Committee(s): Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee	Date(s): 01/12/2021
Subject:	Public
Superintendent's Update	
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:	For Information
Executive Director, Environment	
Report author:	
Richard Gentry, Superintendent	

Summary

This report provides Members with an update on matters relating to Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park since September 2021.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

• Note the report.

Main Report

Coronavirus Emergency Response and Issues

1. A number of Covid-19 control measures remain in place across public and staff facilities, in line with published guidance.

Constabulary

- 2. The Constabulary are working in collaboration with colleagues from Epping Forest as they introduce Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN).
- The Constabulary are in continual discussion with the Metropolitan Police (MPS).
 There have been recent incidents of unlicensed music events on the Heath to which constables have responded. These events have been reported to the MPS
- 4. Constables are investigating a number of recent dog on dog attacks which have occurred on Hampstead Heath.

Management Framework

Divisional Plan

- 5. The Divisional Plan 2021-24 (appendix 1) sets out the current position in relation to project work being undertaken across the Division.
- 6. Officers would like to draw Member's attention to the following Divisional Plan projects:
- 7. <u>Divisional Radio System (HH7)</u> The Acting Superintendent has made arrangements for existing City Corporation radio equipment, e.g. antennas to be decommissioned and removed from the St Columba Aerial Mast location. The Radio equipment has been re-located to an alternative mast in the Hampstead area.
- 8. Review the High-Level Asset Management Plan (AMP) 2018 2021 (HH12) A review of the 22018-21 AMP has been undertaken. This has informed the drafting of the 2021-23 AMP, which is attached at appendix 2.

Annual Work Programme (AWP)

The Annual Work Programme Projects for 2021-22 are attached at appendix 3.
 A six-month RAG status has been provided in relation to the progress made towards implementing each project.

Cyclical Works Programme (CWP)

- 10. Upcoming CWP works include:
 - Parliament Hill Highgate Road Entrance Installation of rising bollards and removal of existing vehicle barrier.
 - Parliament Hill Paddling Pool Wall repairs.
 - Hampstead Heath Mixed Bathing Pond Fencing replacement.
 - Queen's Park Public Toilet Refurbishment
 - Highgate Wood sports field Drainage improvement survey

Capital Projects

- With regard to the Capital Bid Project for the Swimming Safety, Security and Access Improvement. A Project Architect has been appointed and a project timeline is being drafted.
- 12. The Parliament Hill Athletics Track funding bid was approved by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at their meeting on 19 November 2021. The bid will be considered for final funding approval by the Policy and Recourse Committee on 16 December 2021.

Swimming Judicial Review

13. The Judicial Review, which was due to take place on 9-10 November 2021, has been rescheduled to 23-24 February 2022.

Network Rail – Fence Replacement

14. Network Rail are undertaking replacement of the existing 330 metres of metal fencing along the railway embankment between the Gospel Oak entrance to the Lido Facility and the One O'clock Club. The existing 1.2 metre fencing will be removed at ground level and a 1.8-metre-high steel palisade fence painted black will be installed. All trees within the active working area will be fenced off during the dismantling of the old fence and installation of the new palisade fencing.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 Divisional Plan 2021-24 (October 2021 update)
- Appendix 2 Draft Asset Management Plan 2021-23
- Appendix 3 Annual Work Programme Projects (6-month RAG Status update)

Richard Gentry

Acting Superintendent, Environment Department.

T: 020 7332 3322

E: richard.gentry@cityoflondon.gov.uk