

## **MAJOR REVIEW – USING OUR WATER: IMPROVING EFFICIENCY AND DEVELOPING LONG-TERM STRATEGIES – DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

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### **REASON FOR ITEM**

Following the Committee's consideration of the recommendations for this review at its meeting of 21 January 2014, a draft final report has been produced. This needs to be agreed by the Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet at its meeting of 20 March 2014.

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

1. To consider the evidence that the Committee gathered during its review.
2. Highlight issues for further investigation.
3. To consider and agree the draft final report for the review.

### **INFORMATION**

1. At the Committee's last meeting, Members considered draft recommendations for the current review into water conservation. These recommendations have now been supplemented by a full draft final report containing information from the 3 witness sessions and the site visit to Heathrow Terminal 2.
2. Reflecting the themes that emerged throughout the review, the report has been divided into the following three areas:
  - Change of Practice
  - Change of Technologies
  - Change of Policies
3. Officers have endeavoured to ensure that this report is as accessible as possible and, consequently, have only included information that was directly relevant to the final recommendations. However, there is a great deal of contextual information provided in the Background Reading section which should provide those reading the report with all of the evidence heard by the Committee itself. There are also links to the minutes from these sessions, should they be required.

### **PAPERS WITH THE REPORT**

Water Conservation Review – Terms of Reference  
Draft final report

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## **Terms of Reference**

### **General**

1. To gather evidence in order to develop a broad understanding of:
  - a. The Council's current water usage practices in both its green spaces and across the corporate estate,
  - b. The scope of the Council's existing policies regarding its own water usage,
  - c. The planning requirements that the Council places on developers building in the Borough.

### **Water and Our Green Spaces**

2. To explore possible ways in which the Council could make short-, medium- and long-term improvements to its water usage in award-winning green spaces;
3. To explore alternative water supply options and determine where the Council can get best value for money and have the best possible impact on the environment;
4. To make recommendations that produce financial savings, increased efficiency and add to the Council's reputation as an authority with an innovative and leading approach to green spaces;

### **Water and Our Corporate Estate**

5. To explore how the Council could make cost-effective changes to its water usage practices across the corporate estate;
6. To make recommendations that improve how the Council uses water within its own buildings with a view to reducing usage and producing positive financial and environmental impacts;

### **Developing Our Water Strategy**

7. To contribute to the development of future water requirements set out in the Local Plan Part 2;
8. In conjunction with the Environment Agency and water companies, to contribute to future plans for conserving and reducing water usage in the Borough; and
9. To make recommendations that put measures in place to ensure that the Borough's water usage is brought in line with the London average as determined by the London State of the Environment Report.