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Summary

This report provides Members with an update on matters relating to Hampstead Heath since July 2020. Members are asked to provide their views and feedback.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Provide feedback.

Main Report

Coronavirus Emergency Response and Issues

1. The Superintendent continues to monitor the Government Guidance and is working with Staff and Stakeholders to respond to changing guidance. The Superintendent will provide an update at the meeting.

Constabulary

2. The Constabulary Manager will provide an update at the meeting.

Licensing

Forest Schools

3. Applications for short term licences to operate Forest Schools on the Heath have been received. The Superintendent and Conservation and Trees Manager is reviewing the applications and short-term licences will be issued. In the meantime the Superintendent will form a small working group to progress the development of the licensing arrangements in the longer-term.

Ecology and Conservation Annual Work Programme October 2020

4. The following monitoring activities have taken place:
 - Reptile and dragonfly monitoring by volunteers has continued.

- Detailed analysis of the Heath wide breeding bird survey begun in partnership with the Heath and Hampstead Society is being undertaken with selected territorial maps produced.

5. The following works have been undertaken as part of the Annual Work Programme:

- Grassland management has been undertaken in August and September with most of the planned cutting completed.
- Targeted desilting of the Sandy Heath ponds has been undertaken to maintain these ponds as important amphibian spawning sites.

Contractors & Maintenance

6. At Parliament Hill, the main path which runs from the Highgate Road to the Hive is being re-laid. The works will take place between 5-9 October 2020.

Planning

7. The Superintendent will provide an update on the following planning applications:

- The Water House
- The Garden House
- Jack Straws Castle
- Telecoms Mast (outside Ivy House)

Golders Hill Park Accessible Car Park

8. The Golders Hill Park Manger will provide an update at the meeting. Unfortunately, the tender process which took place during summer 2020 was impacted by Covid-19 and therefore the tender will be re-run.

Finance

9. The Superintendent will provide a verbal update on the in-year position budget position and the draft budget for 2021/22.

Appendices

- None

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