

Report Title: **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

Report of: **Helen Downie, Head of Finance, Alexandra Palace & Park**

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform the Board of the outcome of the recent internal audit of Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked to note the outcome of the internal audit work for 2010/11 and the 'substantial assurance' given in the areas of budget setting and control and health and safety.

2.2 The Board is asked to support the Interim General Manager in implementing the recommendations in the context of other priorities for the Trust.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The summary report from the Trust's internal auditors, Mazars, is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2 Mazars conducted a follow up review of the Council's internal audit report from 2008, together with a review of the Trust's arrangements for budget setting and control and health and safety.

3.3 Of the twelve recommendations in the original Council report, six have been fully implemented, five are in progress and one has been superseded. In relation to the latter two audits, Mazars raised two minor recommendations and concluded that a 'substantial' level of assurance exists in each area. This is covered in more detail in the Mazars report.

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. Legal and Financial Comments

- 6.1 The Trust's solicitor has no specific comment on this report
- 6.2 The London Borough of Haringey Head of Legal Services has no specific comment on this report.
- 6.3 The London Borough of Haringey Chief Financial Officer notes the internal audit work undertaken in 2010/11. I would ask the Board to ensure that the recommendations made are implemented in accordance with the agreed timetable. It is important for the work of the internal auditors to be conveyed to the Council's Head of Audit to enable appropriate reporting to the Council's Audit Committee. That reporting also needs to include follow up work on the recommendations made by the Council's Audit Section when they undertook work prior to Mazars being appointed.

7. Equalities Implications

- 7.1 There are no perceived equalities implications.

8. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

- 8.1 Report of Mazars, internal auditors to the Trust