



Barham Park Trust Committee
7 September 2016

**Report from the Operational Director,
Environment Services and the Chief Legal
Officer**

For Action

Wards Affected: Sudbury

Barham Park Trust Officer Delegations

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates Members on the delegation arrangements relating to Barham Park Trust Management Team and proposes changes.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That day to day trustee functions and decision making of the Barham Park Trust be delegated to the Operational Director Environment Services.

3.0 Detail

Background

- 3.1 The Barham Park Trust Committee was created by the Council's Executive at its meeting on 12 November 2012. At the same meeting, the Executive also agreed to delegate the day to day trustee functions and decision making to the Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Assistant Director Regeneration and Major Projects and the Deputy Director Finance and Corporate Services. It was decided that these officers would collectively be known as the 'Barham Park Trust Management Team'.
- 3.2 Since November 2012, there have been a number of restructures within the Council as the Environment and Neighbourhoods Department is now within the Regeneration and Environment Department and the Property Team, which was within Regeneration and Growth, is now within the Resources Department. The functions of the Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services in relation to the Barham Park Trust are now carried out by the Operational Director, Environment Services, who now reports to the Strategic Director for

Regeneration and Environment and previously reported to the then Chief Operating Officer between February and December 2015. The functions of the Assistant Director Regeneration and Major Projects in relation to the Barham Park Trust are now carried out by the Head of Property, who reports to the Strategic Director for Resources. The functions of the Deputy Director Finance and Corporate Services in relation to the Barham Park Trust are now carried out by one of the Heads of Finance, who report to the Chief Finance Officer.

- 3.3 The requirement for the Operational Director Environment Services to consult with the Head of Property and a Head of Finance in respect of all day to day Trust matters is considered both unnecessary and unduly inflexible. Practical experience suggests that a more appropriate arrangement would be to delegate all day to day trustee functions and decision making of the Barham Park Trust simply to the Operational Director Environment Services. The Operational Director Environment Services will then take advice on property, financial, legal etc. matters as and when it is appropriate to do so either generally in accordance with the Council's constitutional arrangements and/or specifically having regard to the Council's obligations as a charitable trustee.
- 3.4 This report proposes no changes to the responsibilities and terms of reference of the Barham Park Trust Committee which are set out in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 These are set out in the body of the report.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1 There are no diversity implications.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

- 7.1 There are no staffing or accommodation implications.

Background Papers

None.

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