

Report Title: **PARK ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Report of: **Mark Evison, Park Manager**

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform the Committee of the recent activities carried out in Alexandra Park

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the report.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 This report details the activities and projects that have recently taken place in the park.

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 No specific background papers were used in compiling this report.

6. Description

Park Events

6.1 The park has hosted many community events so far this year including:

- Bird watching Walks
- Friends of Alexandra Park Open Day
- Lakeside Art exhibition
- Hornsey YMCA 10k run
- Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk
- Chinese State Circus
- Haringey pre-school picnic
- children's funfair
- Farmers' markets
- bicycle treasure trail (Haringey Schools)
- Football in the Community summer programme

Park Concessions – Workshop Building

6.2 The agreed operator for the Workshop Building obtained planning permission for the project. The lease is under negotiation and the refurbishment should start in September, subject to completion of the lease before any works start.

External Funding Bids

6.3 The Alexandra Park Ornithological Group were successful in their bid for a 'Making a difference' grant. They now have £2,000 for projects to improve the habitats available for birds and other wildlife in the area adjacent to the reservoirs. Once agreed the work will be carried out over the winter period.

6.4 The work for the Environment Agency Urban Fisheries Grant has commenced. New fish-refuges have been installed together with new aquatic vegetation. Two new fishing platforms will also be constructed to supplement the existing four.

Grounds Maintenance

6.5 The Grounds Maintenance Contractor, John O'Conner GM Ltd, continues to work on the park. They recently hosted a meeting of the *British Association of Landscape Industries* and representatives of 25 landscapers and grounds maintenance companies toured the site.

Green Flag Award

6.6 The park was awarded a Green Flag for the second year. This reflects the hard work of our staff and volunteers who assisted in the submission. A Green Flag Award ranks the park amongst the best in the country and is the national standard for parks and greenspaces.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the Committee note the report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The Trust's solicitor was provided with a draft of this report and his advice has been taken into account in the production of this final version.

8.2 The LBH Head of Legal Services have been sent a copy of this report.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 The LBH Chief Financial Officer has been sent a copy of this report.

Appendix A

LBH Chief Financial Officer comments

There are no direct financial implications of this report and the content of the report are noted.