

Alexandra Park and Palace Statutory Advisory Committee 7th October 2008

Report Title: **FUTURE OF THE ASSET**

Report of: **David Loudfoot, General Manager**

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise the committee of the effective ending of the current development project.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the committee notes the report.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 This report details the progress with the development project and the withdrawal of interest by the developer.

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 No specific background papers were used in compiling this report.

6. Description

- 6.1 At the last meeting of the advisory committee in July it was reported that no progress had been made in forwarding the development project. Work towards resolving a path forward continued until the 18th August 2008 when the developer informed the trustees that Firoka had decided that they wished to withdraw their interest in the project, this action has effectively ended the current development project.
- 6.2 The trustees met on the 26th September and since the project was clearly at an end they resolved to curtail those contracts that were still incurring regular fees. The board also considered an independent review into the development of a licence to operate with Firoka and an action plan for reform of governance of APPCT. The board agreed the recommendations attached at appendix a.
- 6.3 Copies of the independent review and action plan are available on the councils website and copies will also be made available at the meeting should members wish to review them.
- 6.4 The path for the 'future of the asset' will be a subject of a future lengthy discussion by the trustees and at present there has been no decision or discussions about future potential pathways, whether to proceed with a new development project or indeed whether a different path could or should be adopted.
- 6.5 The current strategy of 'holistic' development has been in place for a number of years and with the ending of the current development project it is a suitable time for reflection upon and reconsideration of the various options available for bringing the remaining derelict parts of the building back into use.
- 6.6 Before any consideration of possible alternative futures for the building, the trustees wish to open discussions on the future strategy and objectives of the charity and the options for advancing this review will be considered by the trustees shortly.
- 6.7 It is clear that any review of the long term strategy for the charity cannot be concluded without first gathering advice and opinions from many organisations in order to provide the trustees with sufficient information to facilitate wide ranging discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the various potential pathways. It should be noted that this information gathering phase may take some considerable time.
- 6.8 Future written reports will be provided to the Advisory and Consultative committees as this process proceeds.

Recommendations

- 7.1 That the committee notes the report.

8. Legal and Financial Implications

- 8.1 The local authority Chief Financial Officer and the Trust Solicitor have been sent copies of this report.

9. Equalities Implications

9.1 There are no perceived equal opportunities implications in this report.

10. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

10.1 appendix a – resolutions of the APPCT board 26th September 2006 with regard to the independent review and governance action plan.

APPENDIX A

SPECIAL ALEXANDRA PALACE AND PARK BOARD

26 SEPTEMBER 2008

Item 8 – Independent Review into the development of a Licence to operate with Firoka

The Board :

RESOLVED

- i. that the recommendations of the Independent Review be accepted;
- ii. that the action plan prepared by the General Manager be endorsed, and that resources be allocated to deliver the actions and that the Board receives quarterly reports on the progress against the plan;
- iii. that further action be taken in respect of further actions as detailed in para 12.6 of agenda item 11 in the exempt part of the proceedings; and
- iv. that the Board agrees to investigate the recording and/or web casting of future meetings of the Board, and authorises the General Manager, in conjunction with the LB Haringey's Head of Local Democracy and Member Services, to investigate the costs of such and methods, and report back to the Board accordingly.

Item 9 – Action Plan for reform of governance of APPCT

The Board :

RESOLVED

- i. that the Action Plan based upon the external report presented on the governance of the charity be agreed;
- ii. that quarterly written updates on the action plan be submitted to the Board until such times as all actions are completed; and
- iii. that an annual report on governance be presented to the first meeting of each municipal year.