	Barham Park Trust Committee 12 April 2017 **Report from Strategic Director Regeneration & Environment**
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Update on Operational Issues Relating to Barham Park

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report presents a summary of the latest operational issues relating to Barham Park.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Barham Park Trust Committee note these issues.

3.0 Operational Issues

3.1 Barham Park remains regularly patrolled by Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

3.2 The SNT report that general anti-social behaviour within the park has been curtailed by these regular patrols, and that these have particularly helped remove a small group of street drinkers that had begun to frequent the park.

3.3 A strong message has been issued with respect to the street drinking problem in general through the recent 'can marking scheme' implemented by the SNT team.

3.4 There was a recent report of a 'rough sleeper' in the park. The local PCSO made contact with the individual and undertook a welfare check, making a further referral to the council and its homelessness charity partner.

3.5 The Parks Team are currently sourcing new plant stock to fill gaps throughout the perennial beds.

3.6 Areas of dense foliage within the park have been opened up. This will help to prevent anti-social behaviour and give sight lines for safety.

3.7   The grass area used for events is currently being repaired. This includes the application of verti-drain to help with drainage, the reinstatement of worn areas and the levelling off of sunken areas using soil and seed.

3.8   Improvements to the play area will be undertaken by June before school summer holidays.

4.0   Financial Implications

4.1   There are no financial implications.

5.0   Legal Implications

5.1   There are no legal implications.

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