

Report Title: **Park Management Update**

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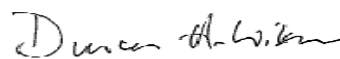
**1. Purpose**

1.1 To update the Board regarding Dog Control Orders

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Board notes the current situation in relation to Dog Control Orders and considers whether to pursue a new Order to enact three dog-on-lead areas within the Park

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 The report includes an update on the current Dog Control Orders in force across the borough including Alexandra Park.

3.2 The report also sets out the options in relation to pursuing a new Order specifically for Alexandra 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 N/A

## **6. Dog Control Orders update**

- 6.1 The Board will recall that the Council carried out a consultation on new Dog Control Orders last year. The Park Manager made a submission with specific requests in relation to the Park and Palace. However, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 the borough-wide DCOs came into force as proposed.
- 6.2 There is currently no information or signage in place within the Park to explain how these DCOs work. The responsibility for installing signage rests with the various managing bodies across the borough. In Alexandra Park a few signs in key areas could be installed for relatively little cost.
- 6.3 The Haringey Council website has the full details and maps available and the Alexandra Palace website can be updated to further promote the DCOs. Police SNT Sergeants have all been trained and can issue Fixed Penalty Notices.
- 6.4 There are three areas where the generic DCOs do not fit with the proposal approved by the Advisory and Consultative Committee and the Board last summer. These are the proposals for dogs-on-leads in the Grove, on the Terrace and around the Boating Lake. The Board will recall that this proposal acknowledged that families should be able to visit certain areas of the park safe in the knowledge that dogs will not be running loose. These areas amount to about 10 hectares of the 79 hectare site (approximately 12.5%).
- 6.5 The Council's enforcement officer sent a detailed reply following the Board's discussions at the February meeting. There is no practical reason that a new DCO could not be made by the Council for these areas. However, they would not be in keeping with the borough-wide standard.
- 6.6 The Enforcement Officer at the Council has advised that if a new DCO is pursued a formal consultation will be required and legal fees could be incurred. These costs have not been quantified. There may be an opportunity to wait for the Borough to carry out a review of the DCOs and request any changes take place at this time to avoid any extra legal costs.
- 6.7 There are two options at this stage:
- To accept and promote the current DCOs, install signs and educate Park Users or
  - To pursue a new DCO to enact the three dog-on-lead areas within the Park

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 That the Board notes the current situation in relation to Dog Control Orders and considers whether to pursue a new Order to enact three dog-on-lead areas within the Park

## **8. Legal Implications**

- 8.1 The Council's Head of Legal Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

## **9. Financial Implications**

- 9.1 If a decision is taken to pursue a new Dog Control Order there may be legal costs associated with this. New signs and web promotion can be funded from existing budgets.

- 9.1 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has no additional comments to make.

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

- 10.1 N/A