



Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

- Date:** MONDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2021
- Time:** 5.30 pm
- Venue:** VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING (ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY)
- Members:** Anne Fairweather (Chair)
William Upton QC (Deputy Chairman)
Ray Booth (Barnet Mencap)
Nick Bradfield (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
John Etheridge (South End Green Association)
Mathew Frith (London Wildlife Trust)
Cindy Galvin (Heath Hands)
Colin Gregory (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association)
Michael Hammerson (Highgate Society)
Dr Gaye Henson (Marylebone Birdwatching Society)
Simon Hunt (Open Spaces Society)
Sharlene McGee (Leonard Cheshire Disability)
Helen Payne (Friends of Kenwood)
Thomas Radice (Heath and Hampstead Society)
Harunur Rashid (Black and Minority Ethnic Communities representative)
Susan Rose (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
Steve Ripley (Ramblers' Association)
Ellin Stein (Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee)
Richard Sumray (London Council for Recreation and Sport)
Simon Taylor (Hampstead Rugby Club)
David Walton (Representative of Clubs using facilities on the Heath)
John Weston (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
Simon Williams (Vale of Health Society)
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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**
3. **MINUTES**
To agree the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 19 April 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 3 - 12)
4. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES**
To receive the draft minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee meeting on 26 May 2021.

For Information
(Pages 13 - 22)
5. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH SPORTS & WELLBEING FORUM ACTION POINTS**
To receive the draft action points of the Hampstead Heath Sports & Wellbeing Forum meeting held on 5 July 2021.

For Information
(Pages 23 - 26)
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**
The Superintendent to be heard.

For Discussion
(Pages 27 - 54)
7. **HEATH HANDS UPDATE**
Heath Hands to be heard.

For Information
(Pages 55 - 56)
8. **QUESTIONS**
9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting will take place on 1 November 2021.

HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Monday, 19 April 2021

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held on Monday, 19 April 2021 at 5.30 pm

Present

Members:

Anne Fairweather (Chair)
Karina Dostalova (Deputy Chairman)
Ray Booth (Barnet Mencap)
Nick Bradfield (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
John Etheridge (South End Green Association)
Mathew Frith (London Wildlife Trust)
Cindy Galvin (Heath Hands)
Colin Gregory (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association)
Michael Hammerson (Highgate Society)
Dr Gaye Henson (Marylebone Birdwatching Society)
Simon Hunt (Open Spaces Society)
Helen Payne (Friends of Kenwood)
Thomas Radice (Heath and Hampstead Society)
Susan Rose (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
Steve Ripley (Ramblers' Association)
Ellin Stein (Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee)
Richard Sumray (London Council for Recreation and Sport)
John Weston (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
Simon Williams (Vale of Health Society)

Officers:

Colin BATTERY	- Director of Open Spaces
Bob Warnock	- Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Katherine Radusin	- PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Richard Gentry	- Constabulary and Queen's Park Manager
Jonathan Meares	- Highgate Wood, Conservation & Trees Manager
Declan Gallagher	- Operational Services Manager, Hampstead Heath
Paul Maskell	- Leisure and Events Manager, Hampstead Heath
Philip Saunders	- Remembrancer's Department
Leanne Murphy	- Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Simon Taylor and David Walton.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF ANY PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. **MINUTES**

The public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 25 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

Matters arising

In response to a request from a Member (London Council for Recreation and Sport) for an update regarding the gas works starting in March, the Superintendent confirmed the contractor carrying out the engineering works for British Gas had changed and Officers awaited an approach from the new contractor regarding start dates.

With regards to a query (Highgate Society) concerning the inspector decision on phone mast, the Town Clerk agreed to recirculate the Spaniards Road Monopole appeal decision.

4. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The draft public minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee meeting held on 24 February 2021 were received.

5. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH SPORTS ADVISORY FORUM MINUTES**

The public minutes of the Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum held on 15 March 2021 were received.

6. **HEATH HANDS UPDATE**

Members were advised that Heath Hands had restarted volunteering sessions on the Heath, including wildlife monitoring. It was noted that volunteers were eager to be back at the Heath.

Highlights included a new Heath Hands website with fundraising opportunities and the introduction of a new trainee programme. Upcoming focuses included works around Savernake Road bridge area and the 150th anniversary, where Heath Hands are planning a Community fun day for 27 June.

The Chair thanked Heath Hands volunteers for all of their great work.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Members considered an update report of the Superintendent regarding Hampstead Heath and the following comments were made:

Coronavirus response

- The Superintendent was delighted at the Heath Team's efforts to reopen on 29 March, which went smoothly despite coinciding with warmer weather. Large groups have been gathering on the Heath, and Staff have been managing Anti-Social Behaviour and significant littering issues which has been challenging. Volunteers have been a huge support in dealing with littering.

- A Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) saw litter to be the primary concern as they moved into summer which was a national problem across all Open Spaces. It was noted the City Corporation was engaging with the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, but the Member queried if there was Government scope to emphasise a wider remit to the public of the benefits of taking litter home.

Constabulary

- The Constabulary continue to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour issues, large gatherings and littering and have developed stronger links with the Metropolitan Police and colleagues in the Camden Community Team to manage this. It was noted that Primrose Hill was closing earlier on Fridays and Saturday evenings due to Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Progress is being made regarding the introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices.
- An update on body worn video cameras will come to the next meeting following the introduction of this enforcement measure.
- A Member (London Council for Recreation and Sport) voiced the need for Officers to use deterrents to make people aware that the Constabulary will clamp down on Anti-Social Behaviour and has powers to do so. Members were advised that Officers would use the Fixed Penalty Notice scheme following an initial warning.

Divisional Plan

150th Anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act

- Members voiced appreciation in relation to the biodiversity boards; however, a Member (Friends of Kenwood) was voice concerns around the location of the Kenwood biodiversity signboard, which was sited at a key viewpoint, and hoped its position would be reconsidered by English Heritage.
- In response to suggestions from a Member (Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee) relating to a possible performance event and an evening of readings from local writers, Members were encouraged to contact the Leisure and Events Manager with all ideas.
- A Member (Highgate Society) recalled the H&HS centenary 4-page newspaper spread on the history of the society and suggested something similar for the history of the Heath and its management.

East Heath Car Park

- Members were informed that works had commenced on 6 April 2021, and that works should be completed ahead of the Whitsun Bank Holiday.

Playgrounds

- Members were informed that plans for the Adventure Playground, Vale and Preachers were going well with local children and key Stakeholders involved in plans.
- The Superintendent drew Member's attention to the design brief for the Heath Extension Playground (appendix 2). The design brief had been shared with local Stakeholders and had received positive feedback. It was noted that Officers were planning to form a Working Group for this project to discuss the design well as fundraising opportunities.
- A Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) was happy to join the Working Group and felt the draft brief reflected the criteria and natural design requests.

Savernake Bridge

- Officers agreed to follow up with Camden regarding a previous Member request for Camden to incorporate a finger point sign. A Member (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee) also suggested asking Camden to consider swapping the cycle channels, move up (right) and down (left) around.
- The Chair gave thanks to the Sir Hubert Von Herkomer Arts Foundation who worked with 90 children to produce artwork for the Bridge over the Easter Holidays, and to Camden for funding the artwork. The project has received a positive response from the public.

Cycling

- The Superintendent advised that cycle parking was being progressed around the periphery of the Heath. A helpful meeting had taken place with Camden regarding the introduction of highway dockless bikes and cycle stands on the roads adjacent to the Heath.
- Members were advised that Camden had submitted a proposal for school children to use two paths during the morning and afternoon to allow them to travel across the Heath to School.
- A Member (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee) strongly objected, highlighting the already increased number of people using Heath, and was concerned that the routes and bursts of people would increase the problems already being experienced. The Member felt that the visibility of more bikes would lead to people to assume that it was ok

to cycle at the Heath. There was also a concern that this pilot could ultimately lead to bad publicity for the City Corporation should a scheme not be continued after the pilot period.

- A Member (London Council for Recreation and Sport) disagreed feeling the pilot would be positive as it would be good for children's health and could possibly reduce traffic in the area as Hampstead had the highest concentration of schools in Europe.
- It was noted that the H&HS considered a similar concept in great detail years ago and concluded there should be no further extension of cycling on Heath.
- Members agreed the 'Cycle Burst' scheme was a nice idea but were not convinced it would work in practice as it would encourage/be taken advantage of by other cycle commuters. It was endorsed that Camden needed to provide safe cycle routes around the Heath.
- Other Members echoed similar views concerning the dangers of school children travelling downhill with increased people and bikes/scooters would be too much traffic on the Heath.
- The Chair highlighted that this was only limited to two paths and was not a free for all on cycling.
- Members felt that evidence and more information regarding the estimates of numbers/usage would be needed. A Member (Highgate Society) also suggested a survey of pedestrians that use the paths at the relevant times to provide feedback.
- It was noted that there could be extra costs involved for City Corporation in terms of policing and monitoring the scheme and Members agreed that a contribution should be requested from Camden.
- The Superintendent agreed to share all feedback with Camden and would come back with a further information at the next meeting.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum

- The Chair advised the new Sports and Wellbeing Forum would enable a strategic overview to be taken and would provide opportunities for more groups to be involved and to contribute. This would continue to be reviewed but it was hoped the suggested proposals would benefit the Forum.

- The Town Clerk read a statement on behalf of a Member (Representative of Clubs using facilities on the Heath) who was unable to attend the meeting in relation to the proposals for the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum:
 1. I can understand and accept the broadening of the remit of the forum to include more general wellbeing and to formalise membership. This is in line with the general drift of Government policy and recognises the wider benefits of sport and physical activity. It also aligns with the strategies of the City. My concern is that just about every aspect of Heath business is about improving wellbeing and there is a risk of diluting the focus of the forum. The new extended membership (although welcome) will make meetings lengthy and difficult to manage, let alone give a headache in where to accommodate them.
 2. Added to this, I now understand that the plan is to do away with the swim forum. That is a mistake in my book. There is (and always will be) so much to discuss around swimming that the large number of issues would naturally migrate to being discussed at the sports forum. It will dominate business and marginalise the other attendees. I think there is a permanent role for a swim forum and a temporary role for a track forum (around the management of major projects etc).
 3. Most importantly though I have a strong view that the sports forum should not be chaired by the City. It is after all an advisory forum advising an advisory Consultative Committee. In that sense it is a layer below that of the Consultative Committee and is a means by which sporting issues can be discussed and brought to the Consultative Committee. It is necessary because there is no coherent or formal organisation representing sport on the Heath, such as there is for the respective resident associations and interest groups that also sit on the Consultative Committee. It is almost tantamount to saying the City should chair the meetings of those groups represented on the Consultative Committee. As such I think it is right and proper that one of the sports representatives on the Consultative Committee, chair the sports forum. The City should be present, and it is enormously helpful that it provides administrative support.

- A Member (London Council for Recreation and Sport) was supportive of the inclusion of wellbeing, but not of the proposed format, as it was considered that more representatives at all meetings would prevent strategic planning. A smaller group of no more than 15 people working on strategic issues to feed into the HHCC was recommended. It was noted that swimming has six representatives and the Member felt it was essential to maintain a separate Swim Forum to discuss their issues.

- Another Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) felt that the proposal in its current format was problematic as everything involving the Heath from a human perspective could be regarded as relating to wellbeing. The Member welcomed the concept to widen the

Forum, its operation and the way it works with the HHCC agreeing it should go further than sports and recreation, therefore not including contact with nature and conservation of the natural environment which needed addressing through the Consultative Committee.

- The Deputy Chairman felt it was important to discuss operational governance and strategic items noting the successful way in which strategic and decision requests were funnelled up through the Sports Forum. The Deputy Chairman ultimately agreed with the position that the myriad of sports and wellbeing should be discussed in one place and supported the proposals.
- In response to a comment from a Member (Heath and Hampstead Society) that a membership of 33+ people was unworkable, the Chair clarified that a membership of 33 people was not the intention and that a more holistic and fair approach to discussions regarding what is available at the Heath was the ultimate desire.
- The Superintendent added that there had been lots of comments received regarding supporting capital investments and work to promote health connections and social subscribing. With broader representation, this would help to create events themes, e.g. women in sport, mental health.
- Members were ultimately supportive, but clarity was required for the role of the HHCC and the numbers involved.

Forest School Licencing

- Officers continue to actively engage and monitor input through short term licenses whilst developing a more holistic scheme for licence Forest School activity, noting the limited carrying capacity of the Heath.
- Members were concerned regarding the impact of Forest Schools and it was noted that the Forest Schools operating within the Kenwood Estate have had a noticeable impact on the area used.
- It was queried how the specified areas selected for Forest Schools were assessed and a Member (Highgate Society) recommended including a condition in licenses that a survey of areas before and after would be undertaken to monitor and limit the impacts of this activity.
- Members were advised that Officers had significant learning from Highgate Wood. The new licence arrangements would aim to prevent impact on specific areas through the monitoring of tree safety and compaction.

- The Heath & Hampstead Society representative offered to support the licensing process.
- Officers confirmed that lots of enquiries from Forest operators had been received. Forest Schools are being advised that further licences are not being issued until 2022 at the earliest.

Planning

- **Jack Straws Castle (2020/1828/P)**. Members were advised that the appeal hearing would commence on 20 April 2021.
Murphy's Yard. Officers attended a recent Development Forum and a further presentation would be arranged for Officers to seek further information on the proposals.
- **55 Fitzroy Park (2018/3672/P)**. The City Corporation recently submitted further comments regarding drainage concerns.

Annual Work Programme (AWP)

- The Superintendent advised that the projects had been updated and written feedback from Members was welcomed.
- The Superintendent provided an update on projects progressing through the AWP including signage, further repairs for erosion to the dams and toilet repairs. City Surveyors were thanked for their assistance on the Lido leak works.
- A Member (Friends of Kenwood) queries if further works on the sewerage line from Kenwood House were being undertaken, as there had been some bad smells in the area and hoped there were no issues or blockages. The Superintendent confirmed that further works had been undertaken by Thames Water.

RESOLVED - With two hours having elapsed since the start of the meeting, in accordance with Standing Order No. 40 the Committee agreed at this point to extend the meeting by up to thirty minutes.

Swimming

- Members noted the first swimming annual report and the feedback circulated from the Kenwood Ladies' Pond Association and the Highgate Lifebuoys. The Superintendent noted that 2020/21 has been a challenging year, but that Staff were looking forward to the summer swim season. Further feedback on the annual report was welcomed.
- A Member (London Council for Recreation and Sport) felt it was difficult to assess 2020/21 due to COVID and recommended using 2021/22 to consider the effectiveness of the charges, rather than 2020/21.

- The Chair supported annual reporting on swimming. It was noted that over 3,000 Season Tickets were sold highlighting the popularity of open-water swimming.

Financial Implications

- The Director stated that the Hampstead Heath Charity ended the 2020/21 financial year successfully; there was a gross expenditure of £6m but saw large fluctuations in relation to loss of income plus additional costs re: COVID-19 and litter which had a significant impact. The Director thanked the Heath Team for managing the budget carefully during a challenging year. New initiatives included the online donation pages which had launched via the City of London website. Officers had also secured a change in the corporate regulations to allow donations to be ringfenced and carried forward. It was hoped the 150th anniversary celebrations would encourage more visitors to support the Hampstead Heath Charity through donations and legacies.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Provide feedback on the Heath Extension Playground Design Brief (appendix 2);
- Provide feedback on the concept of ‘cycle bursts’ utilising specific routes on the Heath to help reduce traffic congestion linked to the local school run, as set out in paras 14-16;
- Provide feedback on the draft Terms of Reference for the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum (appendix 3);
- Provide feedback on the Annual Work Programme - Projects (appendix 5);
- Provide feedback on the draft Annual Swimming Review 2020/21 (appendix 6) as set out in para 31.

8. OPEN SPACES - UPDATE ON PLANNING RELATED MATTERS

Members considered a report of the Remembrancer providing an update in relation to raising awareness of the importance of open spaces, specifically linked to the Government’s planning proposals, following discussions concerning the Planning White Paper.

Members were advised that the City Corporation had been active evidencing the importance of the Metropolitan Open Land (MOL) designations. A question was raised by the City’s MP and Officers continued working with Officials regarding MOL protection via the White Paper consultation. Further work will

continue with pan London groups on planning on all areas, not just protected areas.

The Chair was pleased the Remembrancer was working on this on these issues which are vital to the open spaces and hoped the Government would take the City Corporation's representations seriously.

RECEIVED.

9. **OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2021-22**

Members received a report of the Director of Open Spaces presenting the high-level Business Plan for the Open Spaces Department for 2021/22. This plan identified seven major workstreams for the whole Department together with the actions within various Corporate strategies that the Department is helping to deliver. As well as setting out the current Departmental risks, providing financial information and identifying performance measures.

The update also identified next year's key areas of work for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.

RECEIVED.

10. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chair advised Members that this would be Karina Dostalova's last meeting as Deputy Chairman and gave thanks for her hard work and support during her time as Chairman and Deputy Chairman. These thanks were echoed by the Committee.

12. **MEETING DATES**

The date of the next meeting on 6 September 2021 was noted.

The meeting ended at 7.48 pm

Chairman

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HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE **Wednesday, 26 May 2021**

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held at <https://youtu.be/uDjY9dgsUBU> on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 at 4.00 pm

Present

Members:

Anne Fairweather (Chair)
William Upton QC (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy David Bradshaw
Karina Dostalova
Alderman Prem Goyal
Michael Hudson
Alderman Gregory Jones QC
Wendy Mead
Jason Pritchard
Deputy John Tomlinson
Oliver Sells QC (Ex-Officio Member)
Yianni Andrews (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)
John Beyer (Heath & Hampstead Society)
Councillor Richard Cornelius (London Borough of Barnet)

Officers:

Colin Buttery	-	Director of Open Spaces
Bob Warnock	-	Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Katherine Radusin	-	PA to Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Richard Gentry	-	Constabulary and Queen's Park Manager
Jonathan Meares	-	Highgate Wood, Conservation & Trees Manager
Paul Maskell	-	Leisure and Events Manager, Hampstead Heath
Gerry Kiefer	-	Department Business Manager, Open Spaces Department
Declan Gallagher	-	Operational Service Manager
Kristina Drake	-	Media Officer, Town Clerk's Department
Mark Jarvis	-	Head of Finance - Citizen Services, Chamberlains
Andrew Cusack	-	Principal Lawyer, Comptroller & City Solicitors
Leanne Murphy	-	Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Caroline Haines, Chris Byers and Pam Hampshire

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were none.

3. **ORDER OF THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

Members received the Order of the Court of Common Council dated 15 April 2021 appointing the Committee and approving its terms of reference.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In accordance with Standing Order No.29, the Committee proceeded to elect a Chairman for the ensuing year. The Town Clerk stated the Members that had expressed an interest and Anne Fairweather, being the only Member expressing her willingness to serve, was duly elected as Chair.

The Chair thanked Members for their support and took the opportunity to welcome new Members Jason Pritchard and Pam Hampshire to the Committee and thanked Deputy Edward Lord and Ruby Sayed for their contributions.

5. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

The Committee proceeded to elect a Deputy Chairman in accordance with Standing Order No. 30. The Town Clerk stated the Members that had expressed an interest and William Upton, being the only Member expressing his willingness to serve, was duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

The Chair thanked the outgoing Deputy Chairman for her invaluable knowledge and experience that she provided to the role and these thanks were echoed by other Members.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEES, CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES AND GROUPS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

Members considered a report of the Town Clerk regarding appointments to Committees and Groups for 2021/22.

RESOLVED, that:-

- The terms of reference and composition of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee be noted;
- The terms of reference and composition of both the Highgate Wood Consultative Group and the Queen's Park Consultative Group be approved;
- The Chair and Deputy Chairman to be appointed to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee.
- John Tomlinson be appointed to the Highgate Wood Consultative Group, and the further two vacancies be deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Committee for appointment;
- John Tomlinson and Karina Dostalova be appointed to the Queen's Park Consultative Group, and the further one vacancy be deferred until the next meeting of the Grand Committee for appointment;

- John Tomlinson be appointed to serve on the Keats House Consultative Committee with the Chair to also attend in an ex officio capacity;
- The Chair be appointed to attend to observe Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee meetings in an ex officio capacity.

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED, that the public minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

8. **OTHER MINUTES**

8.1 **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee**

The draft public minutes of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee (HHCC) meeting held on 19 April 2021 were received.

8.2 **Highgate Wood Consultative Group**

The draft public minutes of the Highgate Wood Consultative Group (HWCG) meeting held on 21 April 2021 were received.

8.3 **Queen's Park Consultative Group**

The draft public minutes of the Queen's Park Consultative Group (QPCG) meeting held on 21 April 2021 were received.

9. **FRONT LINE WORK UPDATE**

Members were informed that the Senior Swimming Facilities Supervisor was unable to attend and would provide an update at a future meeting.

10. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Members considered a report of the Superintendent providing an update on matters concerning Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park. The following points were made:

- The Superintendent advised that the main issue for staff was the coronavirus response, and they were currently planning for the 21 June lifting of restrictions. It was hoped that Government would provide further guidance ahead of the move to Step 4 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown.
- With regards to Annual Work Programme (AWP) project work, Members were advised that the Conservation and Ecology AWP presented at the last meeting had been reviewed with a focus on recovery and Officers sought support for three annual projects which were approved.
- A Member noted that the updated Drones Guidance did not contain wording which explicitly sets out that the use of drones is prohibited in most circumstances. Members asked if the updated Guidance could be reviewed further to clarify the City Corporation's position on drone usage on Hampstead Heath.
- Officers advised that the Comptroller plus legal Counsel were working

with the Epping Forest Division on prospective injunction orders following anti-social behaviour last summer. It was noted that the High Court was not prepared to grant injunctions against persons unknown without evidence of an imminent threat during summer 2021. Officers awaited feedback from the Epping Forest Court application.

- A Member was supportive of a Delegated Authority and enquired if rough sleeping and the use of drones could be included in the injunction.
- Most Members, particularly the Deputy Chairman, were not supportive of injunction orders against persons unknown. Members agreed they should only use powers in instances of genuine need and regarded the High Court's recent decision as a clear case against the decision.
- Members did not support the recommendation to grant Delegated Authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Committee, to approve the application for the Interim Injunction Order.
- The Superintendent drew Members attention to the London Borough of Camden's consultation concerning proposals to install Dockless Bike Hire and Cycle Parking Bays on roads bordering Hampstead Heath. Members were supportive of the initiative.
- Officers confirmed they had been approached by Camden regarding an initiative for a caterpillar scheme in cycle bursts. This was discussed at the recent HHCC meeting who were cautious and requested further information about how the scheme would work.
- A Member noted that in other parts of London, Local Authorities had started closing streets to vehicle traffic during school hours and encouraged this method as an effective way to encourage people to take exercise to and from schools.
- A Member highlighted that there was a difference between cycling and walking, and that mass cycling was radical when the Heath did not have appropriate cycle routes.
- The Superintendent clarified that the proposal put forward by the London Borough of Camden related to primary school children only. The priority remains to support the provision of the highway network around the Heath. Discussions with Camden were in early stages and the proposals would need to be piloted in the first instance. Members were concerned the scheme would increase cycling on busy paths on the Heath.
- Members were updated on the proposal to develop the Sports Forum to form the new Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum and changes would include a larger membership with a focussed strategic agenda. The Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum would be launched in July 2021.

- The Chair felt the changes would make the Forum more productive and would enable strategic forward planning but highlighted that the changes would be kept under review. Members were supportive of the changes.
- With regards to the Professional Dog Walking Licence Scheme, it was noted that there was a typo and appendix 8 should say appendix 9. It was noted that the terms and conditions had been amended following feedback from Professional Dog Walkers.
- The Chair noted that she had received correspondence from members of the public and Professional Dog Walkers.
- A Member noted that Professional Dog Walking was a widespread issue with strongly held views on both sides. The Member felt the current number was the right balance. Members supported the recommendation.
- The Superintendent updated Members on the following planning application:
 - **Jack Straws Castle (2020/1828/P).** Members were supportive of the approach taken by Officers with regards to protecting the Heath from development encroachment.
 - **Murphy's Yard.** Officers were arranging for a workshop with the developers to look at the plans and confirmed local Stakeholders would also be invited.
 - **55 Fitzroy Park (2018/3672/P).** A decision had not been determined, and Officers remained concerned by the drainage.
- With regards to events, a Member noted that ParkRun had publicly criticised Local Authorities for being unduly bureaucratic and hoped the Corporation were assisting to get ParkRuns back up and running.
- The Chair explained that the sequencing of sports varied throughout the year and was hard to plan. In the case of the ParkRun, the organisers had proposed a start date which did not align with the Government's framework. It was agreed having safe events was the priority. Officers will continue to liaise with the event organisers regards a safe return of ParkRun events across the City Corporation's Open Spaces.
- The Queen's Park Manager provided an update on the Queen's Park Sandpit project. Members supported delegated authority to help progress the project through the Gateway process.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Members approve the Hampstead Heath Annual Work Programme Projects for 2021/22 (appendix 1);

- Members approve the Highgate Wood Annual Work Programme Projects for 2021/22 (appendix 2) and the Highgate Wood Divisional Plan 2021/24, (appendix 10);
- Members agree the Queen's Park Annual Work Programme Projects for 2021/22, (appendix 3) and Queen's Park Divisional Plan 2021/24, (appendix 11);
- Members agree to retain the current four dog limit for Professional Dog Walkers and to support the implementation of the Licencing Scheme as set out in paragraphs 35-41;
- Grant Delegated Authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Committee to approve the Queen's Park Sandpit Capital Project Gateway 2.

11. HAMPSTEAD HEATH BATHING POND AND LIDO ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Members considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces concerning the Hampstead Heath Bathing Ponds and Lido Annual Report 2020-21.

Member noted the remarkable achievement to open up the ponds as soon as they could and implement necessary safety requirements.

The Chair highlighted that the 2020/21 fees and charges, agreed by the Committee on 11 March 2020, predated the National Lockdowns.

With regards to the legal challenge received by the City Corporation, a Member stated that the Corporation needed to make savings and would have to make concessions in other ways, e.g. closures, if charging was not an option.

The Corporation had tried hard to maintain the level of service, and the review of the 2019 season looked at safety and the whole operation. Only charging would allow for this ever-popular service to continue.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Members approve the Hampstead Heath Bathing Pond and Lido Annual Report 2020-21 (appendix 1);
- Members agree the proposal to re-introduce swimming tests at the Bathing Ponds as set out in para 4;
- Members agree the proposals to retain the current Free Morning Swim arrangements, as set out in para 6;

- Members agree the proposals to retain the current Season Ticket arrangements and to undertake a further review as set out in paras 8 and 9;
- Members agree the proposal for free and discounted swimming opportunities as set out in para 11.

12. HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK RISK MANAGEMENT

Members considered a report of the Director of Open Spaces concerning Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park's Risk Management.

Officers noted an error in paragraph 11 which included a replication of risk 004 and instead of stating risk 002.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- Note the report;
- Approve the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Risk Register (Appendix 2).

13. HAMPSTEAD HEATH TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Members considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Open Spaces presenting the Hampstead Heath Trustee's Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2020 in the format required by the Charity Commission.

Officers confirmed over £6.2m of City's cash was used to support the Charity during this financial year. It was noted that in April, the Finance Committee approved changes to the financial regulations meaning charities were now able to ringfence funds for their own projects. The Chair was pleased as this would open up opportunities for the Heath.

RESOLVED – That the Trustee's Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for 2019/20 be noted.

14. HIGHGATE WOOD & QUEEN'S PARK KILBURN TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Members considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Open Spaces presenting the Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Kilburn Trustee's Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2020 in the format required by the Charity Commission.

Officers confirmed over £1.3m of City's cash was used to support the Charity during this financial year and that fundraising had already begun.

RESOLVED – That the Trustee’s Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for 2019/20 be noted.

15. REVENUE OUTFURN 2020/21 - HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK

Members considered a joint report of the Chamberlain and Director of Open Spaces comparing the revenue outturn for the services overseen by the Committee in 2020/21 with the final agreed budget for the year. In total, there was a better than expected budget position of £130,000 for the services compared with the final agreed budget for the year.

Officers confirmed there was a Directors local risk marginal overspend by £3k which would be subsumed in the overall underspend.

In response to a query concerning rents for cafés and whether support for them during the pandemic had an impact on the overall figures, Officers confirmed it did impact but it was a difficult situation. Support had also been given to the NHS via temporary additional parking arrangements at East Heath Car Park. The Superintendent acknowledged the huge amount of work undertaken by Managers and the North London Division Team to reduce spend and increase costs to achieve a budget almost on target.

Members commended the Superintendent and North London Division Team for their hard work throughout the year to maintain services, plus the support from the wider City Corporation.

RESOLVED – That this revenue outturn report for 2020/21 is noted.

16. REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN

Members received a report of the Town Clerk advising Members of action taken by the Town Clerk under urgency or delegated authority in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chair since the last meeting of the Committee, in accordance with Standing Orders No. 41 (a) and (b).

RECEIVED.

17. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were none.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

The Chair advised the Committee that after 30 years at the Corporation, the Superintendent was retiring and would be leaving in August 2021, ahead of the next meeting of the Committee. Members gave sincere thanks to the Superintendent for all the great work he had achieved during his tenure and stated he would be greatly missed.

The meeting ended at 5.35 pm

Chairman

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Hampstead Heath Sports & Wellbeing Forum

Monday 5 July 2021, 5.30pm

Online ([Meeting Recording](#))

Attending

Anne Fairweather (Chair)	AF	Chair, Hampstead Heath Management Committee
Richard Sumray (Deputy Chair)	RS	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
Eleanor Kennedy	EK	Parliament Hill Fields Lido
Ruth Hallgarten	RH	Kenwood Ladies' Bathing Pond
Mike Sands	MS	Mixed Bathing Pond
Jeremy Watson	JW	Highgate Men's Bathing Pond
Joseph Lowe	JLo	Athletics
Sandy Nairne	SN	Licensed Activity - Croquet
Simon Taylor	ST	Rugby
Robert Gibbs	RGi	Angling
Marc Hutchinson	MH	Licensed Activity – Winter Swimming Club
Anandi Shah	AS	Licensed Activity - ParkRun
Adam Lennox	AL	Licensed Activity - ParkRun
Karin Oleinikova	KO	Heath Hands
Colin Houston	CH	Heath Hands
Cindy Galvin	CG	Trustee representing Heath Hands
Debbie Bush	DB	Pro-Active Camden (PAC).
Ray Booth	RB	Mental Health
Dr Frankie Blackmore	FB	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Jo Lynch	JLy	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Bob Warnock	BW	Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Colin Buttery	CB	Director of Open Spaces
Paul Maskell	PM	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Declan Gallagher	DG	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Richard Gentry	RGe	Officer from Hampstead Heath
Paul Jeal	JP	Officer from Hampstead Heath

Apologies

David Walton	DW	Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee
Rudolf Benjamin	RB	Tennis coaching
Richard Caylor	RC	Bowls & Croquet
John Carrier	JC	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Jane Myatt, GP	JM	Target groups and underrepresented groups
Marie Laurie Morelli, GP	MLM	Target groups and underrepresented groups

Meeting Action Points & notes

AOB

ACTION – RGi to meet with COL regards Licenced Angling School sessions at the Men's Pond North Bank.

Terms of Reference and the Forward Agenda Plan for 2021/22

Following discussion is it proposed that the agenda for the next meeting will include:

- Health Connections
- Update on London Borough of Camden's Health & Wellbeing Strategy, and strategic focus on Children & Young People (including weight and mental health).
- Capital Bids for Swimming & the Athletics Track
- Future meeting arrangements (in person or virtual meetings)

ACTION -DB to provide an update on Camden Health & Wellbeing strategy, and target works relating to Children and Young People at the next meeting of the Forum.

Social Prescribing & Health Connections

Heath Hands are currently progressing a number of areas related to Heath Connections including leading and supporting guided walks (including those linked to the Caversham Listening Space), chaperoning ([Heath Hands - Inclusion and access on Hampstead Heath](#)), signposting activities and programmes linking recovery through nature. Heath Hands volunteers completing 60+ hours of volunteering are eligible for free mindfulness sessions, and use of the Heath facilities, such as the Swimming facilities (11 volunteers), Tennis courts (3 volunteers) and Athletics Track (2 volunteers).

The Heath's free mobility scooter hire scheme is available and has the capacity to provide up to approx. 100 hours of access a week. The Swimming Team are currently working with local schools, playcenters, and the Dost Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants to provide water awareness courses and introductions to swimming.

Collating existing opportunities and resources will allow people unfamiliar with the Heath to explore and take part in activities. A central database will also assist Social Prescribers in signposting people to the Heath. A current barrier for access is having information on where to locate activities and facilities, this could be provided via maps or guided introductory walks. A graduated exercise approach would be useful, especially for activities, such as walking, in providing longer term support for conditions including long-covid.

ACTION – COL/Heath Hands to review provision of walking maps and routes, with a focus on shorter/accessible walking routes.

ACTION – COL to engage with Walk Talk Walk.

ACTION – COL/Heath Hands to work with Partners to draw together a list of existing resources/activities/opportunities available to break down barriers to access.

'Give it a Go'

2022 event planning will commence later this summer. The 2022 event will be programmed to take place before the 2022 school summer holiday. **Page 24** Programme, and will include a link with wellbeing.

Consideration will be given to follow up events, led by Clubs, to further encourage Give it a Go participants to remain active within the sport/activity they have recently tried.

Step 4 - Easing of Lockdown Restrictions on Hampstead Heath

ParkRun will return to the Heath from 24 July 2021.

Athletics Track and Swimming operating arrangements will be reviewed following the Government Guidance. Managing facility maximum user capacities remains critical.

AOB

Thanks were recorded for Bob Warnock for his on-going commitment and support during his tenure as Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

Date of the next meeting

Monday 4 October 2021

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Committee(s): Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	Date(s): 06/09/2021
Subject: Superintendent's Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 & 12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
If so, how much?	
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	
Report of: Director of Open Spaces	For Discussion
Report author: Richard Gentry, Acting Superintendent	

Summary

This report provides Members with an update on matters relating to Hampstead Heath since April 2021.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Provide feedback in relation to the proposals to manage drone usage via a drone use request form, as set out in paragraph 6.
- Provide feedback in relation to the proposal to continue the biodiversity interpretation boards for the further year, as set out in paragraphs 9-11.
- Provide feedback in relation to the Heath Extension Concept Design (appendix 3) as set out in paragraphs 12-14.

Main Report

Coronavirus Emergency Response and Issues

1. From 19 July 2021, in-line with the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown, Covid-19 signage has been removed from site. A number of Covid-19 control measures remain in place across public and staff facilities, in line with guidance.
2. Pre-booking for the Athletics Track has been relaxed. The Bathing Ponds and Lido are currently operating with a mix of free flow and pre-booked sessions.
3. The Acting Superintendent will provide a further update at the meeting.

Constabulary

4. A verbal update will be given by the Acting Superintendent in relation to recent activities undertaken by the Constabulary.
5. A Byelaw review is being undertaken across the Open Spaces Department. The process will start with a review of the Epping Forest byelaws. Hampstead Heath byelaws are expected to be reviewed in 2022.

Drone Guidance

6. The Drone Guidance for Hampstead Heath has been updated following changes to the National laws governing drone use. The updated draft Drone Guidance is attached at appendix 1. Moving forward, it is proposed to manage drone usage via a Drone Use Request Form. Members views on this approach are welcome.

Divisional Plan

7. The Hampstead Heath Divisional Plan 2021-24 (appendix 2) sets out the current position in relation to project work being undertaken across the Division.
8. Officers would like to draw Members attention to the following Divisional Plan projects:

Celebrate 150th Anniversary of the Hampstead Heath Act (HH5)

9. The seasonal biodiversity interpretation boards designed and installed as part of the #Heath150 celebrations have been well received. The interpretation boards were due to be removed at the end of March 2022.
10. The Heath & Hampstead Society have proposed that the biodiversity boards be retained for a further year between April 2022-March 2023, with updated interpretation to be produced and installed on a quarterly basis. The Society has agreed to support the costs of producing new boards for 2022 and propose to develop new boards on the theme of biodiversity discovery, enjoyment and protection on the Heath.
11. Members views of the continuation of the biodiversity boards for a further year are sought.

Playgrounds (HH9)

12. Working in conjunction with the local community, the Concept Design for the Heath Extension Playground has been produced. The Project, which was initiated by a local Stakeholder, aims to broaden the age range of the play equipment, introduce natural play features and ensure the playground is accessible for all.
13. A public engagement is currently on-going, with feedback and views on the Concept Design welcomed until 12 September 2021.
14. Members views on the Concept Design (appendix 3) are sought.

Planning (HH26)

15. Jack Straws Castle - Planning permission was granted at appeal for two dwellings on the car park site to the north of Jack Straws Castle. The western elevation of the approved scheme immediately abuts the boundary of the Heath. The design of the northern most dwelling as approved had a pitched roof and the eaves of this roof over-sailed the Heath. This matter has been raised with both the applicant and Camden Council. Additionally, two submissions have now been made by the applicant to discharge pre-commencement conditions pursuant to the appeal scheme. These relate to the approval of materials and the landscaping scheme for the car park. These applications were submitted on 13 August 2021.
16. Murphy's Yard - Community Consultation has taken place and final revisions to the Murphy's Yard redevelopment scheme are currently being worked on. The Project Team has offered to meet with Officers and local Stakeholders to discuss the proposal and any potential impact on the Heath. This meeting is to be arranged.
17. 55 Fitzroy Park – Application 2018/3672/P remains undetermined. The drainage issues remain unresolved and no further update to the application has been made since April 2021.

Annual Work Programme (AWP)

Branch Hill Pond (C&E-CW218)

18. The Highgate Wood, Trees & Conservation Manager will provide an update at the meeting.

Tree planting on Parliament Hill Broad Walk (CE-PR 3)

19. Planting of approx. 20 trees will be undertaken during the Autumn. A mix of oak, hornbeam, field maple and small leafed lime trees will be planted to create a small woodland copse.

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Ponds and Wetlands Conservation Plan (CE-PR 5)

20. The Highgate Wood, Trees & Conservation Manager will provide an update at the meeting in relation to the progress made towards implementing the recommendations for the of the Ponds and Wetland Conservation Plan.

Dams & Spillway Maintenance (C&E-CW1)

21. Works are also planned for September with regards to replacing the dressing of the Hampstead No.1 Pond dam, following incidents of anti-social behaviour in this area. Works will be undertaken by the Heath Ranger Team and Heath Hands.
22. An update will be given on the weather event of the 12 July 2021.

Cyclical Work Programme (CWP)

23. The Operational Services Manager will provide and update on upcoming CWP works, including scheduled works to drain down and desilt the Lily Pond and Swan and Water Garden Ponds.

Capital Projects

24. Capital Bid Gateway 1 reports are being submitted to seek funding for the following Projects:
 - Pergola – Timber structure replacement.
 - Parliament Hill Athletics Track – Reconstruction of the Track Surface and associated works.
25. With regard to the Capital Bid Project for the Swimming Safety, Security and Access Improvement. A tender process to appoint a Project Architect has been undertaken during August and a project timeline will be drafted during the autumn.

Events

26. The Leisure and Events Manager will provide an update on past and upcoming events, including:
 - Zippos Circus, 12-18 July 2021
 - Duathlon, 4 September 2021.
 - Hideaway Cinema, 8-12 September 2021.
 - (Jubilee Hall Trust) Run for your Life, 11 September 2021.
 - Circus Berlin, 22-29 September 2021.
27. 15 Weddings and Civil ceremonies have taken place to date, with 7 more planned during 2021. Due to the on-going impacts of Covid-19 a number of couples have postponed their ceremonies to 2022.

Swimming

28. Following a storm on 12 July, the Bathing Ponds were closed for swimming due to the impacts of heavy rainfall on water levels and bathing water quality. The Men's and Ladies' Bathing Ponds re-opened on 20 July and the Mixed Bathing Pond re-opened on 21 July.
29. The Leisure and Events Manager will provide an update in relation to proposals for the 2021/22 Winter Swimming Season, which commences on 20 September 2021.

Learning Team

30. It has been a busy period for learning at Hampstead Heath. Over 2,500 school students participated in the learning programme over the school summer term, and opportunities to spend time in nature and develop team working skills have

been appreciated following the winter lockdown. The Learning Team are continuing to work with family and community Officers at Camden Council, engaging local families identified as having been struggling over lockdown, as well as children and their mentors from the charity Chance UK.

31. In July the Learning Team began a bespoke programme for Young Carers from Hackney. Recent studies have revealed a worrying decline in the mental health and wellbeing of Young Carers due to the Covid-19 pandemic, with the lockdown restrictions increasing the burden on young carers, increasing isolation and making it harder to access support. In response to these findings, the Learning Team have provided a series of respite sessions at Hampstead Heath, providing Young Carers with an opportunity to take a break and spend time in nature. The team will lead more of these vital respite sessions over the autumn.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

32. The projects and works outlined in this report contribute towards the achievement of the three aims set out in the City of London Corporate Plan 2018-23: Contribute to a flourishing society, Support a thriving economy and Shape outstanding environments.
33. The projects and works outlined in this report also contribute towards the three objectives and outcomes set out in the Open Spaces Business Plan 2020-21 (a) Open spaces and historic sites are thriving and accessible, (b) Spaces enrich people's lives and (c) Business practices are responsible and sustainable.
34. The projects and works outlined in this report contribute towards the achievement of the Hampstead Heath Management Strategy 2018-2028 Strategic Outcomes A: The Heath is maintained as a flourishing green space and historic landscape, B: Improved quality of life for Heath visitors, C: The Heath is inclusive and welcoming to a diverse range of visitors and D: Greater number of and diversity of People taking care of the Heath.

Financial Implications

35. A new page is being added to the Open Spaces pages on the website to seek donations for the Hampstead Heath Extension Playground Project. Donations are currently being sought for the following projects:
 - Hampstead Heath Extension Playground (£40,000)
 - Model Boating Pond Island - wildlife sanctuary (£50,000)
 - Bird and mammal shelters (£5,000)

Resource Implications

36. Staff resources are being prioritised keeping the Heath open, safe, accessible and secure.

Climate Implications

37. The City of London launched its Climate Action Strategy in October 2020 and the strategy is now in implementation stage. A key part of the strategy is conserving and enhancing biodiversity alongside reducing the City of London's carbon emissions. This will be the main objective at Hampstead Heath in the short term,

especially following the impact of exceptionally high number of visitors due to COVID-19.

Legal Implications

38. No Impact.

Risk Implications

39. There is a risk that works and staff resources could be further impacted by COVID-19. Risks are monitored and recorded through the Departmental Risk Register

Equality Implications

40. No Impact.

Security Implications

41. Security implications are addressed in the emergency response to COVID-19 and are being monitored and recorded through the Departmental Risk Register.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Drone Guidance
- Appendix 2 – Divisional Plan 2021-24
- Appendix 3 – Heath Extension Playground Concept Design & Engagement

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Hampstead Heath Drone Guidance 2021

The use of drones on Hampstead Heath is only permitted in limited circumstances in accordance with the rules and regulations set out in this guidance. If you are in doubt about whether you can safely fly your drone on Hampstead Heath, please contact hampstead.heath@cityoflondon.gov.uk for further guidance or fill out the Drone Request Form at [link] before any flying takes place.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The City of London Corporation manages Hampstead Heath for the recreation and enjoyment of the public. This guidance has been written in response to Heath users' concerns for their privacy, tranquillity and safety arising from the use of drones on the Heath.
- 1.2 Hampstead Heath's mosaic of habitats provides an invaluable resource for wildlife just six kilometres from the centre of London. It is of national as well as regional importance. Because of the Heath's special character and the importance of its ecology, the City Corporation is particularly aware of the potential issues of flying a drone here, including:-
 - causing harassment, alarm and distress to other Heath users;
 - affecting the privacy of other Heath users by filming them without their permission;
 - otherwise impacting on the quiet enjoyment of the Heath by other users;
 - causing alarm and distress to wildlife, such as birds, which are sensitive to disturbance;
 - in extreme cases, creating a risk of injury to Heath users, or wildlife, or damage to property;
 - issues arising from the close proximity of neighbouring residential and business properties.
- 1.3 The aim of this document is to provide clarity about the current law and to ensure a consistent approach to drone usage on the Heath. The use of drones is regulated in the UK by the Civil Aviation Authority ("CAA") and this document has been written with reference to the CAA's Drone and Model Aircraft Code which is available at <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>.

2. Definition of "drone"

- 2.1 Although there is no strict legal definition of the term "drone", for the purposes of this document, a drone is an unmanned aircraft system without a pilot on board.
- 2.2 From 1 January 2023 new drones will have to meet a set of product standards, and some may do before this date. These will be classed from C0 to C4, based on the weight and capability of the drone, and will determine how and where you can fly.
- 2.3 It is assumed that most drones purchased before January 2023 will not have a class marking but where and how they can be flown will depend on the weight of the drone (see section 5).

3. UK drone regulations - current law

- 3.1 The use of drones is governed by the Air Navigation Order 2016 as amended by The Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2020 which came into force on 31 December 2020 in line with the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 on the rules and procedures for the operation of

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unmanned aircraft (“the Unmanned Aircraft Implementing Regulation”) which also became applicable in the UK on 31st December 2020.

- 3.2 The current law around where you can fly your drone is based on the weight of the drone being used, the type of operation being carried out, the level of risk and the level of pilot competence. Whether you are flying commercially or recreationally, the law is the same for everyone.
- 3.3 Whilst there are some significant changes to the UK drone regulations (as explained in sections 4-6), the following key provisions continue to apply:

- a) The maximum flying height remains at **120 metres (400 ft)** from the earth’s surface.
- b) The maximum flying weight must not exceed **25kg** (a slight increase from the previous 20kg limit).
- c) The pilot must maintain visual line of sight of the drone at all times, unless the necessary prior exemptions have been granted by the CAA.
- d) The drone must not be flown within any Flight Restriction Zone (“FRZ”), unless the necessary prior permissions have been granted by the relevant authority.

4. Categories of risks

- 4.1 Under the current legislation, drone flights fall into one of three categories. These are:
 - a) OPEN: Presents low risk to third parties. An authorisation from the CAA is not required. Registration and test requirements still need to be met (see paragraph 5)
 - b) SPECIFIC: More complex operations or aspects of the operation fall outside the boundaries of the Open Category. Authorisation is required from the CAA.
 - c) CERTIFIED: Very complex operations, presenting an equivalent risk to that of manned aviation. Authorisation is required from the CAA.
- 4.2 It is likely that a majority of drone flights operation on the Heath will fall within the OPEN category which is further split into sub-categories – **A1** (flying over people), **A2** (flying close to people) or **A3** (flying far from people).
- 4.3 In short, the category you fall into depends on the type of drone you wish to fly (i.e. its weight) and how you wish to fly it i.e. over, close or far away from people. It is likely that flying a drone on the Heath – a congested area, will involve flying over or close to people rather than flying away from people (A1 and A2 sub-categories) so there are likely to be more restrictions which are described in section 5 below.

5. Weight of drone in the OPEN category

- 5.1 Drones under 250g can be flown safely in the A1 subcategory i.e. over uninvolved persons but they must not fly over crowds of people.
- 5.2 Drones less than 2kg can be flown in A2 subcategory, but you must keep at least 50 meters away from people and pass the A2 theory exam (A2 Certificate of Competency or ‘A2 CofC’). If you have not passed the A2 theory exam, you may only fly these drones in the A3 subcategory.
- 5.3 Drones of 2kg or greater may only be flown in the A3 subcategory.

6. Drone registration – Flyer ID

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- 6.1 Anyone operating a drone which weighs up to 25kg in the UK must register their drone with the CAA. Further information on how to register is available at: <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual/register-and-take-test-to-fly>
- 6.2 Drones weighing below 250g without a camera are exempt from this requirement.
- 6.3 All drone operators are required to take an online foundation test before receiving their flyer ID.
- 6.4 All drone operators are encouraged to complete the Drone Request Form which is available at [link] at least 48 hours before you intend to fly a drone on Hampstead Heath so that the Hampstead Heath Constabulary are aware and can provide guidance if required.

7. Enforcement

A contravention of any of the applicable provisions of the UK drone legislation is a criminal offence. The CAA and the Metropolitan Police Service are the relevant enforcement authorities. The role of the Hampstead Heath Constabulary is to advise and educate Heath users about the relevant rules, and to provide evidence of any breaches to the enforcement authorities in appropriate cases.

8. Commercial use of drones

Where it is proposed to carry out commercial filming on the Heath using a drone, consent must be obtained from the City Corporation, in addition to holding a permission from the CAA as the flying is likely to fall within the SPECIFIC category (refer 4.1(b) above). Further information can be found at <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/hampstead-heath/visitor-information/Pages/Filming-on-Hampstead-Heath.aspx>.

9. Data protection

The Information Commissioner's Office advises that the use of camera drones has the potential to be covered by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Legislation if the drone is fitted with a camera. The ICO recommends that users of camera drones should operate them in a responsible way to respect the privacy of others. For more information, visit the ICO's website at <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/drones/>.

10. Disclaimer

Where this guidance offers advice on legal issues, this is given to the best of our understanding. It is not offered as a definitive legal interpretation and is not a substitute for formal legal advice. If formal advice is required you should consult your own legal adviser.

11. Further action

The City Corporation will continue to monitor the use of drones on the Heath, and any issues arising. If necessary, the City Corporation will consider applying for additional powers to restrict the use of drones on the Heath, enforceable by the Hampstead Heath Constabulary.

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HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD, KEATS HOUSE AND QUEEN'S PARK DIVISIONAL PLAN 2021-2024

Introduction

This Divisional Plan is part of the Management Framework for the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Keats House and Queen's Park Division, which sits within the City of London Corporation's Open Spaces Department.

The Division is comprised of three individual charities, each with their own Charitable Objectives:

Hampstead Heath (803392)	The preservation of Hampstead Heath for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.
Highgate Wood & Queen's Park (232986)	The preservation in perpetuity by the City of London Corporation of the open spaces known as Highgate Wood and Queen's Park, Kilburn for the use by the public for exercise and recreation.
Keats House (1053381)	To preserve, maintain and restore for the education and benefit of the public the house and grounds known as Keats House as a museum and memorial to John Keats.

The Divisional Plan is part of a hierarchy of strategies and plans which form a 'golden thread', translating City Corporation Strategic Outcomes into operational delivery, as follows:

- Corporate Plan, 2018-23.
- Open Spaces Department Business Plan, 2021-22.
- Ten-year Management Plans that set strategic directions for each Charity.
- A three-year Divisional Plan that guides implementation.
- An Annual Works Programme and Project Plans, supported by detailed specifications and guidance.
- Performance Development Approach (PDA), detailing individual's targets to achieve the outcomes and objectives above.

The Divisional Plan is written for a three-year rolling period and is reviewed and updated annually to identify milestones achieved and inform the projects and priorities for future periods. A version of the Divisional Plan has been developed for each Charity.

Criteria for Divisional Plan Projects:

The definition and criteria of projects to be included in the Divisional Plan are as follows:

- Projects requiring formative community engagement and consultation.
- Capital Projects over £50k.
- Projects spanning more than one financial year.
- Complex and high-risk projects.
- Projects with involvement of other Departments, for example the City Surveyors Department.

Ref	Project Details	Key Dates	HH Mgt Strategy Outcomes	Corporate Plan Aims	Notes on progress (August 2021 updates in <i>italic text</i>)
HH1	<p>COVID-19 Impact Recovery Programme Continue to respond to Government Guidance and maintain COVID Secure workplaces and facilities.</p> <p>Implement Annual Work Programme interventions to address impacts on wildlife, erosion, compaction, path maintenance, waymarking and signage improvements.</p> <p>Prioritise enforcement taskings to support the protection of the Heath and to ensure people feel welcome and safe.</p>	On-going project subject to annual review.	<p>Outcome A. Priority 2.</p> <p>Outcome B. Priority 4.</p> <p>Outcome D. Priority 9.</p>	<p>Shape outstanding environments.</p> <p>Contribute to a flourishing Society.</p>	<p><i>Annual Work Programme agreed by the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee (HHHWQPC) on 26.5.2021, following consultation with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee.</i></p> <p><i>Ground restoration works were commenced across the Heath in Spring 2021 and good progress has been made regards re-establishing grass and vegetation. Nine veteran tree are currently temporarily fenced off with stock fencing to protect the soil and roots from compaction.</i></p> <p><i>The 2021 Events Programme has resumed from July 2021, with a number of events planned for September 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Covid-19 secure Risk Assessments remain in place along with social distancing measures at public and staff facilities, such as the swimming facilities and staff bothies.</i></p>
HH2	<p>Deliver Efficiencies, Savings and Income Generation Projects Implement the approved Budget for 2021/22.</p>	<p>Revised Estimates 1/10/2021.</p> <p>Deliver balanced</p>	Outcome D. Priority 10.	<p>Support a thriving economy.</p> <p>Shape outstanding environments.</p>	<p>As well as implementing efficiencies, additional income streams are being investigated.</p> <p><i>Regular monitoring of the 2021/22 Budget is taking account of the ongoing COVID-19 impacts, including reduced income from events.</i></p>

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		budget by 31/3/2022.			
HH3	<p>Support Implementation of the Target Operating Model (TOM) Review operational arrangements to align with the TOM.</p>	<p>Project Launched 2020/21.</p> <p>Phased Implementation 2021/22.</p>	<p>Outcome A, Priority 3.</p> <p>Outcome D, Priority 10.</p>	<p>Contribute to a flourishing Society.</p> <p>Support a thriving economy.</p> <p>Shape outstanding environments.</p>	<p>Town Clerk's briefings have been shared with staff and signposted to the Intranet page.</p> <p>TOM proposals presented to Members.</p> <p><i>The Executive Director of the Environment Department is now in post.</i></p>
HH4	<p>Develop our Workforce Deliver a range of initiatives to ensure the health, well-being, learning and development of our workforce.</p>	<p>Launch PDA's 31/3/2021.</p> <p>PDA Mid-Term Review 1/10/2021.</p> <p>PDA Year-End Review 31/3/2022.</p>	<p>Outcome B, Priority 4.</p> <p>Outcome D, Priority 10.</p>	<p>Shape outstanding environments.</p> <p>Contribute to a flourishing Society.</p>	<p>Performance Development Approach (PDA) continue to be used to discuss and plan staff development.</p>

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HH5	<p>Celebrate 150th Anniversary of Hampstead Heath Act Developing outcomes for learning, volunteering and wider participation and support.</p> <p>Work in Partnership with the Heath & Hampstead Society to design and install a series of information panels.</p>	<p>Agree information panel locations 31/3/2021.</p>	<p>Outcome A, Priority 3</p> <p>Outcome B, Priority 4.</p> <p>Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6.</p> <p>Outcome D, Priority 7, 8 & 10.</p>	<p>Contribute to a flourishing Society.</p> <p>Support a thriving economy.</p> <p>Shape outstanding environments.</p>	<p>Officers have developing a communications plan to celebrate this anniversary as a community.</p> <p>Five biodiversity display boards have been installed across the Heath, with a further board installed at the West Meadow on the Kenwood Estate. The boards have been installed in partnership with the Heath & Hampstead Society and the interpretation reflects the four seasons to provide information about habitats and species found on the Heath. <i>The Heath & Hampstead Society have proposed that the biodiversity boards be retained for a further year between April 2022-March 2023, with updated interpretation to be produced and installed on a quarterly basis.</i></p> <p>Following consultation on the concept design for the #Heath150 display, celebrating the history of the 1871 Hampstead Heath Act, the exhibition, consisting of 9 monoliths was installed on the Heath between 23 June - 8 August 2021. The exhibition was well received.</p> <p>A number of events have taken place in celebration of the 150th anniversary, including a Community Fun Day (27 June 2021) organised by Heath Hands, and a marking of the bounds event (29 June 2021) organised by the City of London.</p>

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HH6	Compliance with the ULEZ In order to meet the emission requirements and manage the financial implications of the ULEZ, implement the agreed vehicle replacement plan to minimise the impact upon the environment.	24/10/2021.	Outcome D, Priority 10.	Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>Electric and hybrid vehicles are being hired and leased in order to comply with ULEZ.</i>
HH7	Divisional Radio System Procure an alternative Radio system.	31/11/2021.	Outcome A, Priority 3. Outcome D, Priority 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Shape outstanding environments.	Due to a change of landlord, the City Corporation have been notified of a termination of their lease at the Aerial Mast, located at St Columba. <i>The Acting Superintendent is in discussions with the landowner regards use of an Aerial Mast located within the vicinity of the current St Columba mast, and in close proximity to Hampstead Heath.</i>
HH8	East Heath Car Park Implement the East Heath Car Park resurfacing, drainage and cycle parking improvements.	Work is scheduled to start April 2021.	Outcome A, Priority 2 & 3.	Shape outstanding environments.	City Surveyor have lead on the implementation of this project. <i>The car park re-opened for public use ahead of the Easter Fairs. A number of minor snagging works are being resolved.</i> <i>As part of the works, 8 cycle parking stands have been installed in the car park.</i>
HH9	Playgrounds Implement improvements at the Parliament Hill Adventure (PHA), Vale of Health (VOH) & East Heath (Preachers)	PHA June 2021. VOH June 2021.	Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5.	Contribute to a flourishing Society.	<i>Works at the PHA and VOH playground have been completed.</i>

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	(EH) Heath Extension (HE) Playgrounds.	EH June 2021. HE March 2022.			<i>Works at the EH playground are scheduled to commence following the autumn half term, in October 2021.</i> <i>The Concept Design for the HE playground have been produced and Officers are currently seeking feedback on the proposals (deadline for comments 12.9.2021).</i>
HH10 Page 43	Savernake Road Entrance Improvements Implement improvements in partnership with London Borough of Camden and Heath Hands.	Commencing April 2021.	Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>Artwork has been completed on the bridge in partnership with the London Borough of Camden, The Von Herkomer Arts Foundation, Heath Hands and the City of London.</i> <i>Agreed landscaping works will be implemented during Winter 2021/Spring 2022. In partnership with the City of London and Heath Hands.</i>
HH11	Cycling Install additional cycle parking at entrances and facilities. Improve cycle signage, waymarking and maps. Where appropriate, work with Partners to implement cycle bursts for	Commencing April 2021.	Outcomes A, Priority 3. Outcomes C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcomes D, Priority 8, 9 & 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society Shape outstanding environments	Working in Partnership with the Camden Sustainability Working Group to improve walking and cycling access across Camden. <i>Following discussion with Members, Officers have contacted the London Borough of Camden to seek an update on the proposal to pilot school cycle bursts on Hampstead Heath, but have received no response to date. The routes proposed for inclusion in the pilot scheme include</i>

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	children using the Heath to travel to and from school.				<p>the footpath extending north of the Lido to join with the Broad Walk, and a route to provide a link from the Broad Walk to the shared use path that runs from East Heath to Spaniards.</p> <p>Focus areas for HH are signage/waymarking and cycling network around the Heath.</p> <p>Implementation of this project is being impacted by COVID. Timescales subject to review.</p>
HH12 Page 44	<p>Review the High-Level Asset Management Plan 2018 – 2021 Taking account of the impacts of COVID-19 review and update the Asset Management Plan.</p>	December 2021.	<p>Outcome A, Priority 3.</p> <p>Outcome B, Priority 4.</p> <p>Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6.</p> <p>Outcome D, Priority 8 & 10.</p>	<p>Contribute to a flourishing Society</p> <p>Support a thriving economy</p> <p>Shape outstanding environments</p>	<i>A review of the High Level Asset Management Plan (AMP) 2018-2021 has been undertaken and a AMP 2021-23 has been drafted.</i>
HH13	<p>Golders Hill Park Zoo & Butterfly House Undertake an options appraisal to inform discussions with the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee</p>	September 2021.	<p>Outcome B, Priority 4.</p> <p>Outcome D, Priority 10.</p>	<p>Contribute to a flourishing Society</p> <p>Support a thriving economy</p>	<p>Implementation of this project is being impacted by COVID. Timescales subject to review.</p> <p><i>Butterfly House remains closed due to the on-going impact of Covid.</i></p>

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	regarding the long-term sustainability of the Zoo and Butterfly House.			Shape outstanding environments	<i>The Operational Services Manager has commissioned an options appraisal regards the long term sustainability of the Zoo and Butterfly house.</i>
HH14	Swimming Capital Project Progress through the Capital Project Gateway Procedures a programme of safety, access and security improvements across the Bathing Ponds and Lido.	Implementation 2022/23.	Outcome A, Priority 3. Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcome D, Priority 8 & 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Shape outstanding environments.	Capital Funding Approved December 2020. Gateway 2 Report discussed with Stakeholders and Members (March - May 2021). <i>A tender process has been undertaken and a Project Architect will be appointed in early September. This will inform the draft timeline for works.</i>
HH15	Parliament Hill Athletics Track reconstruction To reconstruct the Athletics Track Surface in order to maintain U.K. Athletics (UKA) TrackMark Standard Level 1.	01/09/2021.	Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Shape outstanding environments.	Project Status – Amber – Deferred / on a reserve list should funding become available during the current cycle. <i>A Gateway 1 has been submitted for funding consideration during winter 2021.</i> <i>Officers are seeking to identify and secure external funding streams to support the Capital Funding Bid.</i>
HH16	Master Plan for optimising facilities at Parliament Hill	June 2022.	Outcome B, Priority 4.	Contribute to a flourishing	<i>Officers have met with colleagues from the City Surveyor's Department regards commencing a</i>

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	Undertake a review of facilities and buildings at Parliament Hill to inform provision of a visitor centre, maintain suitable accommodation for staff and volunteers, as well as improved sports facilities and improved learning facilities.		Outcome D, Priority 10.	Society. Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>review, however implementation of this project is being impacted by COVID. Timescales subject to review.</i>
HH17 Page 46	Sports and Wellbeing Forum Review and update the Terms of Reference and scope of the Sports Advisory Forum to include Health & Wellbeing and move the focus of the Forum to a strategic overview to implement the outcomes of the City Corporation's Sports and Physical Activity Strategy.	2021/22.	Outcome B, Priority 4.	Contribute to a flourishing society.	<i>The inaugural meeting of the Sport and Wellbeing Forum took place on 5 July, with a further meeting scheduled for 4 October 2021.</i> <i>Action points from the meeting are included within the Meeting Agenda pack.</i>
HH18	Promote Health Connections Work together with Partners, including Heath Hands and the NHS, to promote health & wellbeing.	2021/22.	Outcome B, Priority 4.	Contribute to a flourishing society.	Working with Heath Hands, Officers are developing partnerships with local GP's and Social Prescribers, London Boroughs and Pro-Active Camden.

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					Work is underway to map opportunities to establish health and wellbeing connections across the Boroughs.
HH19	Café Tendering Undertake a tender procurement for the Golders Hill Park Café, Parliament Hill Café, Parliament Hill Fields Lido Café and the Heath Extension Kiosk.	Lease Commence GHP 01/2022 Heath Extension Kiosk 01/2022 PH & Lido 01/2023.	Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcome D, Priority 7, 8, 9 & 10.	Contribute to a flourishing society. Support a thriving economy.	The Parliament Hill and Lido Cafés are currently operating on a tenancy at will arrangement. <i>A tendering process for the appointment of a new Lease for the Golders Hill Park Café will be undertaken during autumn/winter 2021. .</i> <i>The tendering process for the Heath Extension Kiosk has been pushed back to early 2022 due to Officer workload.</i>
HH20	Dog walking code of conduct and the Professional Dog Walking Licencing Scheme Implement a licencing scheme from April 2021.	Licence Scheme to commence October 2021.	Outcome A, Priority 3. Outcome B, Priority 4 Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcome D, Priority 7, 8, 9 & 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>Members have agreed in principle the Scheme. Dialogue continues with the Hampstead Professional Dog Walkers Association. Officers have ran an expression of interest and a mapping exercise has been undertaken, and Professional Dog Walkers using the Heath have been asked to identify the areas of the Heath which they currently use. The number of licences will be kept under review and if additional licences can be issued without the commercial activity impacting on wildlife, the amenity of the Heath, and without causing disruption to recreational users, this will be considered</i>

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HH21	Fitness training code of conduct and licencing scheme Undertake a consultation and engagement to inform the develop a licencing scheme for Fitness training.	Licence Scheme to commence April 2022.	Outcome A, Priority 3. Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcome D, Priority 7, 8, 9 & 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>An initial scoping workshop took place during December 2019 and further consultation and engagement will take place during autumn/winter 2021, supporting the development of the code of conduct and licensing scheme.</i>
HH22	Forest School Licencing Scheme Develop a long-term licencing scheme for Forest Schools.	Licence Scheme to commence September 2022.	Outcome A, Priority 3. Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6. Outcome D, Priority 8 & 9.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<i>Officers are engaging with Forest Schools and registering current groups using the Heath. Short Term Licencing arrangements are being implemented for 2021/22. Discussions are underway to licence a fee paying school based in Hampstead. Officers will be working with the Learning Team to assist with the management of forest school activities on the Heath going forward.</i>
HH23	Golders Hill Park Accessible Car Park Undertake a tending process to appoint a Consultant to develop options which facilitate safe weekend and	September 2021.	Outcomes B, Priority 4. Outcome C, Priority 5 & 6.	Contribute to a flourishing Society.	<i>A second tending process has been undertaken and a Consultant has been appointed. Draft options will be presented for Members consideration and feedback during autumn 2021.</i>

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	Bank Holiday opening of the Car Park.				
HH24	<p>Develop Heritage Outcomes Engage with Historic England and local historians to:</p> <p>Develop a Heritage Conservation Management Plan for the Heath.</p> <p>Incorporate preservation and interpretation actions to preserve and interpret archaeological and heritage into the existing Compartment Management Plans.</p>	2023/24.	Outcome A, Priority 2.	Shape outstanding environments.	
HH25	<p>Bio-Security Management Proactive management of threats, including pest and diseases which impact upon the condition of trees, plants and wildlife.</p>	2021/22.	Outcome A, Priority 1. Outcome D, Priority 10.	Support a thriving economy. Shape outstanding environments.	<p><i>OPM population stabilised on Hampstead Heath. Monitoring of Carcelia parisitoid continuing as natural control.</i></p> <p>Massaria currently stable.</p>
HH26	<p>Planning Regular monitoring of development and planning</p>	2021/22.	Outcome D, Priority 10.	Support a thriving economy.	Quarterly reporting to HHCC and HHHWQPC.

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	applications to ensure that the Heath is protected.			Shape outstanding environments.	
HH27	Climate Action Strategy Open Spaces seek opportunities to enhance carbon capture while enhancing biodiversity and resilience. These actions will contribute towards the City Corporation achieving Net 0 by 2027 in scope 1 & 2 emissions	2027 Net 0 scope 1 & 2 2040 Net 0 Scope 1, 2 and 3.	Outcome A, Priority 1. Outcome B, Priority 4. Outcome D, Priority 10.	Contribute to a flourishing Society. Shape outstanding environments.	Strategy adopted October 2020. Now in first phase of delivery. Quarterly reporting to HHCC and HHHWQPC.
HH28	Contactless Payment for access to Toilets Undertake a Feasibility Study to inform the possible introduction of a charge at some toilet facilities to pay towards cleaning and maintenance.	2022/23.	Outcome D, Priority 10.	Shape outstanding environments.	Feasibility study to be discussed with HHCC in 2022.



Hampstead
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Heath Extension Playground Project

Working in conjunction with the local community, we are launching an exciting Project to broaden the age range of the play equipment, introduce natural play features and ensure the playground is accessible for all.

The concept design includes examples of additional play items that can be incorporated into the playground.

Please share your feedback by emailing **hampstead.heath@cityoflondon.gov.uk** with the subject heading '**Extension Play Area**' by 12 September 2021.

We will be launching a fundraising page with opportunities to donate to the project later this year.

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1

Swings

To provide fun and challenge for a wide range of ages and abilities, such as a basket swing or hammock which can also provide for shared, sociable play and for more solitary, calmer moments



1A

Toddler / cradle swings - existing re-used or new if budget allows

2

New slide tower

A new slide tower higher than existing with 1 metre wide slide so children can slide together or with adults. The tower or platform in a more simple timber design to fit the natural setting and keeping a variety of challenges to go up and down such as ramps, nets, fire pole and easier steps



ACCESSIBILITY

Play equipment and natural play features will be chosen and designed to allow play for children of diverse abilities to play together without compromising on play value and excitement. e.g. a basket / nest swing can be used by all ages and abilities; standing, sitting or lying down and shared or supported by adults, friends, siblings or carers. Likewise a wide slide that allows more than one person to slide down at a time. Climbing equipment, including a fallen tree can allow for a gradual degree of challenge so that children can choose how far to push themselves and gain skills every time they play. There will be secluded areas of less activity for more solitary play & 'time-out'



Other slide tower options

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Other group swing options



Equipment will be in natural colours & materials wherever possible in keeping with the natural setting of Hampstead Heath

3

Rope trail

A linear trail for physical challenge with ropes, nets and round timber 'logs' for climbing, balancing and traversing



'Jack Straws' or 'Pick up sticks' climbing unit



Monkey bars



Rope bridges

Other trail and climbing options

4

See-sawing or wobbling

A wooden see saw with rubber buffers where children can play together. Other options could be wobbly disks or beams





Volunteering Update – August 2021

- majority of volunteering programmes have resumed, approaching pre-covid levels of activity
- over 4000 **hours** contributed by volunteers since April across approximately 300 volunteer **sessions**
- restrictions on group sizes and recruitment issues easing

- main **conservation and maintenance** programmes resumed on Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood, Hill Garden, Golders Hill Park, Keats House and Kenwood Estate.
- ongoing focus on litter and summer invasive species control, supporting Ranger Teams

- community** activities and outreach e.g. guided walks with Castlehaven Community Association, African Health Forum, Caversham Practice, family and youth activities with King's Cross Brunswick Community Association Somali families, NW5 play project, Holborn Community Association, the Winch, older people support with Camden Carers and North London Cares.

- wildlife monitoring** projects in full swing; ongoing support provided to London Natural History Society, Heath and Hampstead Society and ZSL with their respective surveys

- over 100 **youth** volunteers involved to date on after school and weekend sessions

- Heath Friendly Schools:** Brookfield, Heathside, Swiss Cottage School, South Hampstead High School, Highgate School, the Village School, St Margarets get pupils involved in volunteering

- wildlife interpretation** sessions remain suspended

- regular schedule of public **walks** and **mindfulness** (mental health) activities set up

- resumption of **corporate** volunteering programme

Selected Highlights

Community Fun Day on 27th June a great success with carnival, live music and nature activities as part of the 150th Celebrations; alongside activities at rugby and athletics and kite event.

Five paid **work experience** placements provided for disadvantaged or underrepresented young people

In collaboration with ZSL, CoLC and H&HS a major **hedgheg survey** undertaken over summer

Free activities for **families and teenagers** provided throughout the school holidays as part of Heath Hands youth programme

Savernake Road bridge project landscaping began in late June, with further improvements and planting scheduled through Autumn

Funding news

Support received from:

The National Lottery Heritage Fund – **Green Recovery Challenge Fund Round 2**. Multi-year funding for Wildlife around Hampstead Heath connecting more people to nature on the Heath. Supports restart of wildlife interpretation and ongoing work experience, citizen science and mental health programmes.

Grow Wild (Kew) for wildflower meadow creation around Savernake Road Bridge.

Thames Water for a programme of activities and conservation work on the Fleet Stream.

Young Camden Foundation for summer youth and children's activities

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