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Subject: Conservation Management Plan Update - Queen's Park	Public
Report of: Superintendent Hampstead Heath	For Information
<p><b><u>Summary</u></b></p> <p>This report provides an update on the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) project in Queen's Park.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>That the members of Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group note this report.</p>	

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. A CMP sets out clear aims and objectives for sustaining the heritage significance of Queen's Park, and provides a framework for informing future project proposals and funding/Green Heritage Site status applications. The CMP will define the long term maintenance and management strategy for the park and identify maintenance and management costs.
2. A brief was prepared and the services of a consultant, Chris Blandford Associates (CBA), obtained following a tender process.
3. CBA have previously been engaged in similar CMP projects within the UK including Gunnersbury Park, Raphael Park and Kew Gardens.

### **Current Position**

4. Currently CBA are reviewing existing documents and collating mapping data and existing digital data of the park.
5. The CMP will focus on future management, maintenance, policies and development in relation to the following key themes: Heritage, Natural environment, Community, Recreation and Built Environment & Infrastructure
6. To date, site visits have taken place and a habit survey has been conducted along with a condition survey of properties and facilities in the park

including the Bandstand, Lych Gate and staff areas. This information will be fed back in to the CMP process.

7. CBA understands the need for them to develop an understanding of the park, its history and how it has developed over time, the key features, habitats and species that can be found there today and their condition, its management and its use by visitors/community groups.
8. The next stage of the process will be consultation and engagement with focus group workshops; here the development of a 'Statement of Significance' will be developed. Development of the Statement of Significance would be informed by consultation with the focus groups. It is planned that each focus group attends a half day workshop facilitated by CBA to identify what makes Queen's Park significant in relation to their topic area. Each group would subsequently be able to draft a section on their topic for the statement of significance. Further consultation with the focus groups will focus on developing a set of overriding objectives, essential actions and aspirational goals for each of the topic areas/themes.
9. Two dates have been scheduled in mid November and early December to meet and consult with the focus groups. The City are grateful to a range of organisations and individuals that have agreed to attend these focus groups. Appendix 1 gives a list of representatives.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

10. The management and provision of Queen's Park provides a vital retreat, enabling people to escape the daily pressures of living and working in London. The park fulfils many of the themes within the City's Community Strategy, but specifically providing "A World Class City which protects, promotes and enhances our environment". "A World Class City which is vibrant and culturally rich". "A World Class City which supports our communities".
11. It will also help fulfil the Department's Strategic Goals and Objectives 2 (Involve communities and partners in developing a sense of place through the care and management of our sites.) and 3 (Deliver sustainable working practices to promote the variety of life and protect the Open Spaces for the enjoyment of future generations).

### **Implications**

12. There are no financial implications arising from this report, the operational requirements highlighted in the report will be met from the Superintendents' local risk budget. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **Conclusion**

13. Submission of the draft CMP is scheduled for February 2013 with a final draft submission in April 2013.

## **Background Papers:**

Update Queen's Park Conservation Management Plan – June 2011

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## Appendix 1

### Representatives for Focus Groups

Queen's Park Area Residents' Ass – 2 representatives for Community and Ecology

Aylestone Park Residents and Tenants ass – 1 representative for Community

Sport– 2 representatives for Sport and Recreation

Café – 1 representative for Community

Police – 1 representative for Safety

Transition Town – 2 representatives for Environment

Islamia School – 1 representative for Access and Inclusion

Kilburn History– 1 representative for Historical

SNT Panel Member – 1 representative for Safety

Local Resident – 1 representative for Access and Inclusion

Local Schools – 1 representative for Access and Inclusion

Local Resident – 1 representative for Ecology and Wildlife

Local Resident – 1 representative for Access and Inclusion

Local Resident – 1 representative for Historical

Local Resident – 1 representative for Environment

Local Resident – 1 representative for Access and Inclusion

Brent Council – 1 representative

Hampstead Heath Technical Staff – 3 representatives for Ecology, Arboriculture and Communication

Park Staff – 3 representatives