

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 13 NOVEMBER 2019

Report title: Events Scrutiny Commission: Draft Report

Wards: All

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture: Councillor Sonia Winifred

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Report summary

This report presents the draft report of the Events Scrutiny Commission and seeks formal sign off from the committee prior to its presentation to Cabinet, scheduled for 13 January 2020.

Finance summary

There are no capital or revenue implications arising as a direct result of this report

Recommendations

1. To approve the Events Scrutiny Commission report (attached at Appendix 1) for presentation to Cabinet, subject to any comments from Members

1. CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Events Scrutiny Commission was established in autumn 2018 following the submission of a proposal by Councillor Mary Atkins, who chaired the commission. This was approved by the Overview & Scrutiny Chair and Vice Chairs soon after, whereupon three more Members – Councillors Nigel Haselden, Philip Normal and Becca Thackray – were appointed.
- 1.2 The commission's key aims were to consider the context of major commercial events in parks and open spaces, investigate the community benefits that are, or could be, delivered via such events held in the borough, and explore how these can be maximised and made more inclusive.
- 1.3 The commission held seven meetings over an eight-month period. This began with a briefing with officers and the Cabinet Member to explore the plans for a refresh of the Council's Events Strategy, how the benefits realisation process worked currently and how the commission could best add value. Members then went on to consider a range of research evidence including regional and national reports on parks and events, as well as information from officers on the events held in Lambeth since the introduction of the current Events Strategy in 2016, before planning and staging a consultation session to which a variety of key external stakeholders were invited to give their views on current procedures and potential improvements. Finally, the commission met to draw together the evidence received and consider its findings.
- 1.4 Throughout the process Members aimed to provide scrutiny and challenge while also influencing the direction of policy development by working collaboratively with officers. The commission wishes to put on record its gratitude to the officers involved, as well as the Cabinet Member, whose time, expertise and constructive engagement were crucial to the outputs described.
- 1.5 In response to the evidence gathered, the commission has formulated a set of recommendations. These are included in the appropriate sections of the main body of the report and are also compiled at the outset, for ease of reference.

2. PROPOSAL AND REASONS

- 2.1 It is proposed that the committee approves the commission report for presentation to Cabinet on 13 January 2020, subject to any comments from Members.
- 2.2 Officers are in the process of preparing an action plan to accompany the commission report, responding to the recommendations therein. Cabinet will be asked to approve the action plan at the same meeting.
- 2.3 Following agreement of the action plan at Cabinet, two further updates will be programmed into the Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme to enable the committee to assess progress against the recommendations.

3. FINANCE

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report; however, the final report of the commission, when reported to Cabinet, will have an action plan attached providing the departmental response to the recommendations made, and this is likely to need more detailed consideration as to the financial impact.

4. LEGAL AND DEMOCRACY

- 4.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report. Separate legal clearance will be sought in relation to the commission's final report to Cabinet.

4.2 The final report of the commission has already been entered onto the Forward Plan, meaning the mandatory 28 days' notice has been given.

5. CONSULTATION AND CO-PRODUCTION

5.1 The commission held a stakeholder consultation event in April 2019 which around 40 people attended. Invitees were selected by commission members, using their knowledge of the communities and organisations in the borough likely to have an interest in this area, and sought to ensure a variety of viewpoints were reflected. The outputs from this consultation were crucial in shaping the commission's recommendations.

5.2 Further detail regarding this consultation are contained within the Commission report (Appendix 1), in particular at paragraphs 2.15 to 2.17.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 None specifically for this report.

7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 No Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) is needed specifically for this report to OSC, though it is expected one will be produced to accompany the Cabinet report. It is worth noting, however, that among the Commission's key aims is to ensure benefits derived from major events held in Lambeth are made more inclusive and this is reflected in the recommendations made. It is expected therefore that the impact on groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act will be positive.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

8.1 In seeking to broaden cultural, wellbeing and employment opportunities, the commission hopes to have a positive effect in this area.

9. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental

9.1 See section 5 of the Commission report ('Reducing Environmental Impacts').

Staffing and accommodation

9.2 N/A

Procurement

9.3 N/A

Health

9.4 It enacted, the Commission's recommendations would have a positive impact on health and wellbeing overall by widening cultural opportunities (recommendations 6 and 11) and improving accessibility to parks and open spaces (recommendation 10).

10. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

10.1 The expected timetable is as follows:

13 November 2019	Final commission report presented to OSC
13 January 2020	Commission report and recommendations to be presented to Cabinet for consideration and response
Late 2020	First update report to OSC on progress against recommendations
Late 2021	Second update report to OSC on progress against recommendations

AUDIT TRAIL

Consultation

Name/Position	Lambeth directorate / department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in paragraph:
Councillor Mary Atkins	Commission Chair	04.10.19	07.10.19	
Councillor Nigel Haselden	Commission Member	07.10.19	17.10.19	
Councillor Philip Normal	Commission Member	07.10.19		
Councillor Becca Thackray	Commission Member	07.10.19	11.10.19	
Councillor Liz Atkins	Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee	17.10.19		
Councillor Sonia Winifred	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture	17.10.19	28.10.19	
Bayo Dosunmu, Strategic Director	Resident Services	17.10.19		
Raj Mistry, Director of Environment	Resident Services	17.10.19		
Kevin Crook, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	Resident Services	17.10.19	30.10.19	
Paul Bates, Director	Strategy & Communication	17.10.19	28.10.19	
Alison McKane, Director	Legal & Governance	17.10.19		
Nisar Visram, Assistant Director, Corporate Finance	Finance & Investment	17.10.19	01.11.10	Finance summary & 3.1
Jean Marc Moccarme, Legal Services	Legal & Governance	17.10.19	01.11.19	4.1
Wayne Chandai, Democratic Services	Legal & Governance	17.10.19	24.10.19	

REPORT HISTORY

Original discussion with Cabinet Member	07.11.18
Report deadline	31.10.19
Date final report sent	05.11.19
Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?	No
Key decision report	No
Date first appeared on forward plan	14.10.19
Key decision reasons	N/A
Background information	See Commission report (Appendix 1) for full list of background documents
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Events Scrutiny Commission Draft Report