



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST

BOARD MEETING

19 JULY 2022

Report Title: Environmental Sustainability
Report of: Emma Dagnes, CEO
Purpose: To seek approval of the intention and approach to establishing an Environmental Sustainability Policy, Strategy and Action Plan for the Park and Palace

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 The appendices contain exempt information as defined in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972; Paragraph 3 – information relating to the business or financial affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Following Trustee Board approval the Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy will be published on the Charity's website.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the draft Environmental Sustainability Policy (Exempt Appendix 1) and Strategy (Exempt Appendix 2) presented to Trustees during the workshop on 19th July 2022; to note the evolving Action Plan

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 In 2019 environmental sustainability became a priority focus-area for the Executive Team; a working group was established which, prior to the pandemic, made some progress in setting out a high-level plan to reduce the organisation's impact on the environment.
- 2.2 Industry expert consultants, Julie's Bicycle, were engaged in 2021 to conduct a Sustainability Audit, which has assisted in drafting the Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy.
- 2.3 At a workshop prior to the Board meeting, Trustees will be taken through the draft Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy for feedback and comments. There will be an opportunity to discuss the emerging Action Plan also, with a view to publish the Policy on the Charity's website once approved.

To summarise, the Policy focusses on 5 key strands of work the Trust is committed to. These are:

1. REDUCE FIRST

Reduce energy use, waste creation and consumption of materials and water across the site

2. OUR PEOPLE'S COMMITMENT

Listen to, empower and upskill our people to champion green practices in all that we do

3. CIRCLE OF COLLABORATION

Work with clients, artists, suppliers, service partners, contractors and our visitors and communities to ensure we work towards a more sustainable Park and Palace in a truly collaborative way

4. BEING BOLD AND AMBITIOUS

Set ambitious targets and investigate innovative solutions with funders and partners and showcase best practice to our peers

5. CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING

Develop and improve our strategy and action plan, communicating our progress in a transparent way

The Strategy sets out in more detail the specific commitments we will make in order to make progress with the 5 key strands; and the Action Plan will set out the tasks using the SMART logic - specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-based.

- 3. Is the decision/ action consistent with the Charity's Vision, Mission Purpose and Values? Five Year Plan priority pillars? Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)?**
 - 3.1 The proposed documents for approval align with the Charity's mission and purpose and presents no negative impacts on EDI. The 2020-25 Five Year Plan includes Environmental Sustainability as a cross-organisation priority focus-area.
 - 3.2 The Environmental Sustainability Policy, Strategy and accompanying documents will support future funding applications.
- 4. Legal Implications**
 - 4.1 The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications associated with the decision to approve the Environmental Sustainability Policy, Strategy and associated documents. Projects identified within the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan may have financial implications, which will be presented to the trustees and/or FRRAC as required.
- 5.2 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

6. Use of Appendices

Workshop documents circulated to Trustees separately

Exempt Appendix 1 – Environmental Sustainability Policy DRAFT

Exempt Appendix 2 – Environmental Sustainability Strategy DRAFT

Exempt Appendix 3 – Environmental Sustainability Action Plan DRAFT

7. Background Papers

Julie's Bicycle Sustainability Audit Documents.