

Committee(s): Open Spaces Committee – For Information	Dated: 07/07/2022
Subject: Queen’s Green Canopy	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	2,3,4,10,12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	N/A
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Summary

This report provides an update to Members of the Open Spaces Committee on management and operational activities across the Queen’s Green Canopy Initiative in the City.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. The Queen’s Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022, celebrating the 70 years of the Queen’s reign. QGC invites people from across the United Kingdom to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee”.
2. As part of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the City of London Corporation (CoLC) has become involved in the Queen’s Green Canopy (QGC) activities.
3. The CoLC will take an active role in the QGC activities over the next 9 months (March 2023) and align activities in numerous locations around supporting the QGC campaign.
4. The CoLC is actively engaged with the QGC initiative, which is separated into 3 divisions. These divisions are:
 - Education - working collaboratively with the Learning Team on projects such as the ‘Primary Education Day’ and engaging with the education teams to determine where school children can be more involved in these activities, including Hamstead Heath’s ‘Give it a go

day' on the 17th July and assisting with tree plantings throughout our Open Spaces, including with the 'Jubilee Planting' at Epping Forest. The learning team have good links with local primary schools and will actively engage throughout the next 9 months.

- Ancient Woodlands and Trees - activities and events will be taking place over the summer to celebrate these designations, including the unveiling of a Ancient Tree Plaque scheduled for the 15th of July at Keats House.
- Tree Planting - to resume in October 2022. We have received numerous applications to plant, donate and sponsor trees within the Square Mile which we are currently reviewing and will confirm with City Gardens in October.

Current Position

5. As of May 2022, Burnham Beeches, Ashted Common, and Epping Forest have all been designated as part of the 70 Ancient Woodlands initiative across the UK. The Ancient Black Mulberry Tree at Keats House, Hamstead Heath, has been designated as one of the 70 Ancient Trees. Activities and events are planned throughout the summer in these locations to celebrate the designations, including the unveiling of an Ancient Tree Plaque at Keats House scheduled for the 15th July. Member's will receive invitations once dates have been confirmed.
6. Following the successful tree plantings at Gifford Wood and Whittington Gardens (March 2022), we have partnered with the City of London's Climate Action Strategy Team and their work on Cool Streets and Greening to designate eight trees (Pride of India and Japanese Zelkova) along Vine Street to form part of the City's QGC efforts.
7. The planting season will resume in October 2022, to encourage best practise. We are working collaboratively with the City Gardens team to discuss potential planting locations. Numerous organisations and individuals have already come forward to 'donate', 'sponsor', 'adopt' and plant trees within the Square Mile, these are inclusive of The City of London Security Council, City of London Police and Livery Companies. Locations will be allocated and 'awarded' at the beginning of October in partnership with City Gardens.
8. The 'Primary Environmental Day' is an upcoming activity which will form part of the QGC, delivering on 'educating the younger generations' and 'planting'. The activity will take place on 14 and 15 September 2022 and will be hosted by the ESU in partnership with the Epping Forest and the Natural Environment Division. This project aims to bring pupils from the City of London Primary Schools (including pupils in the prep sections of our independent schools) to an environmental day at Epping Forest. The day will include workshops with the Forest School, Learning and Environment teams. Each school will be presented with a QGC sapling suitable to be planted on their school grounds and cared for by pupils in years to come.
9. On the 10th October 2022, we will be planting additional trees in Gifford Wood in Epping Forest, dedicated to the late Lord Mayor, Sir Roger Gifford. This follows the initial planting which took place in March 2022. We will be joined by the Lord Mayor, who will unveil a wildlife information board followed by an event in the local area. The extent of this event is to be confirmed, Members of the Open Spaces committee will receive invitations.
10. In the latter half of this year, in partnership with Epping Forest, we shall be planting a 'Jubilee Grove' located on Wanstead Flats. In which 54 trees will be planted, the date of this event has yet to be confirmed and will depend upon the availability of the Duke of Gloucester, contact has been made with his personal assistant and members will receive

invitations once the date is confirmed. We will also be inviting various Commonwealth Commissioners to take part in the Civic Ceremony.

11. Plans are underway to include the QGC and Epping Forest at the Lord Mayor's Show in November. The City of London Commission of Lieutenancy will be receiving one of the trees from the "Tree of Trees" at Buckingham Palace. Conversations are currently underway to review how this can be incorporated into the parade.

Proposals

Several initiatives are currently under consideration that could be included within the CoLC's QGC approach. We propose to identify all relevant activities and seek to include them in our overarching QGC narrative and campaign. Some proposed additional plans include:

- Tree planting activities within the City Gardens and, where possible, churchyards within the Square Mile. We have agreed to delay all tree planting activities until the October 2022-March 2023 period to assess and prioritise any requests to plant trees within the Square Mile, and then allocate planting activities as 'awarded'. It is estimated that this will include approximately 10 trees based on current space availability. Additional budget may be required to purchase appropriate trees and for a ceremony, although we are requesting that those who wish to plant trees cover the costs of their ceremony.
- Identify within our conservation plans, particularly with regard to ancient trees, where any activities can be adapted to be included in the QGC plans.
- Identifying sponsorship opportunities, including setting out potential proposals for Bloomberg Philanthropies and individual sponsors. We are currently reviewing the possibility of updating the City of London Tree Trail, with identified trees both planted for the QGC and ancient trees located within the Square Mile.
- In partnership with Hamstead Heath, Rememberancers and the incoming Lord Mayor Nicholas Lyons, plans are currently being reviewed to plant a copse of 33 trees (for each of the London Boroughs) in Hampstead Heath.

Corporate & Strategic Implications – None

[Sub-headings]

Strategic implications – None

Financial implications

Additional budget may be required to purchase appropriate trees and for a ceremony, although we are requesting that those who wish to plant trees cover the costs of their ceremony.

Additional budget may also be required if activities that would have been delivered in future years are brought forward and/or for any ceremonies. Any request for additional funding will be made in line with the appropriate governance, and sought prior to committing to the activity.

Additional communications resource may also be required, but this would be identified in the subsequent paper if necessary.

Resource implications – None

Legal implications – None

Risk implications – None

Equalities implications – None

Climate implications

These activities will enhance and shine a spotlight on the CoLC's Climate Action Strategy in a positive way, with increase in biodiversity and climate resilience due to an increase in greening throughout the City.

Security implications – None

Conclusion

To conclude, the CoLC is taking an active role within the QGC initiative and will continue to do so over the next 9 months by aligning activities in numerous locations to support the QGC campaign, through the creation and promotion of the QGC activities across the Square Mile and the Open Spaces, engaging both the current Lord Mayor, incoming Lord Mayor, school groups and wider communities.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Please see the attached spreadsheet for the programme of previous / current / future events taking place for the Queen's Jubilee and Queen's Green Canopy. This spreadsheet will be continually updated in line with events / ceremonies.

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Queen's Jubilee Events - April 2022 - March 2023						
The Queens Platinum Easter funfairs	09/04/2022-18/04/2022				Y	
Burnham Beeches - 'Platinum Jubilee trail'	28/04/2022 - 05/06/2022	Education			Y	
Burnham Beeches 'Platinum Jubilee Spotter sheet'	28/04/2022 - 05/06/2022	Education			Y	
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend 2022	02/06/2022 - 05/06/2022		Event locations in the City. Licensing hours will be relaxed for the Jubilee weekend.	Road Closures - Risks to be managed by licensing. Event locations TBC	Y	
West Ham Park - decorating flower pots	02/06/2022 1-4pm	Education	The activity would be held in the community vegetable garden and children would plant up and decorate their own flowerpot and take seeds home		Y	250
Hamstead Health Jubilee Events - Beacon Lighting, music, fireworks etc.	02/06/2022	Education		Fire. Specialised stewards on site to assist with the beacon lighting	Y	
Beacon lighting located on City Owned Theydon Green	02/06/2022	Education	Beacon lighting / events		Y	
Asstead Common - Guided Walk of Ancient Trees	03/06/2022 - 05/06/2022	Education	Relatively low profile. Guided walk with rangers to look at ancient trees	N/A	Y	
Illuminated River Project	02/06/2022 - 06/06/2022		Illuminated River to honour Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in unique light sequence			
In Celebration of Royalty Guided Walk	Weds in June	Education				
Post Jubilee - June onwards						
Queens Platinum jubilee kite show on Parliament Hill	26/06/2022					
Queens Platinum jubilee Give it a go day	17/07/2022	Education				
Queens Platinum jubilee memorial concert with John Etheridge and Vimala Rowe	22/07/2022					
Queens Platinum jubilee Duathlon – Swim and Run	03/09/2022	Education				
City Guide Walks - A Right Royal City	Fri and Sat until 30/09/2022	Education	A Right Royal City Tickets, Multiple Dates Eventbrite			
Jubilee Exhibition - St Paul's, the Monarch and the Changing World	25/05/2022-01/12/2022	Education				
Christmas day Queens Platinum jubilee Christmas day races and Dip	25/12/2022					
Royal Jubilee Bells at St James Garlickhythe	Various Dates	Education	St James Garlickhythe: Royal Jubilee Bells			
Tree planting locations - Planting Season (March 2022)						
Tree Planting - Epping Forest, Gifford Wood.	20/03/2022	Tree planting	Singular Tree planting in Epping Forest. Planted at the end of commonwealth week.	N/A	✓	
Lord Mayor Tree Planting Event	21/03/2022	Tree planting	Tree planting in Whittington Gardens to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.	N/A	✓	
Designation of 8 trees on Vine Street	01/04/2022	Tree planting	Pride of India and Japanese zelkova planted on Vine Street to be designated as QGC			
Announcement and designation of Ancient Woodlands	01/05/2022	Ancient Woodlands / Trees	Asstead Common, Burnham Beeches and Epping Forest have all been allocated thus far.	Minimal		
Announcement and designation of Ancient trees	01/05/2022	Ancient Woodlands / Trees	Black Mulberry Tree (Keat's House)			
End of planting season - to be resumed October 2022						
Jubilee Grove Planting at Wanstead Flats	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting	Tree planting in commemoration of the Jubilee / Commonwealth			
Master Educator Planting	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting				
Area Dean for the CoL	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting				
Masons Company - Proposed tree planting on the east side of Basinghall Street	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting				
Bloomberg Involvement	TBC	TBC	Potential to sponsor advertisement, 'tree trail' emphasis on education.			
Roof Terrace Project	TBC	Tree planting	Reaching out to London businesses to sense whether there is an interest in planting trees, in pots, on roof terraces.			
Burnham Beeches - Lord Mayor to pollard a Beech Tree	TBC	Education / tree planting	Date to be confirmed			
London Borough Planting - 33 Trees for each of the London Boroughs	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting	To be planted in Hampstead Heath			
City Security Council	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting	To plant a tree in the City. Needing approval at Committee Level from the CSC.			
The Company of Nurses	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting				
Queen's Quay Tree Planting - 4 trees in pots	TBC	Tree planting				
City of London Police	Oct 22- March 23	Tree planting				
Additional events taking place - March 22-March 23						
Keats House - Black Mulberry Tree Plaque Unveiling	15th July	Event	Plaque unveiling - culture, heritage and libraries committee attending			
"Environmental Day"	Sep-22	Education	City owned schools to attend a learning day at Epping Forest, to receive a tree to take home and nurture before planting in October. Events to be organised.			
Master of Educator Seminar: Educating the City: Learning through Inspirational Partnerships	29th Nov 22	Education				
LORD MAYOR'S SHOW - QGC and Epping Forest	12th November	Event	Procession for LM show, with QGC and Epping Forest			
Sir Roger Gifford's Memorial project	Oct-22	Tree planting	Memorial Planting - Lord Mayor and party to be in attendance for the late Lord Mayor. 3 Trees in Gifford Wood, Silver Birch Trees	Lord Mayor in attendance.		
Tree Trail - re-branding tree trial 2018 as Queen's Jubilee Potential.	Post tree planting	Education combined with Tree planting				
KPIs:						
Number of Trees planted - October 2021-March 2023						
Number of Schools attending events, etc.						
Number of events hosted						
Advertisement - Physical / Social media						
Funding - Sponsorship Received						
Number of applications to plant in the City						

