

**Resolutions from Board Meeting of the
Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators (WPCC)
2nd December 2019**

Item 12.19.7 Update on WPCC's Constitutional Framework

That the WPCC Board RESOLVED to commence a phased consultation process to understand the views of stakeholders regarding potential amendments to WPCC's constitutional framework in the following three areas:

1. potential amendment of WPCC's Special Levy, recognising that:
 - i. a founding principle of the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act 1871 Act is that the Levy is intended to serve as the principal source of funding to maintain the Commons; and
 - ii. the Levy is currently insufficient to meet the long term maintenance and investment requirements for the Commons;
2. regularisation and clarification of land and building matters enabling WPCC to resolve a number of operational matters associated with managing the Commons, recognising that there is neither a desire nor intention of diluting or diminishing the very high level of protection that is afforded by the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Act 1871 to one of the most unique and precious resources in the country but simply a need to ensure that the Act provides a sound legal basis for future investment in all aspects of the Commons; amendments to address the issues in this area would neither impact WPCC's charitable objects nor diminish the duties imposed upon the Conservators but regularise the current state of the estate and clarify the Conservators' powers and prohibitions in this area;
3. modernisation of WPCC's governance arrangements and election procedures recognising the practical challenges of working under legislation relating to those matters dating back to the founding legislation of 1871.

The primary means of effecting changes to WPCC's constitution will be through secondary legislation.

Present:

Conservators: Mrs Diane Neil Mills, Chairman
Mrs Shirley Gillbe
Mr David Hince
Mr Peter Hirsch
Mrs Sarah-Jane Holden
Mr Mike Rappolt
Dr Ros Taylor
Mr Nigel Ware

Officers: Mr Simon Lee, Chief Executive
Mr Stephen Bound, Chief Operations Manager
Ms Paula Graystone, Deputy Clerk and Ranger
Mrs Angela Evans-Hill, PA to CEO and Communications Officer