

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

- 6.1 **Road Maintenance**
Alexandra Palace Way was closed to through traffic for three days in January. This was to reconstruct the collapsing ramps on the western speed table. Access to the palace and other facilities such as the garden centre was maintained.
- 6.2 While the traffic on the road was reduced other allied works were carried out including unblocking road drains and patch repairs to the road surface.
- 6.3 **Adizone Facility**
The proposed adiZone which was to be located in Newland Field was refused planning permission by London Borough of Haringey. Recreation Services, who were leading the project, decided not to pursue this any further.
- 6.4 **Additional Income**
The trustees agreed at the Board Meeting on 12th January for officers to conduct a feasibility study into charging for the use of the car parks on site.
- 6.5 Residents' associations and user groups will be consulted through the Consultative Committee before any decisions are made. The trustees will also consult the Statutory Advisory Committee formally.
- 6.6 **Winter Weather**
The snow brought hundreds of people to the park to enjoy building snowmen and sledging. Unfortunately, a large amount of litter and rubbish was left behind by those visitors.
- 6.7 The park staff spread approximately 22 tonnes of rocksalt on priority areas, namely key paths, steps, palace entrances and bus stops.
- 6.8 For information, the local authority grit Alexandra Palace way as a priority 1 road.

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 has 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 and made no comments.