

**Alexandra Park & Palace Informal Joint Meeting of the
Statutory Advisory Committee and Consultative Committee
Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee**

on 6th March 2012

Report Title: **Proposals for the Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds**

Report of: **Mark Evison, Park Manager, Alexandra Palace Charitable Trust**

1. Purpose

1.1 To inform the committee of the updated proposals to improve the facilities at the cricket clubhouse and grounds and to ask if the committee has any advice to offer the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the content of this report.
2.2 The Committee consider what advice, if any, they wish to offer the Board.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The improvement works proposed for the cricket clubhouse and grounds as part of a project with the nearby Heartlands School have been revised to include a new sewer pipe and irrigation system with storage tank.

3.2 The timescale for the project has also been revised.

3.3 Certain items will require planning permission and the committee is asked to make comments.

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. Background

- 6.1 The committee will recall that the cricket clubhouse and grounds are leased to the Alexandra Park Club for use “as a sports club for cricket & football and ancillary sports and social purposes.”
- 6.2 The Heartlands High School was intending to use the pitches and facilities from September 2011 and previous presentations have been made on this subject. The project is being managed by Haringey Council’s Building Schools for the Future (BSF) team, and officers from this team will present more details at the meeting.
- 6.3 The timescale of the first phase of work has been revised and additional items have been included:

Phase 1 original items

- Improve the drainage of the football pitches and cricket outfield, because currently they are out of action for much of year due to water logging
- Reconfigure the WCs so they are acceptable for school use – current access is via the bar

Phase 1 additional items

- Installation of mains water irrigation system including storage tank and pump
 - Connection to mains sewer system by installation of pipe work across Newland Field, to enable much improved foul drainage
- 6.4 As some of the proposals requiring planning permission the Advisory Committee must be consulted under Section 9(3) of the Alexandra Park and Palace Act. The Board should have due and proper regard to this advice and use their best endeavours to give effect to such reasonable recommendations as are expedient in the interests of the charity and consistent with the trusts. The Board will consider this matter at the meeting on 3 April 2012.
- 6.5 The functions of the Advisory Committee are laid out at paragraph 19 of schedule 1 of the Act and the committee is required “to promote the objects of the charity and assist the Trustees in fulfilling the trusts by considering and advising” on a number of matters. The particular clauses that apply in this case are (v) any proposals which require planning permission and (vii) furtherance of recreation and leisure in the Alexandra Park and Palace.
- 6.6 The Consultative Committee can consider this item under the first object of its constitution: “To give representatives of appropriate local and national organisations the opportunity of full discussion on general matters affecting Alexandra Palace and Park.”
- 6.7 Although the Committees may decide to advise the Board of the impact the development may have on the palace and park, members are reminded that they may as groups, societies or individuals, comment on the proposals as part of the planning process.

6.8 Officers from the *Building Schools for the Future* team will present more information at the meeting.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the committee notes the content of this report.

7.2 The committee considers what advice, if any, it wishes to give to the Board.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The Trust's solicitor has no comments on this report.

8.2 The Council's Head of Legal Services has no comment on this report.

9. Financial Implications

9.1 The Council's Chief Finance Officer notes the contents of the report.

10. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

10.1 Additional documents to be provided by the BSF team