



Barham Park Trust Committee

14 January 2019

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration & Environment

GENERAL UPDATE REPORT

Wards Affected:	Sudbury
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Members on operational issues at Barham Park and on current progress on projects.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Barham Park Trust Committee note the issues set out in this report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Project Officer: The Project Officer was on secondment from another Council service for an initial seven months. At the close of that period the role was temporarily extended into the restructuring Neighbourhood Management team and with a wider remit that covers also other parks in the Borough. If the new role is made permanent, the new role will be as a member of that team servicing parks in Brent. That would include a continuing role for Barham Park given the

special situation of Barham Park being managed by the Barham Park Trust. This role is currently funded by the Council and will not be funded by the Trust.

- 3.2 Works: Works Repairs and resurfacing were made to a section of the hard-standing in front of the War Memorial. Improvements are in progress at the old greenhouse area. Meetings have been held with local community groups to identify areas of Barham Park and gardens with particular interest and to discuss potential projects for external funding. The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Garden was awarded Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy funding of £90,867 for hard and soft landscaping works. This funding application was made by the Council. The funding, including the payment and expenditure towards the works, will be managed through the Council's accounts. Details are in preparation for those works which are expected to commence in 2019.
- 3.3 Barham Park repairs: The Property team are leading on urgent repairs to an area of the Barham Park buildings including the ground-floor Unit 7 and part of the first-floor above that is part of a unit occupied by ACAVA. Inspection and surveying costs were about £3,000, while repairs, including replacement of some timbers are costing about £17,000. This expenditure will be met from the Barham Park Trust's unrestricted funds. This has also necessitated a hold on any decision on the letting of Unit 7.
- 3.4 Meadow areas: As for other parks in Brent, meadow areas of longer grass were trialled at Barham Park during the spring and summer of 2018. Areas in the west of the park were cut as maintained grass, at about 10cm in height. The meadow grasslands were trialled in an area covering much of the eastern side of Barham Park. The meadow areas were cut and the material removed in the autumn of 2018.
- 3.5 Financial accounts and matters relating to needs for capital works are contained in separate reports to the Barham Park Trust Committee at this meeting of the Trust.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Financial implications have been highlighted in the report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from the issues raised in this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The proposed projects mentioned in this report will be subject to a screening for equalities impacts and where the potential for adverse impacts is identified, a full equalities impact assessment will be carried out and any requisite mitigating action taken.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

None specific.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 Nothing specific other than noted in this report.

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Environment