

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	9 July 2018
<b>Subject:</b> Superintendent's Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Discussion</b>
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### **Summary**

This report provides an update to Members of the Hampstead Heath, Consultative Committee on management and operational activities across the Heath since April 2018.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

- Members note the contents of this report.

### **Main Report**

#### **Land acquisition**

1. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting.

#### **Planning**

2. The Superintendent will provide an update on the following planning applications:
  - The Water House, Millfield Lane. 2017/3692/P (Granted subject to S106)
  - Parliament Hill William Ellis School 2018/1270/P (Submitted)
  - South Fairground Site (London Borough of Camden enforcement action)
  - North Fairground Site 2017/4346/P (Current)
  - Jack Straws Castle 2017/2064/P (Current)
  - Chester Court, Lissenden Garden 2017/1353/P (Refused)
3. The Superintendent has attended a residents meeting regarding a proposed development at 55 Fitzroy Park and will provide an update at the meeting.

## **Trees and Oak Processionary Moth**

4. As of the 21 June 2018, 441 nests have been identified across 196 trees on Hampstead Heath.
5. A specialist contractor will carry out nest picking and remove in late June and early July. The initial wave of removals will be concentrated on high risk trees, such as those located near to playgrounds and facilities.
6. For comparison, in 2017 a total of 187 nests were removed by a specialist contractor.

## **Constabulary**

7. An update on recent prosecutions is provided below:
  - Byelaw 13 – Cycling, guilty plea, fine £100.00, costs £100.00 and a victim surcharge of £30.00.
  - Byelaw 21 and 23 – Dog Control, guilty plea, fine £133.00. The court withdrew the offence of Byelaw 23 as they felt it was dealt with under Byelaw 21.
  - Byelaw 21 – Dog control, proved in absence, fine £400.00, costs £300.00 and a victim surcharge of £40.00.
  - Byelaw 13 and Byelaw 45, proved in absence, fine £270.00, costs £185.00 and a victim surcharge of £30.00.

## **City Surveyors Cyclical Work Programme**

8. The Superintendent will provide an update on current projects at the Golders Hill Park toilets and the tumulus.

## **Capital Projects**

### East Heath Car Park (Divisional Plan Project 2.1)

9. The City Surveyor has applied for Planning Consent from London Borough of Camden. Tendering is underway, subject to affordability and consent works are scheduled to commence autumn 2018.

### The Hive (Divisional Plan Project 3.12)

10. A Gateway 7 report was prepared for Project Sub Committee, who agreed the recommendation from Officers to discontinue the project at their meeting on 16 May 2018.
11. A total budget of £200K, to include design fees and construction costs had been approved at Gateway 2. However, following more detailed an analysis of the project requirements, it emerged that the cost for the conversion of the changing rooms was more likely to be £370K to £410K.

12. As this estimate was outside the approved budget and the threshold of the light project route, a decision was taken to not proceed with the project. Therefore, the project has been discontinued and no funds expended.
13. The Superintendent is currently seeking funding for a feasibility study from the City of London Priorities Improvement Pot to consider alternative options to provide additional learning facilities across Hampstead Heath.

#### Adventure Playground (Divisional Plan Project 3.10)

14. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting.

### **Swimming**

15. The Superintendent will provide an update on the swimming facilities.

### **Benches (Divisional Plan Project 3.9)**

16. In the last year 13 benches have been installed. These are a mix of new sponsors and old sponsors who have renewed for a further 10-year period.
17. The installation of a further 25 benches are currently being progressed and the waiting list will remain closed during this time.
18. In the last 18 months, 101 current sponsors have contacted the City of London to update their contact details. This is a result of local media attention.
19. As outlined in the Bench Policy, older benches where sponsor details are not held will be tagged with a small sign requesting the sponsor contacts the City of London. To date 73 benches have been tagged, with sponsors for just over half of these benches subsequently coming forward. A further 45 benches will be tagged next month.
20. 73 benches have been tagged so far, with sponsors of just over half of those having contacted us. A further 45 notices will be put out later this month.

### **Events**

#### Night of 10,000m Personal Bests

21. On the 19 May 2018 Parliament Hill Athletics track played host to the Night of 10,000m PBs. This year the event for the first time in Britain included the European Cup Team competition. Competitors from 27 nations battled it out to be crowned champions of Europe.
22. The event also incorporated the British Championships and trials for the European Championship, which will take place in Berlin this summer.

### This Girl Can

23. Between 10-16 June 2018 free introductory sessions were offered in Tennis, Track and field, Rugby, fencing and fitness to support the National this Girl Can campaign. The sessions were held in partnership and supported by Highgate Harriers, Hampstead Rugby Football Club, England Rugby, Camden Fencing Club, Sport Hackney, British Military Fitness and the Parliament Hill tennis coach.
24. The sessions were promoted by the Clubs involved and on social media by the City of London's Media Team and could be booked via Eventbrite.
25. Over the course of the week 151 girls took part in sessions, as detailed below:
  - Tennis, 10 June 2018 - 12
  - Rugby schools session, 14 June 2018 - 40
  - Rugby, 16 June 2018 - 30
  - Fencing, 16 June 2018 - 11
  - British Military Fitness, 16 June 2018 - 5
  - Track and Field, 16 June 2018 - 18
  - 5k Heath Run, 16 June 2018 - 35
26. Heath Hands also supported this campaign through additional sessions on 13 and 15 June 2018.

### Up-coming events

27. Give it a Go! returns to the Heath on Sunday 15 July 2018. The day will be filled with taster sessions in football, athletics and tennis to promote health and wellbeing and will be an enjoyable fun packed day for all the family to enjoy.
28. To celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parliament Hill Fields Lido, on Friday 13 July 2018 the Parliament Hill Lido User Group will be hosting a picnic at the Parliament Hill bandstand. Musical entertainment will be provided by Kareem Shabazz & the Ryddim Kings.

### **Hampstead Heath Ponds Project**

29. On the 21 June 2018 the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management awarded the Ponds Project 'Highly Commended' in their Best Practice Award for Stakeholder Engagement.

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