

Finsbury Park Events Scrutiny Project – Draft Scoping Template (2015/16)

Review Topic	Finsbury Park Events
Scrutiny Project Membership	<p>Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will carry out this review:</p> <p>Councillors: Charles Wright (Chair), Pippa Connor, Kirsten Hearn, Eugene Akwasi-Ayisi, and Adam Jogee</p> <p>Statutory Co-optees: Luke Collier (School Governor Rep), Yvonne Denny (Church Rep), Chukwyemeka Ekeowa (Church Rep), and Kafale Taye (School Governor Reps)</p>
Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review / Objectives)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand the impact of recent events held in Finsbury Park to gain a greater understanding of the budget context for parks – including income and where this money is spent – and how this is balanced against the impact on local people and businesses. 2. To consider the position of Finsbury Park as a major London park contributing to city-wide events. 3. To reflect on recent large events that have taken place in Finsbury Park, with particular focus on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and organisation; • Facilities; • Policing, security and crowd control; • Noise and complaints; • Transport, ingress and egress; • Damage and arrangements for remediation; and • Community engagement. 4. In the light of the above, to make recommendations to the Council and its partners for improvements in the arrangements for future events that are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Outdoor Events Policy and seek to minimise any potential adverse effect on parks.

<p>Links to the Corporate Plan</p>	<p>This review relates to Priority 3 – “A clean, well maintained and safe borough where people are proud to live and work”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “We will work with communities to improve the environment, particularly by reducing anti-social behaviour and environmental crime” (Objective 1) - “We will make our street, parks and estates clean, well maintained and safe” (Objective 2) <p>In addition there are links to Priority 4 “ Drive growth and employment which everyone can benefit”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Deliver growth, by creating an environment that supports investment and growth in business and jobs” (Objective 2)
<p>Evidence Sources</p>	<p>This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Haringey’s Outdoor Events Policy (January 2014) - Feedback (complaints, compliments and social media) for events held in Finsbury Park - Consideration of information posted on neighbourhood websites e.g. Haringey Online - Noise Reports - Licensing information - Management Plans – an overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Presentation by Licensing Team Leader - Information on how other Local Authorities deal with major events - Feedback from stakeholders and local resident associations, including neighbouring boroughs (see below) - Feedback from local shops/businesses
<p>Witnesses</p>	<p>The following witnesses will be invited to take part in the review / submit evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members of the Finsbury Park Stakeholder Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Chair – Cabinet Member for the Environment o Friends of Finsbury Park o Stroud Green Residents Association o Highbury Community Association o Ladder Community Safety Partnership o Manor House Development Trust

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Haringey Green Lanes Traders Association ○ Finsbury Park Trust ○ Finsbury Park Tenant Representatives ○ Ward Councillors – Stroud Green ○ Ward Councillors – Haringay ○ Haringey Parks and Leisure Services ○ Haringey Licensing Officer ○ Metropolitan Police Service ○ Officers – Hackney ○ Officers – Islington <p>- Safety Advisory Group (SAG)</p> <p>- Ward Councillors / Cabinet Members from Islington and Hackney</p> <p>- Finsbury Park Event Promoters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Live Nation ○ Slammin Events ○ Sjm ○ Festival Republic <p>In addition, Overview and Scrutiny will encourage written submissions from the public, organisations, businesses and other interested parties.</p>
<p>Methodology/Approach</p>	<p>A variety of methods will be used to gather evidence from the witnesses above, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Site visit to Finsbury Park (non event day) – with photos/maps prepared in advance - Site visit to Finsbury Park (during events in September) - Desk top research - Evidence gathering sessions / workshops with witnesses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meeting venues in/around Finsbury Park would be preferred - Review of evidence sources (listed above – including written submissions) - Final report / findings to be considered by OSC (at a public meeting) on 19 October
<p>Equalities Implications</p>	<p>Haringey’s Outdoor Events Policy was agreed by Cabinet in December 2013. The covering report for this item notes: “An equality screening tool was completed in regard to the proposed policy and found that the proposal had no impact on protected characteristics other than religion or belief. The policy retains the existing provision that organisations professing a religion or belief can hire the park primarily for an act of worship. Whilst this could have the effect of discouraging religious or belief organisations from using the park primarily for an act of worship such as praying, such events could by their very nature exclude others from attending the event or using the park more generally. In hiring a park for an event the Council wishes to promote all events as inclusive to the whole community. Further the policy does permit acts of worship where incidental to the overall event, for example a convention.”</p> <p>Questions for scrutiny to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does the Council know that events at Finsbury Park have been inclusive to the whole community? - Has there been any negative impact on equality groups as a result of events taking place at Finsbury Park?
<p>Timescale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The review will be set up by OSC on 27 July 2015 (following initial scoping on 23 July) - Desk research from 27 July - Evidence gathering (including site visits / walk around Finsbury Park) from 10 August – 28 August - Call for Evidence (online survey) closes - 28 August - Initial findings to be discussed before Finsbury Park events in September i.e. w/c 31 August - Members of OSC to attend events at the park (Ceremony and / or United) on 12th/13th September - Additional evidence gathering / meetings to take place during early September (as required) - Analyse findings / develop recommendations mid September - Final report signed off (with comments from legal / finance) by 5 October - OSC meets on 19 October to discuss / agree final report (Public Meeting) - Cabinet Response – with partner input – prepared for 10 November (or 15 December)

Reporting arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The dates for reporting are noted above. - Stephen McDonnell, Deputy Director Operations & Community Safety, has confirmed that he will co-ordinate the Cabinet Response (with input from partners as appropriate).
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press release to be issued after OSC on 27 July - Call for Evidence will be issued to encourage written submissions from the public, organisations, businesses and other interested parties to be organised. - The Call for Evidence will be based on the following (draft) questions: (a) “List or describe what you thought was successful or worked well?; (b) List or describe what you thought was not successful or did not work well?; and (c) List your thoughts/recommendations for improvement for future events?
Constraints / Barriers / Risks	<p>The Chair of OSC would like this review to take place, with consideration given to initial findings, before the next round of Finsbury Park events in early/mid September. As a result, this requires meetings to take place during August. To ensure all witnesses (identified above) have the opportunity to attend evidence gathering sessions, various workshops will be arranged during August and, if needed, additional meetings will be held in early September. A “call for evidence” will also be launched to encourage written submissions from the public, organisations, businesses and other interested parties.</p> <p>In addition, the final report will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 October. This provides an opportunity for members of the public to “have their say” if requests are received in accordance with Part 4, Section B of the Council’s constitution.</p>
Officer Support	<p>Scrutiny Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian Scade, Principal Scrutiny Officer / Rob Mack, Principal Scrutiny Officer <p>Service Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen McDonnell, Deputy Director Operations & Community Safety - Sarah Jones, PR and Partnerships Officer - Simon Farrow, Head of Client Services; - Tim Pyall, Client Manager - Daliah Barrett, Licensing Team Leader - Eubert Malcolm, Head of Community Safety and Regulatory Services