/02/2014  |  |
| Grid Reference                                     | 504540 175254 or TQ0475SE   |  |
| Land ownership                                     | Residents or 'Ripa  | arian' owners  |
| Map of Area  |   |  |
| Location of flooding mar                           | ked as a red star   |  |
| Highways Agency - highlighted of                   |   | Riparian Ownership - highlighted blue Highways Agency - highlighted orange Council Highways - highlighted green. |
| Duration of flooding                               | Approx 2 days   |  |
| Source of flooding                                 | Ordinary Waterco  | urse   |
| Cause/Pathway                                      | Ordinary watercourses flowed on to Highway  |  |
| Impact of flooding                                 | water over the access to one residential property and business. Potentially 26 Houses and business include Electricity Substations could have issues with floode  |  |
| Evidence   | Anecdotal evidence from resident  |  |
| History of flooding                                | g 2013 previous reports of the access road being flooded  |  |
| Summary  | All ditches in this area are part of the catchment of the River Colne which then flows in to the River Thames. The River Thames in February 2014 was particularly high and this resulted in high water levels on the River Colne. A flood warning was issued for the 'River Colne & Frays River at West Drayton and Stanwell Moor' mainly affecting the area south of Airport Way. However smaller ditches in this area then couldn't flow away and water spilled on to adjacent land. It is important that these ditches are cleared to ensure flow is maintained where possible. Only 11 of the 26 buildings are within the flood warning area. |  |
| Action recommended for Residents and or Businesses | The Council recommends that residents work together to produce a Community Flood Plan. Support will be offered in starting this, and in identifying and signposting any appropriate grants and appropriate property level protection. Residents also have 'riparian' responsibilities for the watercourses crossing their land.   |  |
| Action by the Highways Agency                      | Clear ditches that they are responsible for.  |  |
| Action by the Council                              | Clear ditches within adopted land, to assist highways drainage.   |  |

| Area affected                    | b) The Island, off B  | ath Road Longford             |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Date of flooding                 | 07/02/2014  |                               |
| Grid Reference                   | 505064 177077 or TQ0577SW   |                               |
| Land ownership                   | Residents or 'Riparian' owners.   |                               |
| Map of Area                      |   | Photo                         |
| Location of flooding mark        | ked as a red star   | February 2014 ( Taken by LBH) |
| -Longford                        | Longford  Longford  Longford  A   |                               |
| Duration of flooding             | Approx 2 days   |                               |
| Source of flooding               | Main River - River Colne  |                               |
| Cause/Pathway                    | River levels rising and water flowing onto back gardens.  |                               |
| Impact of flooding               | 1 property reported concerns, though potentially 23 property the island could have been affected.   |                               |
| Evidence                         | Anecdotal evidence from Highways officers and residents, including photos.  |                               |
| History of flooding              | Flood Alerts issued 3 times in January 2014. Environme Flood Alert issued from 29 <sup>th</sup> January. Flood warning issu 7 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2014.   |                               |
| Summary                          | River levels rose quickly. Residents contacted the Council and sand bags were provided on this occasion. However these are unlikely to have prevented inundation of this area, had river levels risen any higher. The Longford Flood Alleviation Scheme, an overflow channel constructed on Council owned land appeared to function well.                               |                               |
| Action recommended for Residents | The Council recommends that residents work together to produce a Community Flood Plan. Support will be offered in starting this, and identifying and signposting any appropriate grants and appropriate property level protection.  |                               |
| Action by the Environment Agency | The site lies midway between a numbers of Environment Agency gauges which makes it difficult to monitor river levels at this location, particularly as the river has a number of different channels. This is also not 'real time' data. Feedback has been provided by the Council to the Environment Agency who have committed to reviewing their monitoring locations. |                               |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This and all the following assessments are based on the best available flood risk information from the Environment Agency Flood Map. In each map, blue shows the risk from the rivers, and pink highlights the risk from surface water.

| September 2  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Area affected  | c) The Common, West Drayton   |   |
| Date of flooding   | 07/02/2014  |   |
| Grid Reference   | 505102178621 or TQ0578NW  |   |
| Land ownership   | Residents or 'Riparia   | an' owners, and private roads   |
| Map of Area  |   | Photo   |
| Location of flooding mark  | ked as a red star   | February 2014 ( Taken by resident)  |
| Mayhelds Lake  Sports Group Park  Community Centile  Park  Community Communi |   |   |
| Duration of flooding   | Approx 2 days   |   |
| Source of flooding   | Main River - River C  | olne and Wraysbury River  |
| Cause/Pathway  | and 12 businesses, could have been cut off by flooding.  Anecdotal evidence from Council Highways Team and residents  |   |
| Impact of flooding   |   |   |
| Evidence   |   |   |
| History of flooding  |   |   |
| Summary  | Residents contacted the Council and sand bags were provided on this occasion. A number of properties utilised their own pumps as water came up under floor boards to keep it from affecting contents. Residents raised concerns about the timing of the Environment Agency Flood Warning, and had queries about what action the Council would take. |   |
| Action Residents and or Businesses   | Residents to report incidents and extent of flooding to the Council so this can inform future plans to reduce flood risk. The Council recommends that residents work together to produce a Community Flood Plan. Support will be offered in starting this, and in identifying and signposting to appropriate grants and protection.                 |   |
| Action by the Environment Agency Environment Agency  Action by the Environment Agency  Environment Agency  The river flows in a number of channels, and these resident midway between Environment Agency gauges making it do monitor river levels. This is also not 'real time' data. Feedby been provided to the Environment Agency who have common reviewing their monitoring and issuing of warnings in this at 2010 a prefeasibility and scoping for the Arklyn Kennels Defence Scheme was undertaken. Work was not progress result of the findings of the study. However due to the commissues at this site the Council have asked the Environment to investigate funding a property level protection scheme.   |   | vironment Agency gauges making it difficult to This is also not 'real time' data. Feedback has a Environment Agency who have committed to toring and issuing of warnings in this area. In and scoping for the <b>Arklyn Kennels</b> Flood as undertaken. Work was not progressed as a of the study. However due to the continuing a Council have asked the Environment Agency |

| Area affected  | d) Fairway Avenue and surrounding area.  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Date of flooding   | 07/02/2014   |  |
| Grid Reference   | 505497 179934 or   | TQ0579NW                                     |
| Land ownership   | Private land owners and Council maintained roads.  |  |
| Map of Area  |  | Photo  |
| Location of flooding mark  | ked as a red star  |  |
| ioris and a second seco |  |  |
| Duration of flooding   | Approx 2-3 days  |  |
| Source of flooding   | Main Rivers and ord<br>Ditch   | dinary watercourses - Frays River and Bigley |
| Cause/Pathway  | ponding on road.  Reports of flooding of 2 properties back gardens, and access   |  |
| Impact of flooding   |  |  |
| Evidence   |  |  |
| History of flooding  | None Council are aware of.   |  |
| Summary  | Following request by residents, and as river levels were rising and inundation imminent, sand bags provided by the Council to the most vulnerable residents.   |  |
| Action Residents and or Businesses   | The Council recommends that residents work together to produce a Community Flood Plan. Support will be offered in starting this, and in identifying and signposting to any appropriate grants and property level protection.  It is clear that a large number of properties have hard surfaced drives which run into the road, exacerbating highways flooding. Promotion of the SWMP Action plan for residents - reducing flood risk by replacing hard surfaces with permeable paving.  Private owners of ditches to acknowledge their 'Riparian' responsibilities to clear them, and maintain their capacity. |  |
| Action by the Council  | To publish the investigation which would provide residents with clarity on what the Council are doing to manage flood risk, which organisation is responsible for different elements of flooding and if and when support will be provided.   |  |

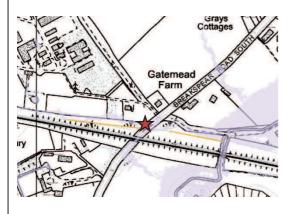
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| Area affected  | e)) St Johns Road and surrounding area.  |  |  |
| Date of flooding   | 07/02/2014   |  |  |
| Grid Reference   | 504503 183299 or   | TQ0483SE   |  |
| Land ownership   | Residents and Coll   | ege  |  |
| Map of Area  |  | Photo  |  |
| Location of flooding marked as a red star  |  | ( From LBH)  |  |
| Uxbridge   | ge de la company |  |  |
| Duration of flooding   | Approx 2-3 days  |  |  |
| Source of flooding   | Main River - River   | Main River - River Colne and Ordinary watercourse.   |  |
| Cause/Pathway  | River levels rising, water flowing into residents garden and on to highway and entrance to College.  |  |  |
| Impact of flooding   | Anecdotal evidence from Highways officers and residents  2013  The Canal and River Trust opened all sluices fully to discharge water. This flows along the watercourse to the River Colne. The River Colne was very high and water from the ordinary watercourse could not flow away. Following a request from a resident, sandbags were provided by the Council, and advice given to the College.  The Council recommends the resident and College produce a Flood Plan. Support will be offered in starting this, and identifying  |  |  |
| Evidence   |  |  |  |
| History of flooding  |  |  |  |
| Summary  |  |  |  |
| Action Residents and or Businesses   |  |  |  |
| Action by the Environment Agency Environment Agency  The site lies midway between Environment Agency makes it difficult to monitor river levels at this location as the river has a number of different channels. This 'real time' data. Feedback provided to the Environment Agency have commit the Council. The Environment Agency have commit reviewing their monitoring and issuing of warnings in |  | monitor river levels at this location particularly number of different channels. This is also not edback provided to the Environment Agency by nvironment Agency have committed to |  |

| ndon Borough of Hillingdon September 2                         |   |  |
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| Area affected  | f) Charville Lane, Ullswater Close, Kendall Close and Langdale Drive  |  |
| Date of flooding   | 24/12/13, 1/01/14, and 07/02/2014   |  |
| Grid Reference   | 509302 183279 or TO   | Q0983SW  |
| Land ownership   | Residents, Private La   | andowner and Council   |
| Map of Area  |   | Photo  |
| Location of flooding mark                                      | ked as a red star   | December 2013 ( From LBH)  |
| Recreation Ownerd  Page 19 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | Rem G   |  |
| Duration of flooding   | Approx 24 hours   |  |
| Source of flooding   | Multiple - Main River surface water sewer   | - Yeading Brook, Ordinary Watercourse and  |
| Cause/Pathway  | River levels rising coming into back garden and Highway.  |  |
| Impact of flooding   | garages flooded on L<br>flooded on Langdale   | Iccess roads and front and back gardens and Illswater, and Kendal Close, also road Drive. 2 reported properties surrounded by ne. However approx 40 given sand bags. |
| Evidence   | Anecdotal evidence and photos from Highways officers and residents  |  |
| History of flooding  | 2013 and previous.  |  |
| Summary  | River levels high causing water to flow up Thames Water sewers, onto Highway, front drives and garages.   |  |
| Action Residents and or Businesses                             | Community Flood Pla   | ends the residents work together to produce a an, support will be offered in starting this, and osting to any grants and appropriate property a may be available.    |
| Action by the Environment Agency                               | Investigation into issuing a specific surface water alert for this area. Feedback provided to the Environment Agency by the Council who have given a commitment to reviewing their monitoring and issuing of warnings in this area. |  |
| Action Thames Water  | Confirm ownership and maintenance of culvert, jetting of manhole and clearance of culvert and trash screens to the rear of Kendal and Ullswater Close.  |  |
| Action by the Council  | Continue to ensure the Risk Management Authorities undertake the actions identified above. Continue to clear the ditch on Council owned land and clear the screens until Thames Water clarify their                                 |  |

ownership and responsibility.

| Area affected    | g) Breakspear Road South, Ruislip |  |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Date of flooding | 01/02/2014                        |  |
| Grid Reference   | 507194 187196 or TQ0787SW         |  |
| Land ownership   | Network Rail.                     |  |
|                  |                                   |  |

| Map of Area                               | Photo                    |
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| Location of flooding marked as a red star | December 2012 (From LBH) |
| ·   | ·                        |





| Duration of flooding      | Approx 24 hours.   |  |
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| Source of flooding        | Surface water  |  |
| Cause/Pathway             | Run off from surrounding fields entering ordinary watercourses on Network Rail land, These also take flow from highways ditches, but cannot discharge to the River Pinn when it is high, so back up.   |  |
| Impact of flooding        | Flooded Category C Highway underneath Railway line.  |  |
| Evidence                  | Photographs and anecdotal evidence from Highways officers  |  |
| History of flooding       | Flooding in 2012, and December 2013  |  |
| Summary                   | Surrounding field catchment and highways ditches of approx 388 Acres or 157 hectares catchment draining to the ordinary water course flowing along either side of the embankment in to the River Pinn. When the River Pinn is high this watercourse cannot flow away and water floods the road. The Council was already aware of flooding at this location, and has engaged with Network Rail as Riparian Landowner in 2013 to clear the streams on their land. Network Rail has cleared the stream to the north side of the embankment which has reduced the frequency of flooding. They have also at request of the Council replaced a culvert headwall which was blocking flow. However the site is still at risk and flooded in 2014. Further works by Network Rail are required to ensure the south side watercourse is clear. This will continue to be monitored by the Council. |  |
| Action by Network<br>Rail | Clearance of ditch on a regular basis and completion of the replacement headwall.  |  |

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| Area affected             | h) Ruislip Lido  |   |
| Date of flooding          | December 2013 - M  | larch 2014  |
| Grid Reference            | 508703 189034 or   | ΓQ0889SE  |
| Land ownership            | Hillingdon Council   |   |
| Map of Area               |  | Photo   |
| Location of flooding mark | ked as a red star  | January 2014 (From LBH)   |
| Nothwood His              |  |   |
| Duration of flooding      | Continued ordinary   | watercourse and groundwater flows   |
| Source of flooding        | Ordinary Watercour   | se - Cannons Brook and also groundwater.  |
| Cause/Pathway             | High water levels at   | the Lido and Northwood Golf Club.   |
| Impact of flooding        | 1 report of Northwood within the Lido prevented in the Lido preven | od Golf Club being closed. Water contained enting flooding.   |
| Evidence                  | Anecdotal evidence   | from Council officers and photographs.  |
| History of flooding       | Over-flow from Lido  | in 1977, 200/2001 and 2009  |
| Summary                   | levels rose consider<br>However as a result<br>water which reduce<br>There was concern   | d period of rainfall and flow into the Lido, water rably above the agreed managed water level. t, the Lido provided substantial storage for d the likelihood of flooding downstream. by Northwood Golf Club that water was being Woods, and was impacting on the use of their   |
| Action by the Council     | the Council. This remanaged at 0.65m water levels regular of water from the Licrecommended by thoverflow pipe, and the Cannons Brook included Trash screen. Howe Environment Agencies are water levels The Council has inwoods and has conflow over them and   | sment (FRA) was undertaken for the Lido by commended that water levels should be below da. The Council continues to monitor ly, and operates valves to allow the discharge do. The Council has undertaken the work he FRA, by restricting the diameter of one by carrying out works downstream on the uding the replacement of the Ladygate Lane ever the Council continues to work with the by to determine the best management regime to can be maintained at the agreed level. We restigated the operation of sluices within the firmed that in times of high flow, water would into the Lido. In addition the ditch network has debris cleared as a result. |

| Area affected                    | h) Kings College P  | laying Fields  |
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| Date of flooding                 | December 2013- Ap   |  |
| Grid Reference                   | 509468 188088 or T  |  |
| Land ownership                   | Residents and the C   |  |
| Map of Area                      |   | Photo  |
| Location of flooding mark        | ked as a red star   | January 2014 ( from LBH)   |
| RUSCIA                           | Part Service Control of the Control |  |
| Duration of flooding             | December 2013- Ju   | ne 2014.   |
| Source of flooding               | High water table and  | d continued groundwater flows  |
| Cause/Pathway                    | Groundwater and su  | ırface water.  |
| Impact of flooding               | addition to large are playing fields. Footp   | of back gardens and 1 of a garage flooded in as of water ponding on the Kings College ath to the playing fields also flooded. from the Council and residents, and  |
| Evidence                         | photographs taken.  |  |
| History of flooding              | 1977 and 2012.  |  |
| Summary                          | lying area adjacent t<br>Agency Flood Map f   | nd surrounding residential properties are a low to the River Pinn identified by the 'Environment for Surface Water'. Once built up, water takes back into the River Pinn.  |
| Action by the Council            | flooding. However d<br>remains ponded on<br>work has been unde  | cted land drainage in 2004 to alleviate ue to the record amounts of rain, water site. Further work is being considered, survey ertaken and proposals are being drawn up. An any has been made for this work.   |
| Action recommended by Residents  | and groundwater, Co<br>together to produce<br>offered in starting th<br>appropriate grants a  | fied as being at risk from both fluvial, surface ouncil recommends that the residents work a Community Flood Plan. Support will be is, and in identifying and signposting any nd appropriate property level protection.                                    |
| Action by the Environment Agency | Coastal Committee Strategy' to reduce f Agency to take into developing the potential  | warded by the Regional Flood Risk and for a 'River Pinn Flood Risk Management flood risk from the river. The Environment account groundwater issues in the area in thial scheme. Initial investigation work by the y scheduled to take place in 2014/2015. |

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| Area affected                                 |  | ote and surrounding area  |
| Date of flooding                              | 510391 188421 or T   | Q1088SW   |
| Grid Reference                                |  |   |
| Land ownership                                | Residents.   |   |
| Map of Area                                   |  | Photo   |
| Location of flooding mark                     | ked as a red star  |   |
| Easto   | Eastoote House Cardens  PW  PW  PW  PW  PW  PW  PW  PW  PW  P  |   |
| Duration of flooding                          | Approx 24 hours 20   | 14.   |
| Source of flooding                            | Unconfirmed  |   |
| Cause/Pathway                                 | Unconfirmed  |   |
| Impact of flooding                            | A number of garages  | s and the highway   |
| Evidence                                      | Anecdotal evidence   | from the Council and residents.   |
| History of flooding                           | None the Council is  | aware of  |
| Summary                                       | Park. The Council had found that Taylor Wi concern over the dra Taylor Wimpey to clean tesident reported of gullies were cleared issue was reported to | ported issues with the drainage at Pembroke as undertaken an investigation in to this which impey is responsible. The Council raised sinage on the site and work was undertaken by ear it.  In progoing issues of flooding on the High Road: by the Council but water still remained. The or Thames Water and a clearance of the pipe of this appears to be a continuing issue. |
| Action by Taylor<br>Wimpey and A2<br>Dominion | handed over to Priva<br>the future. Therefore<br>the drainage infrastr   | r drainage within Pembroke Park will be ate Management Company 'A 2 Dominion' in A2 Dominion should continue to ensure that aucture is cleared regularly in the future. (with main road through the development, which is a Highway Authority)  |
| Action by Thames<br>Water                     | Clearance of sewer   | draining High Road, Eastcote.   |

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| Area affected  | k) Moorhall Road, F  | нагетівій  |
| Date of flooding   | 07/02/2014   |  |
| Grid Reference   | 505189 188821 or T   | Q0588NW  |
| Land ownership   | Private Landowner a  | nd the Council   |
| Map of Area  |  | Photo  |
| Location of flooding mark  | ked as a red star  |  |
| Service Servic | South Harefield  Park Lidge Cottage  Amountain Bell  Harefield Moor        |  |
| Duration of flooding   | Approx 24 hours 201  | 4.   |
| Source of flooding   | Surface water flooding   | ng   |
| Cause/Pathway  | Water falling on the i   | road not able to drain away  |
| Impact of flooding   | Water covered the robusinesses.  | oad, and access from the west to approx 3  |
| Evidence   | Anecdotal evidence   | from Council officers and residents  |
| History of flooding  | None Council is awa  | re of  |
| Summary  | the road was flooded responsibility for sew implemented their Buenployees. | tended the site to place signage to say that I. Queries were raised by tenants as to the vers which are on the private land. Offices usiness Continuity Plan to advise their |
| Action by the Council  | contact the Thames   | on roles and responsibilities for tenants to Water regarding the sewer. Provide business hose local business that were affected or are                                       |

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| Area affected                           | I)) Royal Quay and Summerhall Lane, Harefield  |        |
| Date of flooding                        | 07/02/2014   |        |
| Grid Reference                          | 504084 191208 or TQ0491SW  |        |
| Land ownership                          | Private Landowner and Residents  |        |
| Map of Area                             | Photo  |        |
| Location of flooding mark as a red star | February 2014 ( Taken by resident)   |        |
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| Duration of flooding                    | Approx 24 hours 2014.  |        |
| Source of flooding                      | Ordinary watercourse (Channel from Canal) and surface water flooding.  |        |
| Cause/Pathway                           | Water from Canal flowing over the proposed development site of Royal Quay and at other points along the towpath to the north. The foul water sewer system was overwhelmed and caused backing up into toilet systems of at least 1 residential property.  | Ī      |
| Impact of flooding                      | Island at Royal Quay, and 3 residents gardens along Canal towpath and residents on Summerhall Lane.  |        |
| Evidence                                | Anecdotal evidence from residents and photographs.   |        |
| History of flooding                     | None. Previous issues of sewer flooding  |        |
| Summary                                 | During recent heavy rainfall evidence was provided of the floodin and concern expressed about the implications of the new development.   | ıg     |
| Action by Thames<br>Water               | Further investigation of the flooding events and operation of the sluices to be undertaken. Provision of management plan by Thames Water for the sluices at Coppermill Lock to demonstrate they are being managed appropriately. The Council recommends that this information is provided to new residents on the site to allow them to contact Thames Water directly about any issues. In addition, The Council have asked Thames Water to investigate the pump and sizing of the foul water system to alleviate flooding at Summerhall Lane. | s<br>e |
| Action by Developer                     | Developer to undertake an addendum to their Flood Risk Assessment to address recent revisions in proposals and the floorisk to and from their site.  | od     |

| Area affected                      | m) Springwell L                     | ane, Harefield   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Date of flooding                   | 07/02/2014                          |  |
| Grid Reference                     | 504354 193121                       | or TQ0493SW  |
| Land ownership                     | Private Landowr                     | ner  |
| Map of Area                        |                                     | Photo  |
| Location of flooding marked a      | s a red star                        | February 2014 ( from LBH)  |
| Weir                               | Pit (dis)                           |  |
| Duration of flooding               | Approx 24 hours                     | s 2014.  |
| Source of flooding                 | Main River - Riv<br>water flooding. | er Colne, Ordinary watercourse, and surface  |
| Cause/Pathway                      | flow path from th                   | mbination from multiple sources. Potential ne River Colne across Stockers Lake and vatercourse following the arrows.                                       |
| Impact of flooding                 | Flooding cutting residents althou   | off access to 1 business, and possibly gh not reported.  |
| Evidence                           | Anecdotal evide photographs tak     | nce from officers and residents, and en.   |
| History of flooding                | None the Counc                      |  |
| Summary                            | Colne was very place signs to cl    | the road, could not drain away as the River high. The Council Highways team attended to ose the road, however there was concern did not do enough to help. |
| Action Residents and or Businesses | undertaking thei                    | andowners where appropriate are<br>r 'Riparian' responsibilities, and clearing<br>elop a Flood Plan supported by the Council                               |
| Action by the Council              |                                     | o advise of any support for businesses<br>government that may be appropriate and to<br>good plan.  |

| Ar | ea affected  | n) Generic queries regarding flooding  |
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| Qı | ueries   | Actions  |
| 1  | A number of residents have raised concerns through Members about being able to contact the Council if needed.  | Each request has been responded to individually. There is information for residents on the Hillingdon website identifying who to contact, and how, both during and out of normal working hours. The Council is contactable 24 hrs a day, and has a number of officers on standby to respond to emergencies.  Increase information available to residents which does not require a conversation with an officer / increase number of officers able to provide flood related advice (potentially via contact centre)   |
| 2  | A number of queries across the borough concerned the roles and responsibilities of the different Flood Risk Management Authorities such as the Council and Environment Agency and who was responsible for managing different types of rivers such as main rivers and ordinary watercourses.  | Roles and responsibilities are continually evolving. Council officers to provide clarity via the website and possibly via hard copy in libraries, as to what the Council and Environment Agency's responsibilities and work they do. However information can currently be found in the Hillingdon Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) <sup>5</sup> available on the Hillingdon website. The Council to review ditch management where it has responsibility. The Council to publicise via the website, and possibly libraries, the responsibilities of a riparian owner i.e. owner of land through which a ditch passes. More details can be found in 'Living on the Edge' <sup>6</sup> an Environment Agency publication.   |
| 3  | A number of residents expressed concern about how often the Council clear trash screens.   | Development of an asset management plan is required which will detail what the Council manages and their management programme. This would be made available to residents.  |
| 4  | A number of 'vulnerable institutions' such as schools are affected by flooding and should have a flood plan.   | Council officers to advise educational institutions on producing a flood plan <sup>7</sup> and/or business continuity plan. Guidance can be found on the Environment Agency or Flood Forum websites.   |
| 5  | Large number of Schools have had localised surface/ groundwater issues.  | Educational institutions to ensure they are aware of their drainage assets and are managing and clearing them appropriately.   |
| 6  | Residents and Councillors have reported a number of highway flooding incidents. The Council has attended the site, cleared the gullies and passed the query to the Utility company. However the flooding has remained an ongoing issue, for example on Bury Street, Wood End Green, High Road, Eastcote and Station Approach, South Ruislip. | The Council to continue to respond to blocked gullies. The Council to continue to work with and raise issues with water utility companies where the problems continue. Specific incidents have been raised with Thames Water through their local government liaison officer and officers have met the Operations Manager for the area. Where it is a significant flooding incident, the Council may consider if there are options and the resources to be able to take to alleviate the flooding. This is limited as the Council cannot alter utilities pipework. Additional resources and budget are needed in order to investigate these issues further, such as being able to undertake CCTV surveys and carrying out high pressure jetting. Thames Water to respond to issues reported and provide |

http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=24117&nor=1
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities
http://apps.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood/151256.aspx

|   |          | feedback on ongoing issues including timeframes for solutions.  |
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| 7 | Sandbags | Review policy to ensure it is sustainable and realistic and permits appropriate prioritisation of activities by highways staff. |

#### 3 Conclusion

In summary from the previous reports, 26 properties and 7 Businesses were affected as well as 4 schools/ educational facilities. However this investigation highlights the areas that would be first affected in any larger flood event and should be a focus for the Council to consider options to reduce flooding.

The Council has considered the investigation findings and puts forward the following actions:

#### **Short Term Actions**

#### The Council

- To update information on the website regarding the roles and responsibilities of each of the flood risk bodies.
- Review the Environment Agency report and provide feedback to ensure co-ordinated approach to actions particularly regarding communications
- To publicise the government Flood Support Schemes, for business and home owners and develop where there is eligibility the mechanism for administering these proposals.
- To finalise investigations and provide feedback to residents and contacts directly where issues have been reported.

#### **The Environment Agency**

- To provide the Council with their flooding review and information on the actions they will be taking.
- To investigate providing real time data on river and sea levels for professional partners and or the public.
- To undertake the promised review of location of gauges, and timings and appropriateness of Flood Warnings within the Borough and discuss this with the Council.
- To share more clearly information on management and maintenance and projects to allow the Council and other Riparian owners to develop their own programme of works and maintenance.

#### Residents

• To take action by producing Community Flood plans and using the 'resilience' measures tool, (Detailed in the SWMP Appendix B).

#### Long Term Actions

#### The Council

- To review and update the Multi Agency Floodplan, where necessary to reflect the current flood risks for the borough, and to formalise the council's internal flood response plan(s).
- To review of the ditch management and maintenance programme for the Council. This is already underway by the Flood and Water Management Officer.
- To review sandbag provision and formulate a clear policy based on cost benefit of reactive response versus the provision of advice by the Council to residents to implement site specific resilience measures.
- Following investigations, the Council to work with other responsible bodies and identify landowners to ensure they are taking appropriate action to reduce flood risk.

- To publish the Flood Investigation report and notify other Risk Management Authorities with Actions.
- To establish a communication plan to engage with residents regarding information on the Council's response to reducing flood risk and to ensure clear communication during a flood event both in and out of hours.
- To provide advice to those educational establishments in areas at flood risk, to put a flood plan in place and to ensure their drainage system is m
- To continue working towards delivering the legal requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Flood Risk Regulations 2009.
- Review the Council policy on the provision and use of Sandbags.
- To continue implementing the Surface Water Management Plan<sup>8</sup> Actions. There are a number of actions to manage flood risk from local sources such as surface water and groundwater which the Council has already set out in the SWMP. Some of these actions are repeated below:
  - Following this investigation the Council should update the Surface Water Management Plan: Evidence and Action Plans, Appendix A Site Specific Actions and Appendix C Generic Council Actions.
  - Continue to progress site specific projects. To also incorporate those at risk from Main River flooding so there is one clear list of the projects relating to flood risk being progressed by various bodies across the Borough. For example the River Pinn and Cannons Brook projects led by the Environment Agency. Add additional projects where there have been significant events identified within this investigation such as, c 'The Common' and i 'Kings College Playing Fields'.
  - Continue to develop and update a Flood Plan for the Council.
  - Continue development of Asset Register for 'significant assets' affecting flooding.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Surface Water Management Plan available on Hillingdon website <a href="http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/26402">http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/26402</a>

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## Agenda Item 7

## RESIDENTS' & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POC - REVIEW TOPICS FOR SINGLE MEETING REVIEW

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to agree a topic to be developed into a full scoping report to be considered at the meeting on 20 January 2014.

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee is asked to select a single area within its remit to be developed into a scoping report. This will require the Committee to provide specific rather than broad areas to focus on. By so doing, officers will be able to produce a scoping report that addresses Members' main concerns and put forward an effective plan for the review.

#### **INFORMATION**

The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the services provided by Residents Services. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda.

In selecting topics for further investigation by officers, Members are reminded of the Committee's work since 2009, which included reviews of:

| 2009/10  |
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| § Street Lighting  |
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| S Planning Enforcement – construction and use of back buildings (homes in back         |
| gardens)   |
| 2010/11  |
| § Khat   |
| § Town Twinning  |
| 2011/12  |
| § Mitigating the environmental effects of the telecommunications masts and cabinets in |
| the London Borough of Hillingdon and beyond  |
| 2012/13  |
| S Review of the regulations and byelaws relating to the Cemeteries and Burial Grounds  |
| within Hillingdon  |
| 2013/14  |
| S Using Our Water: Improving Efficiency and Developing Long-Term Strategies            |
| 2014/15  |

S Diversifying the Street Champions Initiative

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## Agenda Item 8

#### **FORWARD PLAN**

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#### **REASON FOR ITEM**

The Committee is required by its terms of reference to consider the Forward Plan and comment as appropriate to the decision maker on key decisions that relate to services within its remit (before they are taken by Cabinet or Cabinet Member).

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

- To comment on items going to the Cabinet or Cabinet Members for decision.
- Or to note the items and decide not to comment.

#### **INFORMATION**

- 1. The Forward Plan for the following months has been published. Those items that are within this Committee's remit are shown on the attached version of the Forward Plan. The Committee may wish to consider and comment on these items.
- 2. Committee Members are requested to send in any questions they have regarding the attached Forward Plan or on any reports going to the next meeting of Cabinet, and to notify any officers that they would like to attend to give advice.

#### SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

 To consider whether there are comments or suggestions that the Committee wishes to make that will aid Cabinet's decision making.

clause after the 3rd year of the contract. The Cabinet

eport sets out the outcome of that review.

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| London Underground                 | London Underground making London Underground Stations within Hillingdon more accessible for residents and those with disabilities. This follows a related motion to Council approved on 10 July 2014. |                   |
| Air Handling Units (AHUs)          | Although Cabinet gave approval to a contract in 2013 Uxbric for these works, the recommended contractor withdrew South  | Uxbridge<br>South |
| shment works                       | their tender from consideration. Cabinet is therefore asked to consider the other tenders received.   |                   |
| Parking appeals -                  | The Parking Appeals Service for Parking on Private  | All               |
| delegation to                      |   |                   |
| Transport and Environment          | behalf of London boroughs under contract to the<br>British Parking Association. All London boroughs have  |                   |
| Committee                          | been requested to re-affirm their delegated authority to the organisation's Transport and Environment   |                   |
|                                    | Committee in respect of the ongoing operation of this service. Note: this should not be confused with the   |                   |
|                                    | London Parking and Traffic Appeals Service on public land (PATAS).  |                   |
|                                    |   | =                 |
| Former Belmore<br>Allotment. Burns | Cabinet will be asked to declare the site surplus to requirements, authorise the sale and delegate the  | Barnhill          |
| Close, Hayes                       | necessary future decisions in respect of the site to the  |                   |
|                                    | Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member.   |                   |
| Review of the                      | In 2011 the Council commenced a contract with the   | All               |
| Planning Contract                  | firm Terra Quest' (for a 10 year period) to validate,   |                   |
|                                    | assess and otherwise process specific categories of   |                   |
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| SI       | Council Departments: RS = Residents Services SI Reports from Policy Major Overview & Scrutiny consider Committees | CYPS=Children and Young People's Services Policy Review recommendations for deration by the Cabinet as and when   | ASCS= Adult Social Care Services TBC completed. | AD = Admin  | FD= Fin                             | AD -<br>Democratic<br>Services                |   |          |                      |
| Cab      | Cabinet meeting -   | 18 December 2014  |   |   |                                     |   |   |          |                      |
| 035      | Provision of the<br>Supply and<br>Installation of CCTV<br>Equipment   | Cabinet will be asked to consider creating a Framework Agreement for the Provision of the Supply and Installation of CCTV Equipment to The London Borough of Hillingdon, for the term of 3 years with the option of a 1 year extension, subject to performance.   | All   |   | Clir Douglas<br>Mills               | FD - Victoria<br>Coady                        | Service areas / Corporate<br>Procurement  | <u> </u> | Private (3)          |
| 038a     | The Council's Budget - Medium Term Financial Forecast 2015/16 - 2018/19 BUDGET & POLICY FRAMEWORK                 | The Council's Budget  - Medium Term - Forecast (MTFF), which includes the draft General Financial Forecast 2015/16 - 2018/19 - BUDGET & POLICY - PRAMEWORK - Include the HRA rents for consideration. | ₹   | 19 February Cllr<br>2015 Jon<br>(reserve Biar<br>date 26 Ray<br>February Pud<br>2015) MBI | athan<br>ooc & Clir<br>difoot       | Whaymand                                      | Public consultation through the Policy Overview Committee process and statutory consultation with businesses & ratepayers |          |                      |
| <u>o</u> | Reports from Policy<br>Overview & Scrutiny<br>Committees  | Major Policy Review recommendations for consideration by the Cabinet as and when completed.   | TBC   |   | TBC                                 | AD -<br>Democratic<br>Services                |   |          |                      |
| S        | Quarterly Planning<br>Obligations<br>Monitoring report  | Regular monitoring report with information about spending on section 106 (developer contribution) monies.   | All   |   | Cllr Keith<br>Burrows               | RS - Jales<br>Tippell /<br>Vanessa<br>Scott   |   |          |                      |
| Cab      | Cabinet meeting -   | 22 January 2015   |   |   |                                     |   |   |          |                      |

| Ref     | Decision                      | Further information v  | Ward(s) | Final decision  by Full Council  Cabinet | Member(s)<br>Responsible | Officer Contact<br>for further<br>information | Consultation<br>on the<br>decision | NEW ITEM | Private<br>decision? |
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| S       | Pedestrian                    | To approve schemes to provide crossing facilities                        |         | E C                                      | Cllr Keith               | RS - David                                    |                                    |          |                      |
|         | Crossings                     |  |         | Bui                                      | Burrows                  | Knowles                                       |                                    |          |                      |
| SI      | Transport - Local             | Local Implementation Programme including schemes                         |         | CIII                                     | Cllr Keith               | RS - David                                    |                                    |          |                      |
|         | Implementation                | for the public realm, parking, road safety, school travel,               |         | Bui                                      | Burrows                  | Knowles                                       |                                    |          |                      |
|         | Programme                     | walking, cycling, air quality improvement and Traffic Regulation Orders. |         |  |                          |   |                                    |          |                      |
| S       | Erection and                  | Following Cabinet's decision on 24th September, final All                |         | S  | Cllr Ray                 | RS - John                                     |                                    |          |                      |
|         | Renewal of Street             | sign-off of any expenditure against this term contract                   |         | Pu                                       |                          | Fern  |                                    |          |                      |
|         | Furniture                     | must be made by the Leader of the Council and                            |         | ME                                       | MBE and                  |   |                                    |          |                      |
|         |                               | Cabinet Member for Finance and Business Services.                        |         | CII                                      | L                        |   |                                    |          |                      |
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## Agenda Item 9

## RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE 2014/15

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#### **REASON FOR REPORT**

This report is to enable the Committee to review meeting dates and forward plans. This is a standard item at the end of each agenda.

#### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

- 1. To confirm dates for meetings
- 2. To make suggestions for future working practices and reviews.

#### **WORK PROGRAMME**

| 26 Jun 2014  | Major Review 1 – agree potential review topic for first major review   |
|--------------|--|
|              | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                      |
| Venue: CR5   | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                    |
|              |  |
| 30 Jul 2014  | Major Review 1 – consideration of scoping report                       |
|              | Consideration of Budget Planning Report for Residents Services 2015/16 |
| Venue: CR6   | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                      |
|              | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                    |
|              |  |
| 25 Sep 2014  | Major Review 1 – First witness session                                 |
|              | Report on road safety in areas surrounding schools - on hold following |
| Venue: CR5   | circulation of previous paper on same topic                            |
|              | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                      |
|              | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                    |
|              |  |
| 16 Oct 2014  | Major Review 1 – Second witness session                                |
|              | Consideration of Byelaws for Parks                                     |
| Venue: CR5   | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                      |
|              | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                    |
|              |  |
| 20 Nov 2014  | Major Review 1 – Third witness session                                 |
|              | Review 2 – agree potential review topic for single meeting review      |
| Venue: CR5   | Update on the Council's and other bodies' responses to flooding in the |
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Cabinet Forward Plan - review forthcoming decisions

| 20 Jan 2015 | Review 2 - consideration of scoping report                                 |
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|             | Report on the Cleaning of footpaths and bridal ways including: information |
| Venue: CR5  | on a cleaning schedule and fly tipping                                     |
|             | Annual Safety at Sports Grounds Report                                     |
|             | Budget Report for consideration  |
|             | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                          |
|             | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                        |

| 25 Feb 2015 | Review 2 - witness session  |
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|             | Update on the enforcement on Cemetery Regulations                       |
| Venue: CR5  | Report on Fly tipping in the Borough and the use of CCTV as a method of |
|             | surveillance  |
|             | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                       |
|             | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                     |

| 25 Mar 2015 | Review 2 - consideration of draft final report                |
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|             | Update on implementation of recommendations from past reviews |
| Venue: CR5  | Major Review 2 - consideration of draft final report          |
|             | Work Programme – review the annual work programme             |
|             | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions           |

| 29 Apr 2015 | Consideration of topics for major reviews for the next Municipal Year |
|-------------|---|
|             | Work Programme – review the annual work programme                     |
| Venue: CR4  | Cabinet Forward Plan – review forthcoming decisions                   |

<sup>\*</sup>All Committee meetings will begin at 5.30 p.m.