

Report Title: **Park Update Report**

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

**1. Purpose**

1.1 This report provides an update on a number of issues relating to the Park.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the committee notes the contents of the report.

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 Update on Go Ape

3.2 Update on Park Vision workshop

3.3 Update on Heartlands High School approach

3.4 Update on some general Park matters

**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. **Go Ape**

- 6.1 At the time of writing this report, no further update is available, however an update will be tabled at the meeting.

## 6.2 **Park Vision Update**

At the time of writing, Members of the Advisory and consultative Committees have been invited to a "Park Vision Workshop" in early June to consider the Landscape Architect's document and to discuss ideas for future management and development of the Park. A general update on this session will be presented in the meeting.

The next stage is for the input from the various groups consulted to be drafted into a new Vision for the Park. This will be presented to the Joint Committee and then the Board in Autumn 2015.

## 7. **Heartlands High School**

- 7.1 The Head at Heartlands High School recently approached APPCT about use of Alexandra Park for sports activities. For the initial phase the school would like to hire part of the Upper Football Field for use in term-time.
- 7.2 The school will fund a survey to establish the condition of the field and recommend any works required to make it playable. The school have capital funds available to carry out any such remedial works and to pay for any additional maintenance required such as line-marking. This could provide a new regular income as well as supporting the activity objectives of the school and increase usage of this area of the Park in quiet periods.
- 7.3 The school are interested in a long-term relationship and have further ideas which will be fed into the Park Vision project through the planned workshops.

## 8. **General Park Issues**

- 8.1 The Committee may be interested to know that since 1<sup>st</sup> April works have been carried out to repair both the incoming mains water supply pipe and the outgoing foul drains from the Lakeside buildings. In addition, the foul drain at the 345 pre-school in the Grove has collapsed and repair works are imminent.
- 8.2 A programme of dead-wood removal, pollarding and felling of trees around the Park has been completed. The 2015 tree survey is due to take place in June.
- 8.3 The Friends of Alexandra Park are continuing with monthly work parties to clear bramble and encouraging scrub from the butterfly meadow and a tree strip adjacent to Redston Field. The TCV volunteers are also working on these tasks.

The Park Volunteers has been working on various gardening tasks, supporting the management of the new Orchards and food growing projects with Eden School.

**9. Legal Implications**

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

**10. Financial Implications**

- 10.1 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no additional comments to make.

**11. Appendices**

- 11.1 There are none.