

Report Title: **Park Update**

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

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To update the Committee regarding various events in the Park and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary projects.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Committee notes the report.

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 This report provides a brief update on a number of topics including the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Soap Box Derby event and the Park Furniture Design Guide.

**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. Park Events during 2013**

- 6.1 Planning for the Red Bull soap box derby continues. A site visit took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, the Chair of the Friends of the Park met with the Palace's Event Manager to discuss the concerns raised at the last meeting.
- 6.2 The Event Manager made various reassurances about the way the build-up will be managed. For example, the installations such as temporary toilets and food outlets will be placed on aluminium track-way to protect the ground.

## **7. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alexandra Park**

- 7.1 The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event on 21<sup>st</sup> July is eagerly anticipated and members will recall the extensive description in the Chief Executive's report to the last meeting. As is inevitable, the content is subject to change. We have lost the community workshop based around a performance of The Tempest, but it's very likely the Farmer's Market organisers will provide a climbing wall as part of their celebration of reaching the milestone of 500 markets held at Alexandra Palace. The cut-off date for stall-holders and performers is 14<sup>th</sup> June. After this point the timetable for the stages will be programmed and confirmed.
- 7.2 The tethered balloon operator has been to site and identified a suitable location on the lower part of the South Front. This location should provide a very visible link between the activities in the lower parts of the Park and those up at the terrace, the Grove and the boating lake. The operator will be responsible for informing the Civil Aviation Authority. The operation (and the duration) of the flights will be dependent on the wind conditions. A small number of vehicles will be used as anchor points for the balloon to avoid the need to anchor into the ground.
- 7.3 Around fifty volunteer stewards will be needed for the event and we would greatly appreciate the members of the committee and others from their wider groups to come forward. These stewards will act as direction finders and information points to direct visitors around the Park and provide details about the events and activities. To register your interest please contact the production company by email: [events@continentaldrifts.co.uk](mailto:events@continentaldrifts.co.uk)

## **8. Park Furniture Design Guide**

- 8.1 Further to discussions at the previous meeting, the Park Furniture Design Guide was presented to the Board. The Park Manager agreed to investigate the origins of the cream, brown and blue colour scheme and bring this information back to the Advisory and Consultative Committee for consideration at a future meeting.
- 8.2 In the meantime the litter bins and benches in the Rose Garden will be replaced by new style items. These will be in dark green and members will be able to comment on them at a future meeting.

## **9. Recommendations**

- 9.1 That the Committee notes the report.

## **10. Legal Implications**

- 10.1 The Council's Head of Legal Services has no comments on this report.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has no specific financial implications to raise.

## **12. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photograph**

- 12.1 N/A