

## Appendix 1

### 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	October 2017 Update	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	Crime rates remain at similar levels and therefore no proposed action at this point.	N/A
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.	Agreed  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	Head of Direct Services / Assistant Director of Communications  Review will be carried out by March 2017.  If decided that a change is needed further work will be undertaken to ascertain an implementation schedule, dependent on available budget.	The green and orange signage and the newly branded red signage includes both the non emergency number "101" and emergency number "999" displayed centrally on each sign board. A number of parks were updated by the corporate communications team into the new branding and as improvements are made to individual parks the signage is also being updated. Some older signs (yellow branding) that remain do not include emergency numbers and where identified these are being prioritised for replacement.	Head of Commissioning and Client

		<p>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 implementation will be looked into in more detail to ensure suitable budget is identified.</p>			
3	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.	<p>Agreed</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Head of Direct Services / Head of Regulatory Services</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	Unfortunately due to changes in the Police resourcing levels and the restructure in the Borough it has not been possible for this initiative to progress. However, when there are sufficient Specials on duty they do undertake additional patrols in Finsbury Park, which is the park with the most crime in the borough.	N/A
4	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	<p>Agreed</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Head of Direct Services</p> <p>Completed and findings to be implemented from April 2017</p>	A review of vehicular access during events has been completed and event vehicles and public vehicles are now separated when they enter the park. All event vehicles are escorted through the park to ensure speed limits are observed and pedestrians are kept safe. Parking in Finsbury Park has recently gone "cashless"	<p>Head of Commissioning and Client</p> <p>Jan 2018.</p>

	areas of the park.			in line with other on street parking. An access audit for the park has recently been undertaken and these findings will inform whether there needs to be further segregation of cars and people in the park.	
5	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	This recommendation has been discussed further with the Cabinet Member. The Cabinet Member has asked for further work to be done on this issue, before moving to the review stage with each park.	Head of Commissioning and Client  Reviews will be conducted during summer 2018.
6	That, in order to enhance cost effectiveness in addressing this issue, officers investigate jointly with Alexandra Palace and Board the feasibility of collaborating on updating the bye laws covering the	Not Agreed  The council already has the key powers it needs 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	Head of Direct Services / Head of Regulatory Services  April 2018	Preparatory work is ongoing to consider the potential for Public Space Protection Order's (PSPO) in up to six locations across the borough.	Head of Community Safety and Enforcement / Head of Commissioning and Client  PSPO's in place Summer 2018

	borough's parks and open spaces.	suggest this is an increasing problem, but these should be approached through implementing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).			
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	Over the summer a trial was conducted in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy, Parks for London and 3 other London Boroughs to measure the current level of waste in a specific park and provided prompts to park users to change their habits around littering in parks. We are awaiting the findings of the report and will have this before Christmas. We have also been investigating the use of larger capacity bins and also sensors in bins that will provide real time feedback on their current capacity. Further trials are planned for 2018 to include, relocation of bins and the impact of removing dog waste bins. We anticipate all of these options will be part of a future litter and bin strategy that will be rolled out from Summer 2018 onwards.	Head of Commissioning and Client Services.  Summer 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	Head of Direct Services  October 2017	Community pay back has been used across a number of park sites in the borough. In each case we have discussed their use with the Friends group for that site.	Head of Commissioning and Client  Ongoing

		of the individual Friends group.			
9	That further work be undertaken to develop friends of park groups where they do not currently exist.	<p>Agreed</p> <p>The Friends' network in Haringey is mature and well developed.</p> <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>	<p>Head of Direct Services</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The service has continued to support all the current friends groups and has over recent months given support to two new groups forming around Chapmans Green and also Bounds Green Slips. Alongside this specific support has been given to more established groups such as Friends of Springfield Park around the creation of a new pond and also the Friends of Priory Park in their moves to renovate the St Paul's Fountain within the park.</p>	<p>Head of Commissioning and Client Services.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>