

## Appendix 2

### Community Safety in Parks Scrutiny Project – Conclusions and recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, responses to recommendations

Overall comments on the report			
	The Council welcome this report and the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and recognise it as a positive contribution to improving community safety in parks.		
	Recommendation	Response (Agreed / Not agreed / Partially agreed)	Who and when
1	That the Panel's findings that crime levels within Haringey parks are comparatively low and that there is no evidence of any significant recent increase be noted.	Noted	Head of Direct Services
2	That further consideration to be given to the inclusion of community safety contacts and their prominence on park signage as and when it is renewed.	<p>Agreed</p> <p>All current parks signage, both at entrances to the parks and signage within the parks such as those to play areas, currently incorporate key community safety contacts including the emergency and non emergency police numbers, council contacts and Friends of Parks details. A review of the current parks signage will be undertaken in collaboration with colleagues from Corporate Communications and the police to ensure that these details are a prominent as possible.</p> <p>If this review finds that changes are needed to further highlight community safety contact information then a new parks signage layout will be considered. Any such layout changes will also incorporate the change over to the new Haringey Branding. A planned programme of</p>	<p>Head of Direct Services / Assistant Director of Communications</p> <p>Review will be carried out by March 2017.</p> <p>If decided that a change is needed further work will be undertaken to ascertain an implementation schedule, dependent on available budget.</p>

		implementation will be looked into in more detail to ensure suitable budget is identified.	
<b>3</b>	That the setting up by the Police of a team of Special Officers to patrol in parks be supported and that work be undertaken to develop links between them and the Council's enforcement teams.	Agreed  We will continue to support this, but accept that it's within the Metropolitan Police Service power to provide, subject to volunteers making themselves available for the team. Further discussions with the Police will be undertaken by the Community Enforcement Team through the Joint Tasking Meetings.	Head of Direct Services / Head of Regulatory Services  Ongoing
<b>4</b>	That a review be undertaken of vehicular access and provision for parking in Finsbury Park and the feasibility of reducing and restricting it to certain areas of the park.	Agreed  This will be commissioned over the next three months and will tie in with new parking controls agreed. It will also draw on learning from this year's major events.	Head of Direct Services  Completed and findings to be implemented from April 2017
<b>5</b>	That the practice of the locking of some parks be suspended for a trial period of six months and reviewed at the end of this period to ensure there are no negative consequences and that this process be subject to engagement with relevant parks forums and neighbourhood watches.	Not Agreed / Partially Agreed  There are concerns that in a number of parks leaving them unlocked would reverse commitments given to residents to lock parks as part of a wider approach to reducing antisocial behaviour in the local community. Therefore, it is proposed that the locking of each of the 13 parks be reviewed to ensure locking is the correct course of action. The reviews will be undertaken with input from local residents, the Friends of the park and Police.	Head of Direct Services  April 2017
<b>6</b>	That, in order to enhance cost effectiveness in addressing this issue, officers investigate jointly with Alexandra Palace and Board the feasibility of	Not Agreed  The council already has the key powers it needs	Head of Direct Services / Head of Regulatory Services

	collaborating on updating the bye laws covering the borough's parks and open spaces.	to enforce the main concerns of residents including dog fouling, litter etc.  There may be a case for reviewing street drinking restrictions in certain locations e.g. Finsbury Park and Bruce Castle Park where evidence suggest this is an increasing problem, but these should be approached through implementing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).	April 2018
7	That separate dog waste bins be removed from parks and that, beginning two months prior to their removal, a PR campaign take place which includes engagement with friends' forums and neighbourhood watches and signs placed on all dog waste bins.	Partially Agreed  This needs to be part of a wider Education, Engagement and Enforcement strategy in parks.  It is proposed that a series of pilots are developed over the next 12 months to trial different approaches to bins and litter collection in parks to inform a new approach ready for April 2018. This will be done in partnership with the Friends of Parks and other local stakeholders.	Head of Direct Services  April 2018
8	That Community Payback be utilised fully in parks to undertake areas of work for which there is currently no provision.	Partially Agreed  Whilst the possibility of using community pay back provides an opportunity to undertake additional works in parks that would otherwise not be completed, the use of community pay back and the work tasks need to have the clear support of the individual Friends group.	Head of Direct Services  October 2016
9	That further work be undertaken to develop friends of park groups where they do not currently exist.	Agreed  The Friends' network in Haringey is mature and well developed.	Head of Direct Services  Ongoing

		<p>The council will seek to work with the Bridge Renewal Trust to support new groups that come forward in partnership with the existing Friends' network.</p> <p>Where new open spaces are developed as part of the regeneration of the borough Officers will ensure that the establishment of a Friends of resident group is included in the work to develop the new open space.</p>	
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