

NOTICE OF MEETING

Informal joint meeting of the Alexandra Park & Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee

(Alexandra Park & Palace Advisory Committee established by Statute in 1985)

To: The Members of the Advisory Committee (Statutory) and the Consultative Committee

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Dear Member,

The **JOINT INFORMAL MEETING OF THE ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** will take place on **TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 2011** commencing at **19:30 hrs** in **THE LONDESBOROUGH ROOM, ALEXANDRA PALACE WAY, WOOD GREEN, LONDON N22** to consider the business set out in the Agenda detailed below.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Cole
Clerk to the Committee

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

3. URGENT BUSINESS RAISED

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee are invited to disclose any interest they may have in any of the items appearing on this agenda.

5. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (PAGES 1 - 24)

- i. To approve the notes of the meeting of Informal Joint Advisory and Consultative Committees held on 5th April 2011.
- ii. To note the minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 5th April 2011.
- iii. To note the minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 28th March 2011.

6. NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBERS FEEDBACK

7. PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE - INCLUDING CORONATION SIDINGS DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING HORNSEY DEPOT) (PAGES 25 - 32)

To receive the report of the Park Manager, Alexandra Palace, which was considered by the Alexandra Palace and Park Board at its meeting on 9th May 2011.

The full Coronation Sidings planning application and plans can be found at:

<http://www.planningservices.haringey.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=233385>

8. MUSWELL HILL ENTRANCE FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSALS (PAGES 33 - 38)

To consider proposals by the London Borough of Haringey to improve a footbridge at the Muswell Hill entrance of Alexandra Park.

9. GOVERNANCE & FUTURE VISION

To receive a verbal update on Governance and the Future Vision of Alexandra Palace.

10. REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

To receive a verbal update on the work of the Alexandra Palace and Park Regeneration Working Group.

11. ITEM RAISED BY INTERESTED GROUP - HARINGEY STANDARDS BOARD HEARING (PAGES 39 - 44)

Issue raised by Jacob O'Callaghan (Hornsey Historical Society):

To discuss the London Borough of Haringey Standards Board hearing held on 30th & 31st March 2011 investigating the complaint against the former Chair of the Board of Trustees.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR URGENT BUSINESS

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Tuesday 13th September 2011

Tuesday 8th November 2011

Tuesday 10th January 2012

Tuesday 6th March 2012

All meetings will start at 7.30pm and will be held at Alexandra Palace.

Advisory Committee Nominated Members of:

Alexandra Residents' Association	: Ms J. Hutchinson
Bounds Green and District Residents Association	: Mr K. Ranson
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	: Mr Dennis Heathcote
Palace Gates Residents' Association	: Ms J. Baker
Palace View Residents Association	: Ms E. Richardson
The Rookfield Association	: Mr D. Frith
Warner Estate Residents' Association	: Mr D. Liebeck
1 Vacancy	

Advisory Committee Appointed Members:

Alexandra Ward	:	Councillor Beacham
Bounds Green Ward	:	Councillor Demirci
Fortis Green Ward	:	Councillor Erskine
Hornsey Ward	:	Councillor Reid
Muswell Hill Ward	:	Councillor Jenks
Noel Park Ward	:	Councillor Gibson
Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Griffith
Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Mallett

Consultative Committee Nominated Members:

Alexandra Palace Amateur Ice Skating Club
Alexandra Palace Allotments Association
Alexandra Palace Angling Association
Alexandra Palace Organ Appeal
Alexandra Palace Television Group
Alexandra Residents' Association
Alexandra Palace Garden Centre
Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area
Advisory Committee
Bounds Green and District Residents' Association
CUFOS
Friends of Alexandra Park
Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre
Hornsey Historical Society
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
Muswell Hill Metro Group
New River Action Group
Palace View Residents' Association
The Grove Café
Vitrine Ltd - The Lakeside Café
Warner Estate Residents' Association

Mr M. Tarpey
Mr C. Mahony
Mr K. Pestell
Mr R. Tucker
Mr J. Thompson
Ms C. Hayter
Mr C. Campbell-Preston

Mr C. Marr
Mr K. Ranson
Mr J. Smith
Mr G. Hutchinson
Mr N. Willmott
Mr J. O'Callaghan
Ms D Feeney
Mr J. Boshier
Miss R. Macdonald
Ms V. Paley
Mrs C. Amoruso
Mr A. Yener
Prof. R. Hudson

Appointed Members:

Councillor Cooke
Councillor Hare
Councillor Peacock
Councillor Scott
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Waters
Councillor Williams

Also to:

Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace
Chief Executive
Trust's Solicitor
Director of Corporate Resources
Head of Legal Services

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Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association	: Mr Dennis Heathcote
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Bounds Green Ward	:	Councillor Christophides
Fortis Green Ward	:	Councillor Erskine
Hornsey Ward	:	Councillor Whyte
Muswell Hill Ward	:	Councillor Jenks
Noel Park Ward	:	Councillor Gibson
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Council-wide Member	:	Councillor Watson

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Alexandra Park and Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee	Mr C. Marr
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Warner Estate Residents' Association	Prof. R. Hudson

Consultative Committee Appointed Members:

Councillor Egan
Councillor Hare
*Councillor Peacock
*Councillor Scott
*Councillor Stewart

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Councillor Strickland
*Councillor Williams

Also attending

Andrew Gill – Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace
Mark Evison – Park Manager, Alexandra Palace
Rebecca Kane – Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Company (APTL)
Charlotte Johnson – Marketing Manager, APTL
Sam Davidson – LB Haringey Transformation Project Manager (Building Schools for the Future (BSF))
Jon McGrath – LB Haringey Capital Delivery Programme Manager
Simon Garrill – Head Teacher, Heartlands School
Natalie Cole – Clerk to the Committee (LB Haringey)

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

APSC01.	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIR</p> <p>RESOLVED that Denis Heathcote be appointed Chair of the Informal Joint Meetings of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee.</p>
APSC02.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sheila Peacock, Nigel Scott and James Stewart and, Colin Campbell-Preston (Alexandra Palace Garden Centre), Denise Feeney (Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association), Nigel Willmott (Friends of the Alexandra Palace Theatre).</p> <p>An apology for lateness was received from Councillor Pauline Gibson.</p>
APSC03.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Jim Jenks declared a general personal interest as he was a member of the Warners Estate Residents' Association (WERA).</p> <p>Councillor David Beacham declared a prejudicial interest in item 5 (Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds) and item 6 (Network Rail Proposals) as he was a member of the Planning Committee and did not take part in the consideration of items 5 & 6.</p> <p>Councillor Joanna Christophides declared a prejudicial interest in item 5 (Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds) and item 6 (Network Rail Proposals) as she was a member of the Planning Committee and did not take part in the consideration of items 5 & 6.</p>

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APSC04.	<p>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>i. The draft minutes of the Advisory Committee held on 25th January 2011 were noted.</p> <p>ii. The draft minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 8th February 2011 were noted.</p> <p>iii. The confirmed minutes of the meetings of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board held on 21st December 2010 and 28th January 2011 and the draft minutes of 15th February 2011 were noted.</p>
APSC05.	<p>CRICKET CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS</p> <p>RECEIVED the proposals to improve facilities at the Alexandra Park cricket clubhouse and grounds as part of a project with Heartlands High School (as laid out in pages 47-56 of the agenda pack) and the tabled site maps, introduced by Sam Davidson (Transformation Project Manager - BSF). A discussion followed.</p> <p>NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eight committee members attended a site visit on 22nd March 2011. • The Head teacher of Heartlands School, Simon Garrill informed the Committees that that the school held regular meetings with the local community in order to consult about issues and to give pupils an understanding of the school's role in the community, with the conservation area and with the cricket club. • The school would use the pitches in consultation with the cricket club. The facilities would also be available for use by the cricket club's many existing teams, without the need or cost of travelling to other facilities off site. • Planning permission for Phase 2 (construction of a multi-use games area (MUGA)) would be sought in December 2011, which would allow time for thorough consultation and habitat and bat surveys of the area. The Phase 2 proposals would be considered by the Alexandra Palace Board at a later stage. • There were comments that consultation with local residents, particularly those in Campsbourne Estate and Montague Road, should begin now and that future consultation should be conducted outside of the summer holiday period. In response officers explained that consultation could not begin until the design of Phase 2 of the project had been completed but that there would be extensive consultation including conservation groups and a Biodiversity Action Plan. • Committee Members recommended that the reasons for not proposing the MUGA be built on the school site must be made clear in future consultations. • Committee members generally supported improved use of the playing fields (Phase 1) but expressed concerns about Phase 2, the MUGA proposals, including: the potential damage to the local habitats, the floodlighting so close to a conservation area, the potential loss of established trees, replacement of grass with paving, the potential detrimental visual affect of the MUGA. • Officers recognised that the proposals for the MUGA extended beyond the curtilage of the cricket club's current demise and reported that the Board would

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	<p>be required to grant a new lease to the club on the basis of enhanced income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alexandra Palace Garden Centre operator had offered to donate a garden bench to the cricket club if the project was completed. <p>AGREED</p> <p>i. That the Committees generally supported Phase 1 of the proposals to improve facilities at the Alexandra Park cricket clubhouse and grounds as part of a project with Heartlands High School.</p> <p>ii. That Phase 2 was a concern to the Committees and proper consultation with the local community and the Committees was recommended including extensive plans on the scale and size of the MUGA and full details about the proposed floodlighting.</p>
<p>APSC06.</p>	<p>NETWORK RAIL PROPOSALS</p> <p>RECEIVED the briefing of the Park Manager, Mark Evison, on the proposals by Network Rail for new rail sheds which would be visible from the Park and Palace, as set out in Pages 57 – 60 of the agenda pack). The Committees were reminded that individuals, associations and groups could make their own representations to the Planning Authority. If no details are available before a planning application is made, an Urgency Meeting of the Advisory Committee may be required to consider the details.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was limited information available on the proposals despite requests by the Park Manager for more detail from Network Rail. • Committee Members expressed concern about the height of the proposed shed and considered 11 metres to be very high, which would detract from the view to the east from the Palace. • The Alexandra Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee (APCAAC) had objected to Network Rail’s original proposals and was likely to object to this proposal. • That the Board be encouraged to reject the proposals if more information was not provided by Network Rail. <p>AGREED</p> <p>That Network Rail be urged to provide more information on the proposals for new rail sheds which could be considered by the Committees.</p>
<p>APSC07.</p>	<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>RECEIVED the forthcoming events report from Rebecca Kane, Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Company (APTL), as set out in Pages 61 – 64 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>NOTED</p>

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- The Committees concerns that the RAC Drive-in Movie event had created noise disturbance the previous year. Ms Kane explained that this had been an issue on the first night of the event last year when they were piloting the event, but that the sound had been adjusted that evening and all subsequent evenings, which resulted in no further complaints.
- There was a comment that the Palace should hold more Open House events and it was reported that this was an initiative by the London Open House, which the Palace facilitated. Officers were asked to check the dates of the Open House event (Friday 16th - Saturday 17th September) as the event was usually held on a Saturday.
- Concerns were raised about the Palace maintaining the private road status for Alexandra Palace Way if it did not close the road at least once every year (normally during the annual fireworks display, which had been cancelled due to limited resources). The Interim General Manager, Andrew Gill, stated that he would investigate whether this was the case and if necessary he would arrange for the road to be closed temporarily.

AGREED to note the report and recommend that the Board consider holding two Open House events each year at Alexandra Palace.

APSC08. ALEXANDRA PALACE SIGNAGE STRATEGY

RECEIVED the report (as set out in Pages 65 – 86 of the agenda pack) on the Alexandra Palace Signage Strategy introduced by Rebecca Kane (Managing Director – APTL) and Charlotte Johnson (Marketing Manager – APTL).

NOTED

- Advertising consent from the London Borough of Haringey would be required for Phase 2 (new promotional signage) of the strategy.
- The Committees expressed some concern about the signage proposals including: signs should mention both the Park and the Palace, 20 mile per hour speed limit was welcomed but should be on a separate sign, external advertising should be limited, some members were not keen on having large signs on grass areas of the Park and recommended that such signs should be limited to the Palace building and the surrounding area such as the road sides, entrances and outside of the Park to encourage people to enter.
- It was recommended that notice-boards be included in the signage strategy to display details of What's On at the Palace.
- The Phoenix Bar was projected to break even this year after previous years of operating at a loss once overheads were accounted for. The plans to change the name and re-brand the pub would include the local sourcing of produce and a better quality wine list.
- Members comments included: the name "Phoenix Bar" was already established and resonated with the history of the Palace, that current pricing at the pub was too high, there were different needs for locals using the pub and event users, the outside of the pub was not inviting due to the lack of landscaping outside the building.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to some of the concerns raised it was noted that the pub had previously relied solely on events for its trade but that it needed to diversify to protect its revenue streams; one way of encouraging local use was to introduce a better menu and the concept of ‘sociable dining’ (platters and mezze dishes etc) especially in the summer. • Ms Kane explained the rationale behind the Bar & Kitchen proposal – and that it would be used in conjunction with Alexandra Palace in promotional material and people would colloquially refer to the “Bar & Kitchen at Ally Pally” hence it would work well with the well-established name of the venue. • Some Members expressed concern about the lack of consultation on the re-branding of Alexandra Palace with the Committees and that the Board had rubber stamped the idea for the new brand and logo. • Some members commented that it was premature to adopt a new brand image in advance of the outcome of the current consultancy ‘Options Appraisal’ study. • The Chair clarified that there was some confusion between the new branding and the future strategy for the site. The strategic concept being worked up was a different project. <p>AGREED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the need for new signage in and around the Palace was recognised and that the Board should be asked to note the comments above. ii. That action to promote the bar was required but some members thought the proposed name of “Bar and Kitchen” should be reconsidered.
<p>APSC09.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE & FUTURE VISION</p> <p>RECEIVED the Governance Update report, introduced by the Interim General Manager, Alexandra Palace, Andrew Gill, as set out in pages 87 – 93 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>NOTED that the full LB Haringey Council meeting on 4th April 2011 had approved the recruitment of independent advisors to the Board.</p> <p>AGREED to note the report.</p>
<p>APSC10.</p>	<p>ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK VISION</p> <p>RECEIVED the mission and vision statement as set out on the agenda front sheet.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Alexandra Palace and Park Regeneration Working Group would consider the first draft report from Locum Consultants with the intention that the second draft of the report would be considered by the Board on 9th May. The draft should be in the public domain five working days prior to the meeting, on 27th May 2011 and it would be emailed to members of the Committees. • Stakeholders would be updated on the findings, options and feasibility study at a meeting on 3rd May 2011 and comments would be fed back to the Board on

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	<p>9th May 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members complained that this was the first opportunity that the Committees had to consider the Vision statement that had emerged from the Regeneration Working Group and objected that it was more like a high level aspiration and mission statement rather than a proper vision that should contain more substance. The idea that the Vision statement grew out of earlier consultation with stakeholders was also questioned. • Committee members suggested that the mission statement should include the word “heritage”. Officers explained that the strategic plan would include specific details about the various areas of the Palace. This was recognised and supported by some members who felt that the wording in the statements was sufficient. <p>AGREED to note the vision and mission statements but the Board should be asked to note the comments above.</p>
<p>APSC11.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There would be a meeting between the Chair, the Chair of the Board, the Chair of the Statutory Advisory Committee and the Interim General Manager to review the informal joint meeting.</p>
<p>APSC12.</p>	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>NOTED that the next Joint Informal Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee (APPSAC and APPCC) was provisionally scheduled to be held on Tuesday 31st May 2011.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 21:00 hrs</p>

Denis Heathcote

Chair

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PRESENT: * denotes absence

NOMINATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

Mrs J. Hutchinson	:	Alexandra Residents' Association
Mr K. Ranson	:	Bounds Green and District Residents' Association
Mr D. Heathcote	:	Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association
*Ms J. Baker	:	Palace Gates Residents' Association
Ms L. Richardson	:	Palace View Residents' Association
Mr. D. Frith	:	The Rookfield Association
Mr. D. Liebeck	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association
VACANCY	:	Warner Estate Residents' Association

APPOINTED MEMBERS

Councillor D. Beacham	:	Alexandra Ward
Councillor J. Christophides	:	Bounds Green Ward
Councillor S. Erskine	:	Fortis Green Ward
Councillor M. Whyte	:	Hornsey Ward
Councillor J. Jenks	:	Muswell Hill Ward
Councillor P. Gibson	:	Noel Park Ward
*Councillor A. Demirci	:	Council Wide appointment
Councillor R. Watson	:	Council Wide appointment

Also in attendance:

Mr Andrew Gill – Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace
 Mr Mark Evison – Park Manager – Alexandra Palace
 Ms Rebecca Kane – Managing Director, Alexandra Palace Trading Limited
 Charlotte Johnson – Marketing Manager, APTL
 Sam Davidson – LB Haringey Transformation Project Manager (Building Schools for the Future (BSF))
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 Simon Garrill – Head Teacher, Heartlands School
 Mrs Natalie Cole – Clerk to the Committee

Public Gallery:

Councillor Pat Egan – Chair of the Alexandra Park & Palace Consultative Committee
 4 members of the press and public

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

APSC47.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	There were no apologies for absence.

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<p>APSC48.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor Jim Jenks declared a general personal interest as he was a member of the Warners Estate Residents' Association (WERA).</p> <p>Councillor David Beacham declared a prejudicial interest in item 4.ii (Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds) and item 4.iii (Network Rail Proposals) as he was a member of the Planning Committee and did not take part in the consideration of items 4.ii & 4.iii.</p> <p>Councillor Joanna Christophides declared a prejudicial interest in item 4.ii (Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds) and item 4.iii (Network Rail Proposals) as she was a member of the Planning Committee and did not take part in the consideration of items 4.ii & 4.iii.</p>
<p>APSC49.</p>	<p>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2011 were approved.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u> APSC45. ii – UNESCO – The Clerk reported that Sue Cole, English Heritage, had not been available for the meeting and would attend a future meeting.</p>
<p>APSC50.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD</p> <p>The following was noted further to the discussions held during the Joint Informal Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee (APPSAC and APPCC).</p> <p>i. <u>Park Update</u></p> <p>There was no Park Update.</p> <p>ii. <u>Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds Proposals</u></p> <p>RECEIVED as laid out in the report.</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee was generally in favour of Phase 1 of the proposals but was concerned about the impact of Phase 2 and recommended that proper consultation takes place outside of the summer holiday period, including full details about the scale and size of the MUGA, floodlighting and the affect on the surrounding natural habitats and locality. • The floodlighting would be a particular concern to the local community. • More information on the proposals should be brought back to the Committee before the Board be asked to consider Phase 2. • In response to concerns that the proposals could affect the Heritage lottery Funding received by the Park, its Metropolitan Open Land status and Historic Park status it was noted that there were previously buildings on the site and Heritage Lottery funding was based largely on the Park Management Plan.

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RESOLVED that, in light of the comments above more information on Phase 2 should provided at a future meeting of the Committee, particularly in relation to floodlighting, and the impact of the proposals on the natural habitat in the Park and the view of the Palace.

iii. Network Rail Proposals

RECEIVED as laid out in the report.

NOTED the discussion of the Joint Informal Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee (APPSAC and APPCC).

RESOLVED that more information on Network Rails proposals for new sheds be presented at the next meeting (or at an Urgency Statutory Advisory Sub-Committee meeting) for consideration by the Committee.

iv. Alexandra Palace Signage Strategy

RECEIVED as laid out in the report.

NOTED

- The comments of Committee Members that the size of the signage would impinge on the views from the Palace and that new signs should be limited to the Parks entrances and roads rather than in and around the Park.
- In response to comments that signage should avoid being placed on the grass in the Park or on lamp-posts, officers reported that of the current 25 lamp-posts only 15 lamp-posts will remain in the Park and hence there would be the removal of some unnecessary signage.
- Advertising on the larger sign boards would be limited to events happening at the Palace and in the Park and that all signs will be uniform in appearance with the AP branding at the top.
- The Committee supported the strategy for and the re-branding of the pub but expressed concerns about the name "Bar and Kitchen" , and suggested a name which connected with the Palace.

RESOLVED

i. That the need for new signage in and around the Palace was recognised and that the Board should be asked to note the comments above.

ii. That action to promote the bar was required but the proposed name of "Bar and Kitchen" be reconsidered.

vii. Alexandra Palace and Park Vision

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	<p>RECEIVED the vision and mission statement as set out on the agenda front sheet for the Joint Informal Meeting of the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and the Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee (APPSAC and APPCC).</p> <p>NOTED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members suggested that the mission statement could be more specific and should include the word “heritage”. Officers explained that the strategic plan would include specific details about the various areas of the Palace. • A Committee Member commented that the statements should not be changed but that the business and strategic plans should focus on and include the specific details. <p>RESOLVED to note the vision and mission statements but the Board be asked to note the comments above.</p> <p>v. <u>Governance and Future Vision update</u></p> <p>RECEIVED as laid out in the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the report.</p>
<p>APSC51.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
<p>APSC52.</p>	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The following provisional dates were noted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"> Tuesday 31st May 2011 Tuesday 13th September 2011 Tuesday 1st November 2011 Tuesday 10th January 2012 Tuesday 6th March 2012 </p> <p>The meeting ended at 21:30 hrs</p>

David Liebeck

Chair

Signed by the Chair

Date

**UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD
MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2011**

Councillors Egan* (Chair), Strickland* (Vice-Chair), Hare*, Peacock*, Scott*, Stewart*, and Williams*

Non-Voting Representatives: Val Paley*, Mike Tarpey, Nigel Willmott*

Observer: David Liebeck*

* Denotes present at meeting

Also present:

Mr A. Gill – Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace
Mr I. Harris – Trust Solicitor
Ms H. Downie – Head of Finance – Alexandra Palace
Ms J. Parker – Director of Corporate Resources – LB Haringey
Mr C. Hart – Committee Manager (Clerk to the Board) LB Haringey

**MINUTE
NO.**

SUBJECT/DECISION

<p>APB072.</p>	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mike Tarpey, and Rebecca Kane.</p> <p>At this point in the proceedings the Chair advised that the order of business on the agenda would be varied in the exempt part of the meeting by considering agenda item 11 before item 10.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>APB073.</p>	<p>URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart advised that whilst there were no items of urgent business or reasons for lateness to be given, in respect of agenda item 6 – Governance Update – this item had been re-circulated on the afternoon of 18 March 2011 following the publication of the agenda earlier that day. There was no requirement to give reasons for lateness.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>APB074.</p>	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</p> <p>Councillors Egan, Hare, Scott, and Strickland declared a personal and prejudicial interest in exempt agenda item 11 as Directors of Alexandra Palace Trading Limited and advised that they would leave the proceedings prior to the consideration of the item.</p>

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	<p>Ms Parker also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in exempt agenda item 11 as a Director of Alexandra Palace Trading Limited and advised that she would leave the proceedings prior to the consideration of the item.</p> <p>NOTED</p>
<p>APBO75.</p>	<p>QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS : TO CONSIDER ANY QUESTIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PETITIONS RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4, SECTION B29 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION</p> <p>Nil.</p>
<p>APBO76.</p>	<p>FINANCE REPORT</p> <p>The Chair asked for a brief introduction of the report.</p> <p>The Head of Finance – Alexandra Palace – Ms Downie informed the Board that the circulated report detailed the results for the ten month period to 31st January 2011 together with the forecast outturn for the 2010/11 financial year, and seeking an in principle approval of the revenue budget for the 2011/12 financial year.</p> <p>Ms Downie reported the results for the ten month period ended 31st January 2011 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, detailing unrestricted income of £14.7k below budget and unrestricted expenditure £221k below budget, resulting in a net underspend of £206k against budget. It was predicted that there would be a £93k underspend against the original budget, which was broadly consistent with the forecast presented at the meeting of 15th February 2011.</p> <p>Ms Downie also advised that the LB Haringey had informed the Trust of its approval of a budget allocation of £2,102,200 to the Trust in revenue funding for the 2011/12 financial year, but with an indicated desire for significant savings to be made against this budget. Ms Downie referred to the revenue budget for 2011/12, based on the £2,102,200 allocation, shown at Appendix 3 of the report and Ms Downie briefly outlined the key assumptions used. The Board was therefore asked to approve this budget in principle and agree to the establishment of a working group to identify where savings could be made across the Trust and Trading company. Ms Downie advised that in terms of the budget situation a number of points were covered in the exempt agenda item 11.</p> <p>With regard to the gift aid payment from Alexandra Palace Trading Limited (APTL) Ms Downie commented that the Trust budget assumed a gift aid payment from the trading company of £562k. The APTL Board had set a more challenging target though given the difficult trading environment and volatility of energy prices, the Trust budget assumed a certain level of contingency against this target. Further issues were covered in the exempt agenda.</p> <p>Ms Downie then briefly advised of the LB Haringey's further £500K in capital funding, with the priorities for capital expenditure being agreed in line with the independent infrastructure assessment currently being carried out and following further consultation with APTL. Ms Downie commented that a detailed capital budget would be presented to the Board at its meeting of 9th May 2011.</p>

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The Chair thanked Ms Downie for her introduction and asked if there were any questions from Members.

Councillor Hare sought clarification as regards unforeseen staffing changes and the cost of the appointment and salary of the new Chief Executive of the palace.

(Mr Liebeck arrived at 19.40hrs.)

In response to further comments of Councillor Hare and Stewart regarding the costs of the Fireworks, Ms Downie advised that the cost of the Fireworks was in the region of £140K with an income of approx £50K. In response to further clarification Mr Gill advised that the budget assumed there would be no Firework display in November 2011.

(Councillor Williams arrived at 19.40hrs.)

The Chair then summarised and in moving the recommendation before the Board commented in particular on recommendation 2.4 in relation to the establishment of a working group to identify savings across the Trust and Trading company comprising of the Head of Finance, the Interim General Manager, and the managing Director APTL, and himself, with co-opted members as deemed appropriate by the Chair.

In response to points of clarification from Councillor Hare as to the locus of the working group and the need to explore possible external sources of funding, other possible regenerating ventures such as the former BBC studios etc the Chair advised that the working group could look at all possible areas of other funding, but emphasised that the working group did not have any executive powers and was not a decision making body. The Interim General Manager – Alexandra Palace – Mr Gill referred the Board to para 8.2 of the report which set out the proposed remit of the working group which would be to identify where savings could be achieved across the Trust and Trading Company and opportunities for generating additional income.. The Working Group would report back to Board outlining the proposed savings and opportunities for generating additional income. The working group would also be complimentary to the continuing work of the regeneration working group.

Following clarification by Mr Gill of the membership of the working group Councillor Williams felt that there should be two Board members sitting on the working group and suggested that the membership be varied to include Councillor Hare or Councillor Scott as substitute.

The Chair responded that he welcomed the varying of the membership of the working group, and that the ambit of the working group would also cover the identification of opportunities to generate income as well as reduce expenditure.

The Chair then MOVED and it was:

RESOLVED

- i. That the results for the ten month period to 31st January 2011 and the forecast outturn for the 2010/11 financial year be noted;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. that the action being taken by the Trust to minimise the call on the Council's resources for 2010/11 be noted; iii. that approval be given to the Trust's revenue budget for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 3 subject to (iv) below; iv. that approval be given to setting up of a working group (with no executive powers) to identify savings across the Trust and Trading company and that the ambit of the working group also cover the identification of opportunities to generate income as well as reduced expenditure, with the membership comprising of the Chair of the Board – Cllr Egan, Cllr Hare (or Councillor Scott as substitute), the Interim General manager Alexandra Palace, the Managing Director Alexandra Palace Trading Limited, and the Head of Finance Alexandra Palace; and v. that it be noted that there would be no fireworks display in 2011.
<p>APB077. GOVERNANCE UPDATE</p>	<p>The Chair asked for an introduction of the report.</p> <p>The Interim General Manager – Mr Gill advised that the report before the Board detailed progress in implementing a number of its previous resolutions on Governance and Future Vision. In terms of the recruitment of the Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Resources – Ms Parker – would give a brief update of progress.</p> <p>In terms of the recruitment of Independent Advisors to the Board Mr Gill advised that the LB Haringey's Full Council would be asked on 4 April 2011 to grant the necessary delegated authorities to the Board to enable the recruitment, selection and appointment of the proposed independent advisors. The report from the Board meeting of the previous September had been delayed due to further work in relation to governance issues, as well as discussion and agreement through the political groups of the Council, which did not occur until early January 2011 before the matter could then be concluded for agreement by Full Council. The resolutions taken by the Board required ratification by the Council in order to proceed with the independent member recruitment. Mr Gill thanked the Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart for his contribution in preparing the report to Full Council.</p> <p>Mr Gill went on to comment that the progress of the master plan, and that the work of the Alexandra Palace and Park Regeneration Working Group (APPRWG) was ongoing with the Options Analysis and Feasibility Study having reached Stage 3 Consultation both internally and externally and would next be moving into Stage 4 Analysis and Viability. There had been both Trustee and stakeholder</p>

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briefing sessions, following the appointment of Locum Consulting and the APPRWG met on 1 March 2011 and received a presentation from Locum which covered their progress to date and sought approval for the next steps of the project, including the arrangement of a trustee Briefing Session on 1 March and two Stakeholder Meetings on 10 and 12 March.

With regard to the possibility of having a single Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee Mr Gill advised that the Charity Commission had been written to regarding this issue and its response was awaited.

The Trust Solicitor – Mr Harris advised that in terms of the written letter to the Charity Commission it was hoped that there would be a response prior to the next scheduled Board meeting on 9 May 2011. Mr Gill added that there were two joint informal meetings of the Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee, and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee the first scheduled for 5 April 2011.

With regard to the progressing of work on the recruitment of a Chief Executive officer Mr Gill advised the Executive Search and Recruitment Consultants – Odgers Berndtson had been engaged to assist in the process, and the necessary changes to the Council's constitution in respect of Employment Procedure Rules would be considered at the meeting of Full Council on 4 April 2011. The Director of Corporate Resources – Ms Parker commented that in terms of the recruitment process there were currently revisions being made to the timetable and that the Board would be kept updated of progress and relevant dates.

The Chair thanked officers for their brief introduction and in asking if there were any points of clarification, sought confirmation in relation to the person now chairing the Regeneration Working Group given that the previous person – Mr Niall Bolger had left the Council's employment to take up the position of Chief Executive at LB Sutton. Mr Gill responded that Anne Lippitt had taken over from Mr Bolger as Interim Director of Place and Sustainability and would therefore Chair the APPRWG.

Mr Liebeck referred to the Stakeholder meeting on 12 March 2011 which he had attended and commented that in terms of the attendance and general view of the presentation he did not feel that the consultants clearly understood the local view and feeling with regard to the iconic and historic importance of the Palace, and that the concerns and views expressed by those attending may not be fully grasped. Mr Liebeck felt that the concept of a 'People's Palace' was not quite appreciated or understood. Mr Liebeck expressed his concern that whilst he appreciated that a number of stakeholders had been in attendance and had expressed views he did feel that there needed to be a wider consultation in the local area in order to obtain a wide range of views/comments.

The Chair, in response advised that the Consultants had been advised of the need for clear and informed consultation and would be sharing all views expressed at the stakeholder forums. The Chair also commented that it may well be an interpretation of how well the consultants had addressed the events, and that it was not a question that one idea would be 'nailed down but rather a

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strategic concept of the possible usage of the Palace. The Chair cited the Emirates Stadium which had, whilst having the overall concept of football, was also used for other events etc.

Councillor Stewart commented that the key purpose of the recent stakeholder events was to identify a whole series of options in order to then be able to try to come up with a solution that aimed to try to meet the expectations of all concerned. It was a fact that there also needed to be a solution that allowed for commercial sustainability.

Mr Gill commented that LOCUM had undertaken high level market soundings but they would not be talking at all with any potential developers or existing operators until such times as there was a clear concept with which to work. The whole issue of consultation and then a review of this was to have an idea of what might be possible, and that the level of consultation had been extremely high.

Mr Liebeck commented in response that in his view, given that there would be a report to the Board on 9 May 2011 on the results of the stakeholder and internal consultation, he did feel that that there needed to be a wider level of consultation, and perhaps even a public meeting type event in order for the wider public to be consulted.

Councillor Hare commented that he agreed with the comments in respect of needing a solution that would best fit the future of the Palace, and attempting to meet the requirements of the local community. In respect of the process going forward to appoint independent experts he did feel that the process should not be just influenced by just what the Board's view was, but also by the local community as a whole, given the history of the palace and its iconic status. He felt that it was a question of what really would work at the palace and what would be of public benefit. The Chair responded that the issues raised by Councillor Hare had been addressed in LOCUM's presentation to the Stakeholders and Board members alike.

Councillor Stewart commented that it was a fact that only 50% of the footprint of the place was currently used and that there needed to be a realistic view taken of whether the palace as a whole could be utilised.

Mr Gill reminded the meeting that contrary to the perceived view that the LOCUM consultation was starting from nil, this was indeed not the case, as there had been considerable work from the previous 18 months of Stakeholder consultation in conjunction with Board members – and public engagement. In the sense of what could be asked in consultation this had had to be clear based on a series of options already discussed and commented on by the previous 18 months member and stakeholder forums. The whole process embarked upon had been a pre-cursor to the master planning process and the result was a mix of what may or may not happen.

The Chair thanked officers and members for their contributions. The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart, referred to para 6.4.6 which stated that the decision of Council could be acted on after the statutory call-in period following the 4 April Full Council meeting, and advised the meeting that decisions of Full Council were not subject to a statutory call-in period.

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	<p>The Chair thanked Mr Hart for advising of this. There being no further comments the Chair summarised and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. That the progress to date in implementing a number of Alexandra Palace and park Board's previous resolutions on Governance and Future Vision be noted; and ii. that in respect of the on-going governance issues/matters further reports would be presented to future Alexandra Palace and Park Boards.
<p>APB078.</p>	<p>CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE</p> <p>The Chair asked for an introduction of the circulated report.</p> <p>In a comprehensive introduction the Interim General Manager – Mr Gill advised that the report provided a progress report on the capital project works that had been undertaken during 2010/11.</p> <p>With regard to the Ice Rink Replacement Mr Gill reminded the Board that the Ice Rink project completed on 10 January 2011, 4 weeks later than had been scheduled. The forecasted cost for the project was within the approved cost plan and discussions were continuing between the Team and the Principal Contractor to finalise the account. As detailed in the report, discussions were in progress on a range of issues with the contractor. Following the formal opening of the facility on 21 January 2011, the Ice Rink operationally performed well and had attracted good public support.</p> <p>In terms of the dilapidations works Mr Gill reported that the spend from the Council Capital grant for 2010/11 of £500,000 was currently forecast at £450,000, with the £50,000 balance requested to be carried over into 2011/12 to mitigate any outstanding claims. Concerning internal dilapidations the Palm Court meeting rooms had been refurbished with improved lighting, false ceiling, re-decoration and new flooring, and work was in progress to the Palm Court West Entrance with the stone steps being refurbished and/or replaced together with the repainting of the entrance, with a scheduled completion by the end of March 2011.</p> <p>Concerning the external building dilapidations Mr Gill advised that work had commenced on the previously reported high priority works using abseiling techniques and high lift work platforms to remove loose render, brickwork and removing the plant growth, and an anticipated completion of work by the end of March 2011. In respect of the structural steelwork survey of basement level Mr Gill commented that the completed detailed survey of the basement steelwork had identified several areas requiring attention, but with few serious structural failures. The structural engineer had commented that should conditions leading to the deterioration in condition of building fabric not be addressed urgently, then the number of structural failures and the extent of deterioration would increase quite</p>

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significantly. Mr Gill went on to advise that work had now commenced on the implementation of the report's recommendations being the steel supports to fractured trusses, and water ingress causing corrosion.

With regard to the Fire Alarm Upgrade/Replacement Mr Gill advised that the design and specification for the new fire detection and evacuation system was now completed. There had been invitations to tender sent to five recognised fire alarm contractors on 11th March 2011 and the tenders were due back in four weeks, with a report being submitted to Board meeting on 9 May 2011 regarding the contract award.

In regard to the theatre work Mr Gill briefly outlined the dry rot treatment, that had made safe some areas of structural decay and the removal of old debris/ pigeon guano from areas was now complete, though the area remained a restricted access area owing to the poor condition of the internal fabric. Mr Gill reported welcomed news that following discussions with English Heritage the sum of £20,958k had been released to Alexandra Palace for works that had been carried out in previous years on the under-stage areas.

Mr Gill then advised of the upgrade of the Data/Comms Infrastructure and the completed full IT system review which endorsed the need to improve the system bandwidth, which was very slow and imposed severe restrictions on Alexandra Palace Trading Limited. The review also endorsed the urgent need to replace the telephone system owing to the system's age and obsolescence and the Trust were currently working with the Councils Data/Comms team in upgrading the bandwidth to 10 Meg Bits/sec and reviewing the most economic way of upgrading the telephones.

Mr Gill referred also to the signage improvement work now in progress by APTL on Phase 1 across the site and further updates would be given as appropriate.

As earlier reported Mr Gill referred to the approved £500,000 capital grant for 2011/12 from the Council to the Trust during the 2011/12 financial year. As part of the bid process a paper detailing a 10 year programme of "steady state" investment needed to keep the site operational and to avoid site closure had been submitted and at the instigation of the Chair of the Board, an independent review and report on APPCT's assessment of the condition of the Palace fabric, structure and vital building services had been commissioned. The report was expected in the next week or so and its findings may influence the priorities of the proposed capital expenditure programme for 2011/12 which will be submitted to the Board for approval at its meeting on 9 May 2011.

The Chair thanked Mr Gill for his detailed update and asked if there were any points of clarification.

Councillor Peacock referred to the signage improvements and advised that the sign at the corner to the slip road to the Palm Court entrance appeared to be propped up by the tree behind it and asked that this be looked at. Councillor Peacock added that the park itself was looking magnificent currently in the early spring bloom and congratulated officers on the appearance.

Councillor Williams, with reference to the Data/Comms infrastructure, and the

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liaison with the Council in terms of IT, questioned whether this was value for money given the costly IT service, and the previous IT difficulties that were well known.

In response to the point raised Mr Gill thanked Councillor Peacock for the compliments regarding the Park which would be passed on to the park manager-Mr Evison, together with her concerns about the signage on the slip road to the Palm court entrance. Concerning the IT issues raised by Councillor Williams Mr Gill reported that there had been no working contract entered into with LB Haringey's IT Services but that the IT service was assisting with the issue of framework services development and broadband connection. Also given the large contracts IT services had with external providers it may be possible for the Trust to negotiate a good rate with one of the providers – however the system used by the Trust would be wholly separate and independent and not linked to Haringey's main frame etc. The main frame being looked at for the Trust and APTL would hopefully include an integrated telephone system with a higher and better specification.

In response to points of clarification from Councillors Hare and Scott Mr Gill advised that both the Trust and APTL had one IT system now and that the new system would cover both areas. It was hoped that there would a WI-FI connection in the majority of public areas and small scale trials would be carried out for WI-FI in the palm Court area.

(Mr Willmott arrived at 20.25hrs).

Councillor Hare referred to Mr Gill's reference to pigeon guano and thought that the Allotments at the palace may welcome the use of it.

The Chair then summarised and it was:

RESOLVED

- i. That the progress report on the Capital projects as detailed be noted;
- ii. that the proposed 2011/12 capital expenditure programme for Alexandra Palace be submitted for approval at meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board on 9th May 2011; and
- iii. that the Interim General Manager Alexandra Palace be delegated authority , as Project Sponsor, to conclude the negotiation and settlement of the final account payable to the contractor in the matter of the Alexandra Palace Ice Rink Refurbishment Project, including the sum of any compensation or liquidated damages payable to the Alexandra Palace Trust.

APBO79. MINUTES

The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart advised of an amendment to the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board of 15 February

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	<p>2011 in respect of minute APB060 – Resolution V as follows:-</p> <p>At line 5 -6 the following words be deleted ‘invited non-voting observers consisting of one Advisory/Statutory Advisory Board Trustee’ and replaced with:</p> <p>‘with an invited non-voting observer consisting of either one Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee Member, or one Statutory Advisory Committee Member’</p> <p>The Chair then summarised and it was:</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board of 15 February 2011 be agreed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment;</p> <p>Minute APB060 – Resolution V – at line 5 -6 – the following words be deleted ‘invited non-voting observers consisting of one Advisory/Statutory Advisory Board Trustee’ and replaced with:</p> <p>‘with an invited non-voting observer consisting of either one Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee Member, or one Statutory Advisory Committee Member’</p>
<p>APB080.</p>	<p>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That the press and public be excluded from the meeting in respect of Items 10-11 as they contain exempt information as defined in Section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972; Para 3 – information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p> <p>At this point in the proceedings (20.25hrs) the Chair MOVED an adjournment of 5 minutes which was agreed nemine contradicente.</p> <p>The meeting reconvened at 20.30hrs.</p> <p>The Chair advised of a variation of the agenda order to next consider Agenda item 11.</p> <p>The Chair also welcomed Councillor Solomon to the meeting and advised that Councillor Solomon would be remaining for the duration of the proceedings.</p> <p>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL PROCEEDINGS</p>
<p>APB081.</p>	<p>GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT</p> <p>Agreed recommendations as varied during discussion.</p>

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APBO82.	FINANCE REPORT At this point Councillors Egan, Hare, Scott and Strickland, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item earlier in the meeting, withdrew from the proceedings, as well as Ms Parker – Director of Corporate Resources – LB Haringey. The Clerk to the Board – Mr Hart – sought nominations for the position of Chair for the remainder of the proceedings. Councillor Peacock nominated Councillor Stewart. There being no other nominees Councillor Stewart took the Chair nemine contradicente. COUNCILLOR STEWART IN THE CHAIR Agreed recommendations as varied during discussion.
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The meeting ended at 21.05hrs


COUNCILLOR PAT EGAN

Chair

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Considered by the Alexandra Palace & Park Board

on 9th May 2011

Report Title: Park Update
Report of: Mark Evison, Park Manager, Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>1.1 To inform the Alexandra Palace and Park Board of various matters relating to the park and its tenants.</p>
<p>2. Recommendations</p> <p>2.1 That the Board notes the contents of the report.</p> <p>2.2 That the Board approves the proposed scheme to register Exercise Professionals operating in the park.</p> <p>2.3 That the Board considers whether to make a direct representation regarding the planning application for the Coronation Sidings development and whether to request section 106 funding and delegates authority to the Interim General Manager to progress these matters</p>
Report Authorised by: Andrew Gill, Interim General Manager 
Contact Officer: Mark Evison, Park Manager, Alexandra Palace & Park, Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green N22 7AY Tel No. 020 8365 2121
<p>3. Executive Summary</p> <p>3.1 This report provides an update on general park management issues and an overview of progress regarding the tenants.</p> <p>3.2 The proposed Coronation Sidings development is described and the potential impact on the views from the palace and park are considered.</p>
<p>4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)</p> <p>4.1 N/A</p>
<p>5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</p> <p>5.1 N/A</p>

6. Park Management Plan & Grounds Maintenance

- 6.1 Board Members will recall that a ten-year park management plan is in place to guide the maintenance and development of the park. This has been updated for the 2011 round of applications to the Green Flag and Green Heritage Awards and the London in Bloom Competition.
- 6.2 To follow up on one of the most important finds of bioblitz in 2010, conservation volunteers will be constructing two “stag beetle loggeries” this summer. These will increase the amount of suitable habitat for the very rare Stag Beetle (*Lucanus cervus*).
- 6.3 A growing number of ‘Exercise Professionals’ are operating in the park. These people are self-employed or franchisees and offer fitness training and exercise classes to the paying public. They often advertise their services by fly-posting. As a method of managing the increasing numbers and ensuring they are properly insured for public liability, a registration scheme is proposed. This scheme would require the operator to submit the relevant paperwork and pay a fee for undertaking their business on site.
- 6.4 Following the resolutions of the Board on 28 March 2011, the Grounds Maintenance Contract is in the process of being updated. The new items have been added to the work programme and the contractor has invested in some new equipment on the basis of the extension to the term.

7. Park Tenants

- 7.1 A new operator for the Boat Hire facility has taken over and opened for business on 15 April. New boats have been purchased and improvements to the customer experience will be seen along with improved income for the trust.
- 7.2 The 345-Preschool’s redevelopment of the Islands building in the Grove has been delayed by requirements from Building Control to install additional concrete piles. The expected completion date is now mid-May.
- 7.3 The Board will recall that a new lease for the Old Station Building is being negotiated. At the time of writing, the key terms have been agreed and the paperwork is being finalised.

8. Coronation Sidings Development

- 8.1 A compendious planning application has been submitted by Network Rail for the Coronation Sidings Development. The application reference is HGY/2011/0612 and it proposes a new rolling stock maintenance depot and associated works. Officers were informed by the planning team in a letter received on 14 April 2011. Although a response has been requested within 21 days, a proposal of this size is unlikely to be determined that quickly.
- 8.2 Following a proposal several years ago, permitted development rights were withdrawn by Haringey Council in an Article 4 Direction on 13 August 2009 which was approved by the Secretary of State on 25 November 2009. The Council considered this necessary for a number of reasons, including that the proposed depot could harm views from Alexandra Palace.

- 8.3 A new scheme has now been proposed with a number of changes. The footprint of the depot has been reduced by 35% and the total height of the buildings has also been reduced.
- 8.4 The Council's Core Strategy (submitted in March 2011) includes a policy that relates to views, namely:
- "The Council will seek to protect locally important views that contribute to the interest and character of the borough. These may include:
- Views of and from large parks and open spaces, such as Alexandra Palace and Finsbury Park;
 - Views into and from Conservation Areas"
- 8.5 The planning officers required that the impact of the development be considered from a number of viewpoints around the borough, including two in Alexandra Park. Studies by the applicant suggest that the development could have a high visual impact on some areas of the palace and park.
- 8.6 There have been two other developments in this area in recent years, the New River Village and the Thames Water treatment works. Although all three of these schemes are large and do have an impact on the views from the palace, they do not directly impinge on the view of St Paul's Cathedral (protected by the Mayor of London) or the general historic and interesting views of the London panorama (the Olympic site, docklands, the city and central London).
- 8.7 The views to the south-eastern quarter are already fairly 'industrial,' in fact the railway landscape has existed since the mid 19th century.
- 8.8 Prior to the application being made, the matter was considered by the Joint Advisory and Consultative Committee meeting on 5th April 2011 and the draft minutes state that it was **noted** that:
- There was limited information available on the proposals despite requests by the Park Manager for more detail from Network Rail.
 - Committee Members expressed concern about the height of the proposed shed and considered 11 metres to be very high, which would detract from the view to the east from the Palace.
 - The Alexandra Palace Conservation Area Advisory Committee (APCAAC) had objected to Network Rail's original proposals and was likely to object to this proposal.
 - That the Board be encouraged to reject the proposals if more information was not provided by Network Rail.

and it was **resolved**: That Network Rail be urged to provide more information on the proposals for new rail sheds which could be considered by the Committees.

- 8.9 The Advisory Committee also formally **resolved** “that more information on Network Rail’s proposals for new sheds be presented at the next meeting (or at an Urgency Statutory Advisory Sub-Committee meeting) for consideration by the Committee.”
- 8.10 It is felt by officers that this development will have no material impact on the daily use of the palace and park. Dog walkers, ice skaters and garden centre visitors will still continue to use the site as before.
- 8.11 Board members are reminded that as charity trustees they must act exclusively and single mindedly in the best interests of the charity.
- 8.12 The Board may also urge individuals, users groups and residents associations to make their own representations through the planning system directly.
- 8.13 There may be an opportunity for the Board to request some funding through a section 106 agreement for tree planting to provide screening for the development or more general habitat improvement works.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That the Board notes the contents of the report
- 9.2 That the Board approves the proposed scheme to register Exercise Professionals
- 9.3 That the Board consider whether to make a representation regarding the planning application for the Coronation Sidings development and whether to request section 106 funds to carry out a planting scheme and delegates authority to the Interim General Manager to progress these matters

10. Legal Implications

- 10.1 The Trust solicitor’s advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report.
- 10.2 The London Borough of Haringey’s Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and advises that there are no direct legal implications arising out of the contents, save to stress the importance of the point made in paragraph 8.8 over the manner in which the Board is to approach it's decision making task.

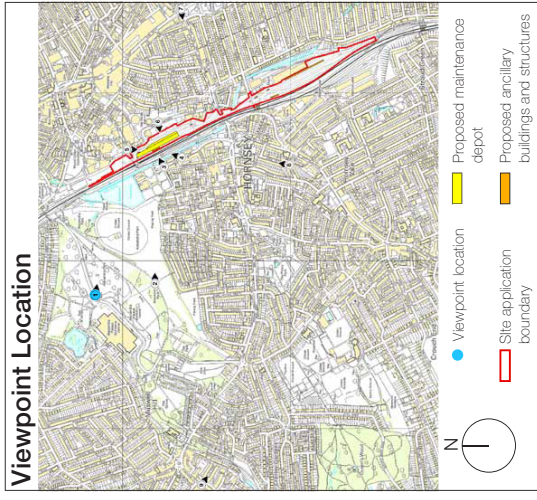
11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 The London Borough of Haringey’s Chief Financial Officer notes the contents of this report.
- 11.2 The registration of Exercise Professionals will take up some additional officer time and provide a very small amount of income.
- 11.3 None of the other items in this report have a financial impact on the Trust beyond existing work programmes and officer time.

12. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

Appendix 1: Photo mock-up of the development taken from the developer's Environmental Statement submitted in March 2011 as part of the planning application, reference HGY/2011/0612.

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Legend

- Proposed Maintenance Depot
- Proposed Ancillary Buildings and Structures

Job Title: Rolling Stock Project: Depots and Stabling

Horsey Scheme

Client: Thameslink Programme

Viewpoint 1: Alexandra Park - North

Figure 6

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**Alexandra Park & Palace Informal Joint Meeting of the
Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee**

on 31 May 2011

Report Title: **Muswell Hill Entrance footbridge proposals**

Report of: **Mark Evison, Park Manager, Alexandra Palace Charitable Trust**

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform the committees of the proposals by London Borough of Haringey's Recreation Services and ask if the committees have any advice they wish to offer the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the committees note the content of this report.

2.2 The committees consider what advice, if any, they wishes to offer the Board.

Report Authorised by: **Mark Evison, Park Manager**..... 

Contact Officer: **Mark Evison, Park Manager, Alexandra Palace & Park,
Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green N22 7AY Tel No. 020 8365 2121**

3. Executive Summary

3.1 Officers from Haringey Council's Recreation Services have been implementing an improvement project for the Parkland Walk. Alexandra Park is at the northern end of the Parkland Walk and funds have been allocated for improvements to a footbridge within the Alexandra Park and Palace conservation area.

3.2 The proposals are to remove the remaining sections of fibreglass canopy on the footbridge and install an open weld-mesh canopy.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

4.1 N/A

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 N/A

6. Background

- 6.1 Officers from Recreation Services have been implementing an improvement project for the Parkland Walk over several years. Alexandra Park is at the northern end of this site and funding has been allocated for improvements to the Muswell Hill Pedestrian entrance.
- 6.2 To date, a section of damaged and unsightly chainlink fence has been replaced with black metal railings, and some sections of the old fibreglass canopy on the footbridge have been removed.
- 6.3 A metal 'weld-mesh' replacement canopy is proposed for three reasons:
- the existing fibreglass canopy is old, discoloured and unsightly
 - a frame is required to maintain the stability of the railings on each side of the bridge.
 - a mesh structure is proposed to prevent objects from being thrown off the bridge.
- 6.4 Officers from Recreation Services have consulted the Planners and have been advised that planning permission is required because this proposal is located within in the Alexandra Park and Palace conservation area.
- 6.5 The Park Manager is in favour of this improvement as it will remove the existing eyesore and reduce the shelter available from the weather and will hopefully deter those likely to act in an anti-social manner.
- 6.6 As this proposal requires a planning application the Advisory Committee must be consulted under Section 9(3) of the Alexandra Park and Palace Act. The Alexandra Palace and Park Board should have due and proper regard to any advice and use their best endeavours to give effect to such reasonable recommendations as are expedient in the interests of the charity and consistent with the trusts.
- 6.7 The functions of the Advisory Committee are laid out at paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 of the Act and the committee is required "to promote the objects of the charity and assist the trustees in fulfilling the trusts by considering and advising" on a number of matters.
- 6.8 Paragraph (v) of Schedule 1 relates to planning proposals on land that is within the ownership of the trustees and subject to the trusts upon which it is held.
- 6.9 The Consultative Committee can consider this item under the first object of its constitution: "To give representatives of appropriate local and national organisations the opportunity of full discussion on general matters affecting Alexandra Palace and Park."
- 6.10 Although the committees may decide to advise the Board of the impact this proposal may have on the park and palace, members are reminded that they may as groups, societies or individuals, comment on the proposals as part of the planning process.

- 6.11 Once the Board has considered any advice from these committees, a planning application will be submitted by officers. The project will only take place once planning permission has been secured. It is estimated that the project will be completed by Christmas 2011 and all works will be carried out by the Council's contractors.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 That the Committee notes the content of this report.
7.2 The Committee considers what advice, if any, it wishes to give to the Board.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 The Council's Acting Head of Legal Services has no comment on this report.

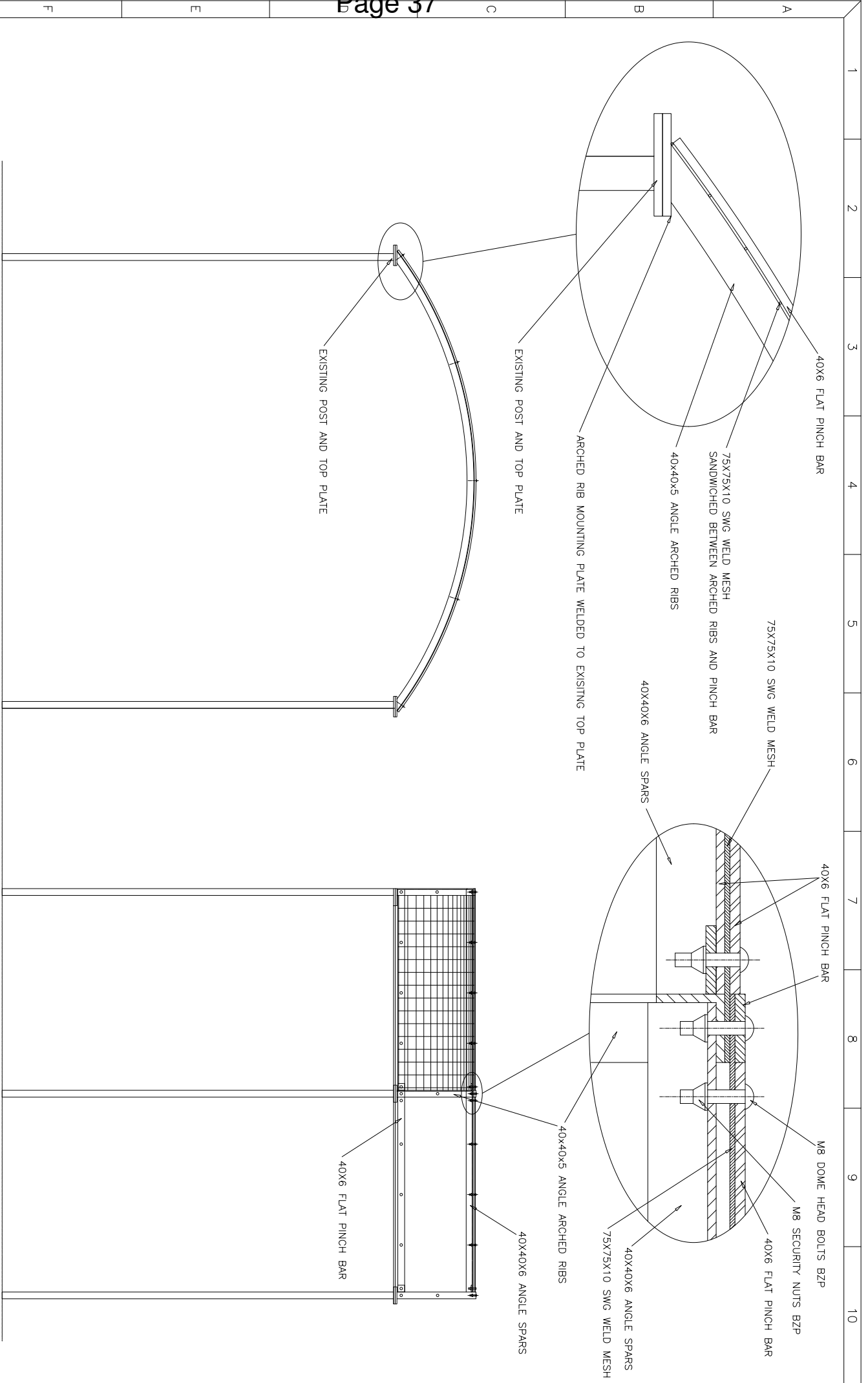
9. Financial Implications

- 9.1 The proposed works are part of scheme being implemented by Haringey Council. In addition to officer time, the trust will bear the costs of any planning application.
9.2 The LBH Chief Financial Officer notes the contents of the report.

10. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

- 10.1 Appendix 1: Scheme drawing.

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Haringey Council

COMPLAINT BY CLIVE CARTER AGAINST COUNCILLOR CHARLES ADJE – LOCAL REFERENCE SC2/0910

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY – STANDARDS COMMITTEE – DETERMINATION HEARING PANEL – WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH AND THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011

PANEL CHAIR – MS A LOYD – INDEPENDENT MEMBER

MEMBERS OF HEARING PANEL – CLLRS DEMIRCI AND REECE, AND MS R.HATCH, INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND MR P. SKINNER, INDEPENDENT MEMBER

JOHN SUDDABY - MONITORING OFFICER AND HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES - LEGAL ADVISER TO THE PANEL

TERENCE MITCHISON - INVESTIGATING OFFICER ' REPRESENTATIVE

CLERK TO STANDARDS COMMITTEE – CLIFFORD HART

DATE OF HEARING – WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH AND THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2011

TIME OF HEARING – COMMENCING AT 10.00AM

LOCATION OF HEARING – HARINGEY CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22

Notice of Finding of Standards Determination Hearing relating to Councillor Charles Adje.

On Wednesday 30 March and Thursday 31 March 2011, the Standards Committee – Determination Hearing Panel found that Councillor Charles Adje had failed to comply with Paragraph 5 of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members by conducting himself in a manner which could reasonably be regarded as bringing his office or authority into disrepute.

The Panel heard that the key facts in this matter were not in dispute, these being as follows:

1. Cllr Adje was the Chair of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board between 22/05/06 and 21/05/07. In 2005 and 2006 a process of competitive bidding established Firoka as the preferred redeveloper of Alexandra Palace. After the recommendations of its professional advisers, and authorisation by the APPB on 14/11/06, Haringey Council as trustee of the charity entered into a binding Master Agreement with Firoka. This was a complex document but it provided for the Council to grant a 125 year lease of the Palace to Firoka once the formal consent of the Charity Commission had been granted by Order.
2. The Charity Commission consulted publicly on the terms of its draft Order in late 2006 and January 2007. A large number of representations were received from the public mostly unhappy with the proposed redevelopment by Firoka. Consideration of these delayed the decision by the Charity Commission which did not make its Order permitting the lease until 04/05/07.
3. Meanwhile, in early April 2007 Firoka was becoming very concerned at the delay and made suggestions that it might withdraw from the redevelopment project entirely. Cllr Adje and Keith Holder, the then General Manager of the Palace, met Firoz Kassam, the principal of Firoka, on 11/04/07 to discuss these concerns.
4. Telephone conversations took place between Councillor Adje and Firoz Kassam during the weekend of 14 and 15 April 2007. Following the 11 April meeting Cllr Adje asked Keith Holder to prepare a briefing note and Keith Holder did so on 16/04/07. This was emailed by Keith Holder to Cllr Adje who read the contents. The briefing note advised that (i) Firoka had no legal grounds for "walking away" from the redevelopment project, (ii) there was no case for the Council giving financial assistance/support to Firoka/Kassam and (iii) there was no need for any action at this point and (iv) there were risks associated with giving financial assistance/support to Firoka/Kassam
5. Shortly afterwards Cllr Adje had a meeting with the then Leader of the Council when some of the issues involving Firoka and Alexandra Palace were discussed.
6. On 24/04/07 Keith Holder tabled a short written report at the meeting of the APPB. This report recommended a phased transfer of the charity's business, staff and contracts to Firoka following the making of the Charity Commission's Order. This was to involve the termination of the licence to occupy the Palace currently granted to APTL, the charity's wholly owned trading subsidiary company, and the secondment of staff to Firoka.
7. Neither the briefing note dated 16/04/07 nor the advice contained within it was disclosed to other Councillors serving on the APPB or to other officers or advisers present at the meeting. Cllr Adje was present

as Chair of the APPB at the meeting on 24/04/07 and accepted the tabled report which Keith Holder then presented. Councillor Adje, the Chair said nothing himself about Keith Holder's previous advice or queried the apparent change of mind indicated by the tabled report.

8. The APPB agreed the recommendation to transfer the charity's business to Firoka. The licence agreement was granted to Firoka on 04/05/07 and it permitted Firoka to occupy Alexandra Palace and to use it for income generating purposes consistent with the charity's objectives.

Facts in dispute

There were a number of facts in dispute summarised as follows:

1. The allegation under paragraph 5 of the Code was that Cllr Adje failed to disclose Keith Holder's briefing note to his fellow Board trustees before their decision on the licence to Firoka and this brought into disrepute both Haringey Council and Cllr Adje's office as Chair of the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.
2. In a pre-hearing written response Cllr Adje stated "It is customary that confidential briefings are deemed to be such and especially where there is no need to discuss such." Cllr Adje also referred to a previous statement that he had made which states as follows: "I do not accept that I deliberately withheld information from my colleagues which would have affected the outcome of their decision.....I had asked for the briefing and, as a former local authority officer, you (referring to the investigator) know that not all briefings are made available to other Members or made public, especially where there is no requirement for this. I do not believe that the briefing would have had any effect on the decision of the Members, as the organisation [Alexandra Palace Trading Limited or APTL] was trading at a loss and was therefore insolvent and being liquidated.
3. The response of the investigator's representative was that the briefing note from Keith Holder should have been disclosed to the other trustees at the Alexandra Palace and Park Board (APPB) at their 24 April 2007 meeting and it should not have been deemed confidential. This was because:
 - (i) Councillors, generally, and charity trustees in particular, were under a duty to reach their decisions collectively and on the basis of their own individual knowledge;
 - (ii) this was a decision to transfer the whole business of the charity which was of the greatest importance and should have been informed by the fullest advice from officers, including Keith Holder as the Chief Officer/General Manager, on the legal and financial issues; and

(iii) Cllr Adje, as Chair, was well aware that quite different and contradictory advice (i.e. Keith Holder's briefing note as compared to his tabled report) had been provided by the Chief Officer a few days before and, in all the circumstances, this should have been available to the other trustees.

4. As to the point about the effect of the briefing on the other trustees, Cllr Adje cannot have been certain that Keith Holder's briefing would not have influenced the decision of the other trustees on 24 April.
5. The allegation under paragraph 3 (2) (d) of the Code was that Cllr Adje improperly put pressure on Keith Holder, as General Manager, to conceal the contents of his briefing note dated 16/04/07 and to submit a report recommending wholly contrary action to a meeting of the APPB on 24/04/07. This it was alleged amounted to action which compromised, or was likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who worked for the authority. In this context "impartiality" does not only mean not being subject to party political pressure, it also means maintaining an officer's professional integrity and right to advise as he/she considers proper.
6. In his evidence, Keith Holder alleged that Councillor Adje had asked him not to distribute his briefing note of 16 April which he, Councillor Adje, said was considered not helpful and instructed him to prepare a report for the next Board meeting which would provide authority for placing Firoka in the same position as they would be under the lease.
7. Councillor Adje disputed this saying that following the briefing note of 16 April, Keith Holder independently made a different suggestion about the possibility of a transfer to Firoka as a way of getting round the impending insolvency of APTL). Councillor Adje stated that Keith Holder was the mover behind the report tabled at the Board meeting of 24/04/07, which he accepted without properly probing the reason for Mr Holder's change of mind or getting Keith Holder to document this reason.
8. The Panel found as a fact that Keith Holder had not volunteered an alternative solution to that proposed in the briefing. It found that Councillor Adje had indicated that the briefing was not supported at the level of the Council leadership and that an alternative way forward should be found to prevent Firoka from withdrawing from the process. The Panel accepted Keith Holder's evidence that he was asked to present a further report encompassing this way forward.

The Panel's findings

Having reached conclusions on the relevant facts of the case, the Panel made the following findings as to whether on the basis of these facts Councillor Adje had breached the code of conduct as alleged.

1. That Cllr Adje breached Paragraph (5) of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members when he failed to disclose the key information and advice contained in the briefing note of 16 April to the Alexandra Palace and Park Board meeting on 24 April. The Panel made this finding in the context of the importance of the decision that the Alexandra Palace and Park Board was to take, the importance of the advice contained in the briefing for that decision and the duties that Councillor Adje had as Chair of the Board, a committee of the Council and a board of trustees. The Panel concluded that by this failure Councillor Adje brought his office and the Council into disrepute.
2. The Panel found that Cllr Adje had not breached Paragraph 3(2)(d) of Haringey Council's Code of Conduct for Members. The panel accepted that in the course of the telephone conversation held between Councillor Adje and Keith Holder which discussed the briefing note of 16 April, that Keith Holder was asked not to distribute the briefing note and instead produce a new report. However, the Panel did not consider on the basis of the evidence it heard that Councillor Adje's request compromised or was likely to compromise Keith Holder's professional impartiality, there being insufficient evidence that undue pressure was applied to Keith Holder.

SANCTION

Having considered the representations made by Councillor Adje and by the Investigating Officer's representative and taken note of the relevant guidance provided by Standards for England, the Panel decided that Councillor Charles Adje should be suspended from his office as Councillor for four months from Thursday 7 April 2011 to 7 August and that within 6 months of returning to office he should undertake training under the supervision of the Council's Monitoring Officer or his representative in respect of the Member code of conduct, and the role of Chairs and Vice-Chairs in relation to the decision making process of the Council.

The Panel clarified that full suspension meant that during this period Councillor Adje would not receive a Council allowance, would not be able to take part in any formal business of the authority or have access to Council facilities, which will mean that he would have to hand in any pass-card, mobile and laptop and which is why the sanction would not commence until 7 April 2011 in order to permit the necessary arrangements to be made.

Councillor Adje may apply for permission to appeal against the findings.

DATE: 1 APRIL 2011

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