



## **JOINT MEETING OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

**9 JUNE 2022**

**Report Title:** CEO's Report

**Report of:** Emma Dagnes, Chief Executive Officer

**Purpose:** To update the committees on current issues and projects at Alexandra Park and Palace and provide additional information on the events programme and the Trust's activities.

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### **1. Recommendations**

- 1.1 To note the content of this report.

### **2. General Update**

- 2.1 Following elections in May the Trust invited all Haringey Councillors for an introductory tour of Alexandra Palace and, at the time of writing this report, induction sessions were being arranged as we welcome our new trustee board members.
- 2.2 The SAC/CC would normally receive the annual summary of complaints, theatre activity and outdoor event monitoring which has not been possible due to staff capacity. This will be provided for consideration at the next meeting of the Committees.
- 2.3 Proposals to trial an Open Forum were discussed with the SAC & CC in 2021 and the Council's Assistant Director for Strategy, Communications & Collaborations is currently being consulted on the draft plan and criteria for assessment. The first pilot open forum is scheduled to be held in September 2022; however, this date may change to enable further consultation with the SAC, CC and Trustee Board.
- 2.4 Other activity;
- We celebrate 100 Years of British broadcasting with new blogs including: Banquets at the Palace and Women in Television <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/about-us/blog/>. and more information at the following link: <https://www.alexandrapalace.com/bbc-at-the-palace/>
  - The mast will be lit purple for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
  - Catering units will be provided in the Park again this summer.

### **3. Park Update**

- 3.1 We are delighted to report that the Mayor of London's Rewild London Fund is supporting the Park with a grant of over £36,000. This project is to undertake a feasibility study for creating a Wetland in the south-east corner of the park. The current drainage problems will be investigated, and a scheme will be designed to collect & control surface water, create new habitats and reduce storm water flows. The Friends of the Park have offered volunteer time to undertake baseline ecological surveys to assist the design stage. More information will be available as the project progresses. On completion of the feasibility work, further funding will be required to implement the scheme.
- 3.2 The extreme winds of Storm Eunice in February caused several small trees to fall over, but no major damage was caused. This follows the usual scheme of tree inspections and safety works that take place each year. Some lower priority tree work has been carried out this year by arboriculture students from Capel Manor. Several Caucasian wingnut stems were felled along the Lower Road, these specimens had 'tight forks' and would eventually have fallen onto the path. The stems and brash have been stacked as a dead hedge to provide a refuge for invertebrates.
- 3.3 So far in 2022, Park visitor numbers appear to be back to pre-pandemic levels, although the amount of rubbish left in the Park at peak times remains very high. Some of the 2020 Heritage Heroes award-winning volunteers are still supporting the Park by litter picking on a regular basis.
- 3.4 Some bins in the Park are being used regularly for household waste. This represents an extra burden for the Park team. Following reports of success in other locations, notices will be put on the relevant litter bins and those bins will be relocated to 100m from the entrances to deter residential properties from using the Park's bins for their household waste.

### **4. Repairs, maintenance and improvements**

- 4.1 Since last reported, examples of works carried out:
- Storm damage access and repairs to Palm Court and East Court glazing/roof vents February/March
  - Fire alarm servicing
  - Enabling works to SW Tower including internal spider access and roof inspection 31<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April
  - Electrical power shutdown to whole of BBC Tower/Toilets/ Transmitter Hall and mast equipment 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May and major upgrade/relocation of electric distribution by ProRite
  - Burst to heating main (Southwest zone above West Corridor) repaired, pending further replacement of heating pipe runs and valves

## 6. Activities and Events

### 6.1. Creative Learning general update:

#### Biblio-Buzz 2022

- The winner of our annual Children's Book Award was crowned at a special ceremony in the Theatre on the 25 March.
- 32 schools enrolled in the programme 27 from Haringey, 2 from Barnet, and 2 from Camden.
- Biblio-buzz Haringey Service Programme launched at Wood Green Library in January. 34 people attended, with 15 young people attending the workshops and readings. We helped arrange 120 free books to be donated from the library service to support the number of shortlisted books in circulation. The event was attended by the Council Leader, the Director of Library Services and Culture.
- To promote the benefits of outdoor activities a gardening club for students from a non-maintained special school and sixth form has been established. This is for children aged between 4 – 19 who are diagnosed with autism. The eager students are in their third week of the club, and they are learning basic gardening skills, warmed by the occasional mug of hot chocolate! The workshops are led by Forest and Family who run our successful forest school programme.
- As part of the Pangolin Project Kay Adshead and filmmaker Andrew Locke will run workshops with people to create short films asking How the pandemic has affected me? Participants will be given £50 to support their attendance and help to ensure the programme is as inclusive as possible.
- The February half term Creativity Camp focusing on clowning/comedy performance has 14 children from Haringey will be attending the programme for the week.

More information on Creative Learning activities since the last meeting will be provided in a presentation at the meeting under agenda item 9.

### 6.2 Our regular learning and participation activities continue including:

*Tuesdays:* Five Bells Computer Club, Young Actors Company, Baby Jazz and every other Tuesday: Community Group rehearsals, Ukulele Group

*Wednesdays:* Jazz Ensemble Rehearsals, Nursery Group, Forest School

*Thursdays:* Haringey Young Carers, Singing for the Brain, Forest School

*Saturdays:* Coaching sessions in Creativity Pavilion

*Sundays:* Rangers Skill Sharing (Park & Transmitter Hall)

*Twice monthly:* young carers creative activity and social events

*18 June* Global Cinema Club

*18 June* Chicken Shed Theatre Performance

*7 July* Crouch End Theatre Sharing

6.3 The event schedule is attached at Appendix 1

6.4 Confirmed and Provisional Park Events

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Red Bull Soap Box Race**

Proposed to open from 9.30am and close at 6pm. As previous years, Alexandra Palace Way will be closed to traffic in the build-up, during and break-down of the event:

- **Alexandra Palace Way will be closed** from midnight on Friday 1 July to 4pm on Monday 4 July between the Bedford Road entrance to Palm Court\*
- **Bedford Road closure and parking restrictions** will be implemented from 8pm on Saturday 2 July.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Primal Scream** will take place in the park - same location as the stage is set for Kaleidoscope. **Alexandra Palace Way, from Bedford Road entrance to Palm Court will be closed** to all traffic from 06:00 hours on Friday 15 July – 14:00 on Sunday 17 July 2022.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Fat Freddy’s Drop** will take place in the park same location as the stage is set for Kaleidoscope

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Kaleidoscope** the festival takes place in the park, main halls and basements

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Higher Ground**, headlined by Patti Smith, will take place in the park same location as the stage is set for Kaleidoscope,

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August in the Park - brand activation** on the slopes in the park.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks Festival - Alexandra Palace Way, from Bedford Road entrance to Palm Court will be closed** to all traffic from 06:00 hours on Thursday 3 November – Sunday 6 November 2022.

\*On live music dates access to football club will be permitted

6.4 We factor impacts on residents, people who work nearby and park users in at every stage of our planning and delivery and do all we can to mitigate disruption.

- **Sound:** our live music events will take place on the south slopes in the Park and Terrace area of the Palace (outside the Phoenix Bar & Kitchen). They adhere to strict sound regulations and have independent sound monitoring throughout.
- **Crowds:** all visitors are reminded before, during and when leaving the event of their responsibility to local people and those using public transport. Security teams will be present to monitor crowd movement.
- **Parking:** on some of the summer events our car parks will be closed, other than to Blue Badge holders. We encourage all event visitors to travel by public transport.

- **Road closure:** a temporary closure of Alexandra Palace Way will be required for the events taking place on the 3, 16, 22, 23 & 24th July. We aim to keep the closure to a minimum and we work with the Highways authority, Transport for London and emergency services to ensure suitable alternative routes are in place.
- **Park closure:** events on the 16 July and over the weekend of the 23 July will require a 20 acre section of the south slope to be closed to the public (this still leaves 176 acres of the Park for you to enjoy!). We design the construction of the event sites, so that people can continue to use the south slope for as long as possible.

6.5 The Ice Rink hosted Skate London 2022 in May, an open free skating competition, in which 327 skaters of varying ages and standards from 28 different ice rinks in the UK competed over three days. A member of Alexandra Palace's Ice Rink team competed along with 13 other London skaters representing Alexandra Palace.

6.6 7 complaints were received in 2021/22 about event noise including one new complaint since last reported:

7 August 2021	Streathlife	1 complaint
22 August 2021	Streathlife	2 complaints
21 October 2021	Corporate Event	1 complaint
24 October 2021	Tattoo Show	1 complaint
6 November 2021	Fireworks	1 complaint
25 March 2022	Future Islands Concert	1 complaint

The programme of events is ever evolving, and we encourage SAC and CC members to keep up to date by visiting [www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on](http://www.alexandrapalace.com/whats-on)

## 7. Legal Implications

7.1 The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

## 8. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schedule of Events

<b>Appendix 1 Events Schedule</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Simon Amstell	Theatre	1-2 June
Segway	Park	2-5 June
Streatlife	Panorama Room & Park	3-4 June
Ronnie O'Sullivan	Theatre	4-5 June
Heavy Metal Truants (motor cyclist fundraiser)	Park - The Beach	8 June
An Evening with Reverend Richard Coles & Friends	Theatre	9 June
Vegan Life Live	Great Hall	11-12 June
Friends of the Park - London Metropolitan Brass Band	The Grove	12 June
Joan As Police Woman	Theatre	15 June
Dylan Moran	Theatre	16-17 June
Haringey Box Cup	West Hall / Great Hall	17-19 June
ABTT Theatre Show	West Hall	22-23 June
I Can Dance	Theatre	25 June
Greta van Fleet	ALL AREAS	25 June
Lorde	ALL AREAS	28 June
Converge: Bloodmoon	Theatre	28 June
The Pangolin Project	ALL AREAS	30 June-4 July
Red Bull Soapbox Race	Park	3 July
Kula Shaker	Theatre	8 July
Primal Scream	Park	16 July
Fat Freddy's Drop	Park	22 July
Kaleidoscope	Park	23 July
Higher Ground Festival	Park	24 July
Brand Activation (Hot Air Balloon PR)	Park (South Slopes)	26-28 August
Tom, Dick and Harry	Theatre	26 July - 28 August
Streatlife	Panorama Room & Park	30 July
Streatlife	Panorama Room & Park	26-28 August
Lucy Worsley	Theatre	23 September
Martin Bayfield's Rugby Legends	Theatre	24 September
Parkway Drive	ALL AREAS	30 September
The Black Blues Brothers	Theatre	2 October
Mind Body Soul Exhibition	ALL AREAS	14-16 October
OM Yoga Show	ALL AREAS	14-16 October
Franz Ferdinand	ALL AREAS	20 October
Sum 41	ALL AREAS	21 October
Ladysmith Black Mombazo	Theatre	21 October
Aitch	Main Halls	22 October
Paulo Nutini	Main Halls	25-26 October
Moderat	ALL AREAS	31 October
Fireworks	Park	4-5 November
The Delines	Theatre	11 November
Woman to Woman	Theatre	12-13 November
Sea Girls	ALL AREAS	25 November
M Huncho	Main Halls	30 November
Sea Girls	ALL AREAS	1st December
Cazoo Masters	ALL AREAS	8-15 Jan 2023
What's Love   Got to Do with It	Theatre	
Gojira	ALL AREAS	11 February 2023
Robyn Hitchcock	Theatre	22nd February 2023
Don Broco	Main Halls	25th February 2023