

Liberal Democrat Amendment

Proposed by: Councillor Caroline Kerr

Seconded by: Councillor John Sweeney

This Council acknowledges that;

1. the Coronavirus pandemic has brought a sharp focus on the issue of public health and specifically the health and wellbeing of the residents of the Borough,

Insert new points 2, 3 and 4 and reorder numbers:

“2. the Health and Well-Being Board has identified the fight against obesity to be a major public health priority in the borough and we are committed to the whole systems approach to obesity;

3. exercise equipment in parks and estates are a small part of improving overall public health in Kingston. In order to tackle obesity and health inequalities a holistic approach that addresses housing, employment, diet, physical activity and mental health issues is required;

4. physical activity needs a range of approaches that include increasing confidence levels to use open spaces, investing in pathways and working with voluntary organisations to bring together social and active opportunities;”

5. residents in Kingston are more healthy overall than the national or London population (measured using a variety of measures including life expectancy which is greater than the England average by 1.9 years for Kingston men and 1.4 years for Kingston women),
6. health outcomes and life expectancy in Kingston are generally good because of the overall affluence of the area
7. good overall health outcomes hide specific areas of deprivation where average life expectancy is not so good - Male life expectancy ranged from 77.1 years in Norbiton to 84.1 years in Tudor. Female life expectancy was also lowest in Norbiton (80.5 years) but highest in Old Malden (87.4 years)
8. since the start of the Go Cycle scheme in 2014 this council has made progress in the provision of healthy opportunities for short journeys and the use of exercise equipment in a small number of parks and in its support of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This Council believes that;

9. the pandemic has shown that there is significant demand and a new understanding of public health and the need for good access to open spaces as part of a healthy lifestyle;
10. access to public space and the enhancement of the public realm **Insert: “is”**
Delete: “should be” a priority for the council in supporting the greater health and wellbeing of residents.

This Council resolves to;

11. **Insert:** “*continue to*” encourage the provision of public exercise in our parks by working with **Insert:** “*the community,*” businesses and exercise providers to license a greater range of exercise and meditation classes
Insert: “*and other such activities as promote public health;*”

Insert new point 12 and renumber following points:

“12. *explore the provision of training and support for volunteers and leaders of community based sports activities to increase participation across the borough;*”

13. **Insert:** “*continue to*” explore with our adult education provider what additional health and fitness provision could be made through the established adult education provision and at a wider range of venues,
14. **Insert:** “*continue to*” lobby the Royal Parks Agency to not introduce excessive car parking charges that could lead to the lessening of opportunities for public exercise by preventing access to the park by lower-income families and in any scheme ensure they do not penalise regular visits by families and dog walkers,
15. work with the Royal Parks Agency to find measures that will further enhance the enjoyment and access to exercise presented by the park without damaging the health and wellbeing of those Kingston residents living close to the park and impacted by its measures,
Delete: **old point 12** *present a report to the Autumn 2021 meeting of the Place committee on the provision of public exercise equipment in a wider number of public locations, including wayside gardens, public parks and other areas with community access;*
Delete: **old point 13** *present a report to the Autumn 2021 meeting of the People committee establishing what further provision of public exercise equipment can be made to our publicly owned housing estates*

Insert new point 16 and renumber:

“16. *present a report to the Autumn 2021 meeting of the Place committee on investments and plans in place that provide an holistic approach to public health and address our health inequality priorities across the borough;*”

17. **Insert:** “*welcome the commitment to provide*” a replacement Kingfisher swimming pool **Insert:** “*as set out by the Response and Recovery Committee of 26 November 2020, expedited at speed for the deadline of Quarter 3 2023, subject to the business case which will be provided to the Response and Recovery Committee on 13 May 2021;*”

Delete old points 14 and 15:

14. require the provision of a replacement Kingfisher swimming pool through a single, stand-alone capital project, funded by borrowing, expedited at speed and at least by the deadline of Quarter 3 2023 set by the Response and Recovery Committee of 26 November 2020,

15. repay the borrowing for the pool identified at 14, in due course, from the receipts derived from the subsequent development of the Cattle Market and Guildhall complex,

18. **Insert:** “*continue to require*” an annual report on the health and wellbeing of the borough to be presented **Delete:** “*to full council* **Insert:** “*during the summer*” with an action plan on the specific measures that the council will be taking in the future year to support residents and their public health **Insert:** “*reporting to a future strategic committee;*”
19. require a report be presented to the full council **Insert:** “*as part of the 2022/23 budget process*” **Delete:** “*in the meeting immediately prior to Christmas 2021*” so we can see progress on the **Insert:** “*Council’s public health priorities.*”