

Report of the Chairman on the work of Environment and Sustainability Committee

The Environment and Sustainability Committee has met on two occasions since the previous report to Council. This report gives an overview of the key items considered by the Committee at its meetings on 23 August, and 14 September. A further meeting is to be held on 6 October 2021 and a separate report will follow.

1. Extraordinary meeting 23 August 2021

- 1.1 The Committee agreed a change to the membership of the Local Plan Task Group to allow the Independent Labour seat to be relinquished in favour of a Green Party councillor for the same ward who was not part of a political group at that time.

2. Meeting 14 September 2021

- 2.1 The Committee agreed the proposed updating of the rules and regulations for allotments.
- 2.2 The Committee noted a report summarising the Government's consultations on elements of its Waste and Resources Strategy for England and the potential impacts on councils if it was introduced.
- 2.3 The Committee noted the report on the engine idling poster campaign which was launched to encourage drivers to reduce engine idling and asked if another poster could be devised to increase awareness of the link between dementia and exhaust fumes.
- 2.4 The Committee received and noted the revenue and capital monitoring reports for the period April to June 2021.
- 2.5 An update on the River Thames Scheme was provided by the Group Head of Commissioning and Transformation.
- 2.6 The Committee was advised that progress on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) was slow, but work had started on identifying priority cycling and walking routes.
- 2.7 The Committee received updates on the work of:
 - The Local Plan Task Group
 - The Staines Development Framework Task Group
 - The CIL Local Spending Boards
 - The Climate Change Working Group
- 2.8 The Committee agreed the forward plan subject to the inclusion of:

- A review of the bonfire complaints process and a poster campaign to discourage bonfires
- An extraordinary meeting to consider carrying out checks of the land adjacent to the house where Zane Gbangbola died and, if necessary, following on from this instigating remedial treatment.