

Minutes**RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

17 January 2012

**Meeting held at Committee Room 4 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**

HILLINGDON
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	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Michael Markham (Chairman) Susan O'Brien (Vice-Chairman) Jazz Dhillon Shirley Harper-O'Neill Judy Kelly David Payne David Yarrow Lynne Allen</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Jean Palmer, Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Planning, Environment, Education & Community Services Andy Evans, Head of Finance</p> <p>Also Present: Nadia Williams, Democratic Services</p>	
42.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from Councillor June Nelson. Councillor Lynne Allen attended in her place.</p>	
43.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>There were no declarations of interests notified.</p>	
44.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART 1 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT ANY ITEMS MARKED PART 2 WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>It was confirmed that all items on the agenda were marked as Part 1 and would be considered in public.</p>	
45.	<p>TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2011 (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2011 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>	

46.	<p>REVIEW 1 - WITNESS SESSION 5 (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>Due to unavoidable circumstances, the witness for this witness session was unable to attend. Further discussions around the design aspects of telecommunications cabinets had been anticipated.</p> <p>It was highlighted that as individual operators were responsible for their own designs, it might be prudent for the Committee to develop questions on this issue to be directed at individual operators.</p> <p>Councillor Judy Kelly advised that as the Champion of the Arts for Hillingdon with a budget of £15,000 to spend on art projects, she had been in discussion with the Arts Team about using some of this money to fund a design competition. It would be open to anyone within the Borough to create something that could make the telecommunications green boxes more attractive.</p> <p>Members were directed to a briefing that had been circulated by email, as well as at the meeting, which set out plans to follow similar projects that had been undertaken by London Boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham and Southwark entitled, "Art on Telecom Cabinets". An actual agreement had been signed between BT Openreach and the Boroughs to work jointly on the projects and it was noted that both Boroughs had reported to date that the cabinets had not been posted with graffiti, vandalised or fly posted (The project was undertaken in Southwark 2 years ago).</p> <p>The meeting noted that as well as BT Openreach, Virgin Media had also been an active partner in the project undertaken by Southwark Council and that BT Openreach had already expressed an interest in taking part in a similar project in Hillingdon.</p> <p>It was anticipated that the project would identify 3 cabinets in Uxbridge Town Centre where the top 3 selected designs would be transferred on to the cabinets. The mural artist would work with the winning artist to translate their design into a suitable format and assist them with painting the cabinets using the correct materials and ensuring that they were coated in anti-graffiti paint for protection.</p> <p>During discussion, it was suggested that a catalogue of designs would be required to ensure that appropriate designs were used and were in keeping with the area, taking into consideration issues such as conservation areas.</p> <p>The Committee noted that this proposal could form part of the recommendation of its review on Mitigating the Environmental Effects of Telecommunication Masts and Cabinets in the London Borough of Hillingdon and beyond.</p>	Action by
47.	<p>PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 2012/13 BUDGET PROPOSALS (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p>	Action by

49.	WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12 (Agenda Item 8) Resolved The Committee agreed the Work Programme for 2011/12.	Action by
The meeting, which commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 6.25 pm.		

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Nadia Williams on 01895 277 488. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.