



**Barham Park Trust Committee
18 July 2017**

**Report from Strategic Director
Regeneration and Environment.**

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 Officers have created a job description for the proposed Projects Officer post and that will now be taken forward for recruitment as part of a wider reorganisation of the council's Environmental Services directorate.

3.2 The vandalism that was reported to the last meeting has been subject to a temporary repair in advance of more permanent reinstatement.

3.3 Work is underway to replace the ice cream vendor for the site. The previous vendor has moved on.

3.4 The Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have confirmed that the park has not raised many issues in the period since the last Trust meeting.

3.5 However, they have provided a 12 month picture that shows there has been 11 reported crimes in the park in that period. On the whole, these were minor assaults but also included one rape, one robbery, one outraging of public decency and one possession of an offensive weapon.

3.6 During that time, two stop and searches were undertaken, one in relation to the misuse of drugs and one for the possession of offensive weapons.

- 3.7 With respect to antisocial behaviour, the SNT have received two reports of homeless males sleeping in the park, and one concern raised regarding the position of the outdoor gym and its view of the children's playing area.
- 3.8 There were 12 calls for police attendance; these being in relation to firework ASB, missing children in the park, found property, a small fire and a hoax call.
- 3.9 The SNT wish to comment that street drinking has seen a reduction in the park.
- 3.10 They also wish to confirm that the park continues to be patrolled on a daily basis.

Property Update

- 3.11 Barham Park Card room (Unit 1) – Tamu Samaj have signed the lease and completion can take place after the S123 Public Open Space notice expired on 5 July 2017 and allowing a further two weeks to deal with any responses to the notice. A tenancy at will has been entered to allow early access by Tamu Samaj from the 30 June 2017.
- 3.12 Barham Park Veterans (Unit 2, Snooker room). The Veterans solicitor has fully agreed all the lease and again completion will take place on expiry of the S123 Public Open Space notice, which will be the same date as for Unit 1. Some relatively minor works detail have taken place to the building envelope around Unit 2 relating to a leaking flat roof.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 The proposals in this report have been reviewed and found to have a neutral impact on equality in relation to all of the protected characteristics.

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