

Committee	Dated:
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	29 October 2018
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Report of: Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	For Discussion
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Summary

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

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- Members provide feedback on the proposed events for 2019.
- Members provide feedback on the Sports Licencing Scheme (Appendix 2)

Main Report

Divisional Plan 2nd Quarter Update

1. The Divisional Plan second quarter update is attached at Appendix 1. A full review of the Divisional Plan to align with the Management Strategy will be completed and presented to this Committee in February 2019.
2. The Operational Services Manager will provide feedback following the Annual Work Programme second quarter progress monitoring update.

Planning

3. The Superintendent will provide an update on the following planning applications:
 - The Water House, Millfield Lane. 2017/3692/P
 - Parliament Hill William Ellis School 2018/1270/P
 - Garden House, Vale of Health 2017/2885/P
 - South Fairground Site
 - North Fairground Site 2017/4346/P
 - Wallace House, Fitzroy Park 2017/4301/P
 - Jack Straws Castle 2017/2064/P

- 55 Fitzroy Park 2018/3672/P

Trees and Oak Processionary Moth

4. Strong winds associated with storm Ali (19 September 2018) resulted in 12 branch failures and the loss of two trees.
5. OPM nests are still being found in oaks that are being worked on for safety, management & Veteran tree work. The Tree Team have completed a site meeting with colleagues at Richmond Park sharing OPM management experience over 2018.
6. The Tree Team have pollarded 10 willows & one declining horse chestnut at Kenwood Ladies' Pond.

Constabulary

7. There have been no prosecutions since the last meeting. Over the summer months the Constabulary Team engaged proactively with members of the public and provided support to manage public behaviour issues such as unauthorised swimming and anti-social behaviour at the Lido.

City Surveyors Cyclical Work Programme

8. The Superintendent will provide an update on current projects.

Capital Projects

East Heath Car Park (Divisional Plan Project 2.1)

9. The City Surveyor has secured Planning Consent from London Borough of Camden for the car park resurfacing. Tendering is underway, subject to affordability and consent, works are scheduled to commence in 2019.

Adventure Playground (Divisional Plan Project 3.10)

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

Swimming

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

Events

12. The Leisure and Events Manager will provide an update at the meeting in relation to the recent Conker Championships and preparations for the upcoming London Youth Games & Greater London Cross Country Championships.

2019 Events Programme

13. Officer Events Group are scheduled to meet on the 17 October 2018 to review 2019 applications for the following Large and Major Events in line with the Events Policy:-
 - The Affordable Art Fair
 - Race for Life
 - Night of 10,000m Personal Bests
14. The Leisure and Events Manager will provide a summary of each event to seek Members views and feedback.

Sports Activities on City of London Corporation Open Spaces

15. The Open Spaces Department is currently consulting on a licensing scheme which applies to sports activities involving up to 500 participants and spectators with no or limited infrastructure requirements. This scheme sits alongside the Events Policy for Hampstead Heath. The Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum have been consulted and were supportive of the approach. Members views are sought on the licensing application as detailed at Appendix 2.

Weddings and Civil Ceremonies

16. The Hill Garden and Pergola continues to be a popular venue for weddings and civil ceremonies, with twelve having taken place this year and a further ceremony planned. Ceremonies have ranged from 25 to 120 guests and the feedback received by staff continues to be excellent. Five ceremonies are currently booked for 2019.

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