

Report Title: **Local Nature Reserve Proposal**

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

1. Purpose

1.1 To consider the proposal for a Local Nature Reserve (LNR).

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the committee consider the proposals for declaration of an LNR

2.2 That the committee present their advice for consideration by the Alexandra Palace and Park Board

2.3 That officer's update the committee at a future meeting.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 Haringey Council launched a borough-wide Biodiversity Action Plan on 22 February 2010.

3.2 One of their objectives is declare a Local Nature Reserve at Alexandra Park.

3.3 LNR designation recognises and values the importance of the site for nature and for people.

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 N/A

6. Description

- 6.1 Haringey Council launched a borough-wide Biodiversity Action Plan on 22 February 2010. The plan can be found on Haringey Council's website.
- 6.2 One of the objectives of the action plan is to declare a Local Nature Reserve in all or part of Alexandra Park.
- 6.3 On 29th June 2010 the Alexandra Palace and Park Board resolved that the Alexandra Park and Palace Advisory Committee and Alexandra Palace and Park Consultative Committee consider the proposal for a Local Nature Reserve and advise accordingly.
- 6.4 The project is in its early stages and the borough's Nature Conservation Officer will attend the meeting to give a more detailed presentation.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 The declaration will require consultation between Haringey Council, Alexandra Palace Charitable Trust and nature conservation bodies such as Natural England.
- 7.2 The views of the Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee are being sought by the Board to as part of the consultation process.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 That the committee consider the proposals for declaration of an LNR.
- 8.2 That the committee present their advice for consideration by the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.
- 8.3 That officers update the committee at a future meeting.

9. Legal Implications

- 9.1 The Trust's solicitor has been sent a copy of this report.
- 9.2 LBH Head of Legal Services has no specific comments on this report.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1 The declaration will have no direct costs to the Trust.
- 10.2 The LBH Chief Financial Officer notes the report.
- 10.3 Much of the work will be carried out by Council Officers.
- 10.4 An LNR declaration may be a lever for funding in future.

11. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

- 11.1 N/A