

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 Concessions – Workshop Building**

- 6.1 The lease for the Workshop Building has been signed and refurbishment is underway. The fence has been moved back to release some land back into the park and improve the visual amenity along the surrounding footpaths.

- 6.2 The new facility is expected to open in December.

### **Park Concessions – Pitch and Putt Course**

- 6.3 Golfwise Ltd, the operator of the pitch and putt course, has plans for improving the facilities on the course and will make a presentation to the Committee in this meeting. This is a consultation exercise before ideas are finalised and a planning application is made.

### **External Funding**

- 6.4 The work on the boating lake funded by the Environment Agency Urban Fisheries Grant has been completed.
- 6.5 New cycle stands have been offered by Haringey Council with grant funding from Transport for London. The preliminary locations chosen are the Lakeside Café, children's play area, farmers' market, golf kiosk, grove café and grove workshop. The Friends of Alexandra Park have been asked their views.
- 6.6 The benefit for the Trust of increased cycle use is a potential reduction in car users entering site. The stands are small and will not have a major visual impact.

### **Grounds Maintenance**

- 6.7 Following a recent survey, a number of trees in the park have had health and safety works carried out. Cut timber is retained on site as habitat piles where possible. This has the added benefit of reducing transport and disposal costs.

### **London in Bloom**

- 6.8 The park was entered in a new category in this year's London in Bloom competition – Large Park or Public Garden (over 5 acres) – and achieved a silver-gilt award.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 That the Committee note the report.

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The Trust's solicitor has been sent a draft of this report..
- 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.