

Aims of the NECR



IMPROVED GOVERNANCE



STRENGTHENED OPERATIONAL
FRAMEWORKS



TRANSFORMED FINANCIAL
SUSTAINABILITY

Exploring Alternatives to the DFM



Workshop held to explore improvements/alternatives to Deficit Funding Model in order to set the NE charities up for success into the future.



Brought together key stakeholders to try and capture all perspectives on the different options in order that we can take forward fully considered options.



The Aim to understand the current position with DFM and be able to explain why change is desirable.



Understand alternatives with the opportunities and challenges these would present to different departments and the organisation as a whole.

Alternative options discussed

01

Deficit Funding
Model with
Amendments

02

Endowment from
COLC / future
major donor or
corporate funding
for an individual
charity

03

Grant Funding
from COLC

04

Income
Generation

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Combination
Grant Funding
and Income
Generation

Income Generation Benchmarking against other Charities

Income generation at the NE charities is a vital component of their financial health

In FY 2023-24, income generated by NE charities was £7m total, accounting for 16% - 55% of the total income

Officers analysed similar organisations both in the UK and abroad including; Royal Parks, Malvern Hills, NY parks and others

Their income is underpinned by; regular grants, precepts, endowments or memberships

Fundraising at these charities significantly exceeds that of NE Charities

NECR Timeline



Timeline for Hampstead Heath

FY 2025-26: HH funded on the existing deficit funding basis.

April 2026: move to grant funding for local risk/core funding

Cyclical and capital works funding arrangements are being negotiated with a view to move to a grant funded basis in April 2027

Changes to internal systems and processes are progressing to enable implementation of grant funding

Q&A