

ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE
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Report Title: Chief Executive's Update

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Purpose:

This report provides information to the Statutory Advisory and Consultative Committees on planning and policy issues in relation to Alexandra Park and Palace. It also provides additional information on the events programme and a range of activities of the Charitable Trust.

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N/A

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the content of the report and advise the Alexandra Park and Palace Board, as appropriate to the remit of the SAC/CC remits.

2. East Wing Restoration Project

- 2.1 A further Listed Building Consent was granted for the removal of the sleeper walls from the old Theatre floor in November 2016 following the discovery that the walls were not compatible with the plenum design for the new floor and were in poor condition.

- 2.2 The Trust Board agreed on 21 March 2017 to proceed with the Main Works of the East Wing Restoration Project. However the scope of the project has changed to keep expenditure within the budget available. The focus of the current project will be on the Theatre, Theatre Foyer, North East Tower and East Court. The Board agreed that the restoration of the former BBC Studios would be deferred, subject to a further funding application at a later date. The external landscaping works were also deferred.
- 2.3 The Trustees have made this decision in the best interests of the Park and Palace to ensure a successful and quality project is delivered within the fixed budget. To have continued with the original scope of the project against a background of increasing costs, some caused by the external economic environment and some arising from the complexity of the building project and the historic nature of the building itself, was simply not possible.
- 2.4 The team are now developing a new timetable for the studios project. The ambition is to deliver an interactive celebration of the proud history of broadcasting and the BBC at Alexandra Palace as well an exploration of cutting edge broadcasting and technology.
- 2.4 Works to the South East Pavilion in the East Wing, by the contractor to use as site offices, has brought it out of dereliction and back into use.
- 2.5 The HLF Activity Plan, for learning and participation to engage the public in the project and our history, has not been affected by these decisions.
- 2.6 Completion of the East Wing is still expected in the Summer of 2018.

3. West Yard Storage Project

- 3.1 Planning permission and Listed Building Consent was granted on the 18 January 2017.
- 3.2 Works are underway and due for completion in the Autumn of 2017. As some storage areas will be available to use earlier, there will be earlier occupation of some of the building.
- 3.3 Discussions with the Planning Authority have progressed with the discharge of conditions including materials to being used. There are no current changes to the Planning permission or Listed Building Consent received.

4. Commercial Director's Update

4.1 Event Highlights:

The events hosted in the quarter include the Underworld concert on 17 March, the WI Fair held here for the first time over four days in March, the Royal Yachting association, Model Railway Exhibition and Two Door Cinema Club. All of which passed without any major issues and with very positive client feedback

The Country Living Spring Fair will be hosted at the Palace for the first time for four days in April, with lambs and chickens on site.

Spring fest, the German Bier festival, on April 14th Friday sold out for the 3rd year in a row. The Street food event taking place throughout the summer has been rebranded as StrEatlife and has been programmed now for May- August.

Summer Festival plans are well underway. The event will be similar to the 2016 event which was a huge success. However, we will be working with our internal teams to celebrate Alexandra Palace's role in the Summer of Love (1967) - the original 'Rave' event (the 14 hour technicolour dream and International Love-In). These events were attended by Yoko Ono, John Lennon and Andy Warhol to name a few.

4.2 Event forward schedule

Table 1 below summarises the public events for the first two quarters of 2017/18. All special requirements are discussed in detail at production meetings and at Safety Advisory Group meetings where appropriate. Updates since the last report are highlighted bold.

TABLE 1 – Forthcoming events

Event	Event Type	Date (tenancy)	Date (event open)	Special requirements
Crafting At Ally Pally	Exhibition	06.04.17-09.04.17	08.04.17-09.04.17	
Karting on Ice	Sport	09.04.17	09.04.17	
Spring Bier Festival	Live	14.04.17	14.04.17	
Karting on Ice	Sport	09.04.17	09.04.17	
You Me at Six	Concert	15.04.17-16.04.17	15.04.17	
Cake International	Exhibition	20.04.17-23.04.17	22.04.17-23.04.17	
Country Living	Exhibition	24.04.17-01.05.17	27.04.17-30.04.17	Lambs and chickens on site – Area for Animal welfare in North Yard with keeper
Club de Fromage	Sport	29.04.17	29.04.17	
Deftones	Concert	04.05.17-05.05.17	05.05.17	
The Kooks	Concert	12.05.17-14.05.17	13.05.17	
Phex	Exhibition	15.05.17-18.05.17	17.05.17-18.05.17	
Antiques	Exhibition	20.05.17-21.05.17	21.05.17	
Hornsey 10k Fun Run	Park	21.05.17	21.05.15	
Tattoo Show	Exhibition	25.05.17-28.05.17	27.05.17-28.05.17	
Street Food & Craft Beer Festival (StrEATlife)	Park	26.05.17-29.05.17	27.05.17-28.05.17	Music on the Beach/Catering Units along the South Terrace and Beach
Fat Freddy's Drop	Concert	02.06.17-03.06.17	03.06.17	
ABTT Theatre Show	Exhibition	04.06.17-08.06.17	07.06.17-08.06.17	
DRL (Drone) – London	Sport	10.06.17-14.06.17	12.06.17-13.06.17	Drone Racing
Haringey Boxing	Sport	15.05.17-18.05.17	15.05.17-18.05.17	
Street Food & Craft Beer Festival (StrEATlife)	Park	16.06.17-19.06.17	17.06.17-18.06.17	Music on the Beach/Catering Units along the South Terrace and Beach
The Maccabees	Concert	28.06.17-02.07.17	29.06.17-1.07.17	
Red Bull	Live	06.07.17-10.07.17	09.07.17	The public access road shall be closed between the hours of 12:00 hours (midday) on Friday 7 th July to 05:00 hours on Monday 10 th July
Street Food Summer Festival (StrEATlife)	Park	21.07.17-23.07.17	22-23.07.17	Music on the Beach and in the Park, additional activities taking place inside and outside the venue along with street food vendors in the Park

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Street Food Summer Festival (StrEATlife)	Park	18.08.17-20.08.17	19-20.08.17	Music on the Beach and in the Park, additional activities taking place inside and outside the venue along with street food vendors in the Park
Interpol	Concert	01.09.17	01.09.17	
Antiques	Exhibition	02.09.17-03.09.17	03.09.17	
Luna Cinema	Outdoor South Slope	15.09.17	15.09.17	
Crafting At Ally Pally	Exhibition	14.09.17-17.09.17	16.09.17-17.09.17	
Luna Cinema	Outdoor South Slope	16.09.17	16.09.17	
Phoenix	Concert	30.09.17	30.09.17	

5. Park Premises Licence

- 5.1 The local Licensing Authority (Haringey Council) will be considering the Alexandra Park Grounds licensing application on 20th April 2017.
- 5.2 We have received a lot of feedback from public who were curious as to the event details and the overall intentions. Within the representations to the Licensing Authority there has been positive support and praise for the progress and development of events and activities at Alexandra Park and Palace. There were concerns highlighted around noise and frequency of events.
- 5.3 A public meeting will be held at Alexandra Palace on Wednesday 12th April to respond to some of the issues raised during the licensing application consultation period, which ended on 26th March. There will be an opportunity for local stakeholders to ask questions and make comments and for the team to talk through how we intend to manage these issues.
- 5.4 A monitoring framework which covers monitoring of impact on the parkland in the short and longer term is in development.

6. Park update

6.1 Go Ape

The junior course opened to the public on 18th March. It was the second busiest junior course in the country on 19th March. The start date for the adult course is yet to be confirmed, but the aim is for this to be constructed and then opened by the end of August 2017.

6.2 Park Works

The Lower Road has been resurfaced and the kerb line re-laid. This project has greatly improved the quality of a large area of hard surface in the Park. Further work to create new swales to manage the surface water and drainage in the area will be carried out over the next few months.

6.3 Grounds Maintenance

As we move into Spring and then Summer the number of visitors increases and the volume of litter and wear and tear increases. The grounds maintenance team will be stretched keeping the grounds to the high standards we all expect. In past years there have been incidents of dumping of household and garden waste in the Park and in the Parks litter bins. This adds to the workload of the team and to the costs of managing the park. It would be helpful if members could help us by informing people through their newsletters and other communication channels where they can legally dispose of their household and garden waste locally.

7. Learning and Participation

- 7.1 The expanded L&P team are now in place and busy establishing and delivering and expanded programme of work and engaging with an expanded range of partners across the borough and wider London.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 The Council's Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and has no comments.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report, and has no comments.

10. Use of Appendices

None