

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 02 FEBRUARY 2022

**Report title:** Events Scrutiny Commission Action Plan Update

**Wards:** All

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

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### Report summary

This report presents the second and final action plan update in relation to the Events Scrutiny Commission, which reported to Cabinet in January 2020.

### Finance summary

There are no financial implications arising from this report apart from possible costs relating to the Commission's Recommendation 5, 'Impact Assessments' which will need to be externally commissioned and the cost will vary depending on final specification and market testing. Any costs will be met from within existing resources within the Events Operations budget.

### Recommendations

- (1) That the Committee notes the update on progress against the commission's recommendations (Appendix 1).

## **1. CONTEXT**

- 1.1 In October 2019 Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations from the Events Scrutiny Commission. The Commission was proposed and chaired by Cllr Mary Atkins, with members Cllrs Nigel Haselden, Philip Normal and Becca Thackray. 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.
- 1.2 The Commission's report, along with an action plan to support implementation of the 16 recommendations, was agreed by Cabinet in January 2020. An update on the implementation of the recommendations was received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2020.
- 1.3 This report provides a further progress update on the recommendations in the Commission's report. This will be the second and final formal update to the committee in accordance with constitutional requirements.

## **2. PROPOSAL AND REASONS**

- 2.1 The Commission's report contained a wide range of recommendations relating to the impacts and benefits of hosting major commercial events within the borough.
- 2.2 There has been progress in creating the structures to implement many of the recommendations. However, restrictions arising from Covid-19 prevented large commercial events from operating during 2020 and the first half of 2021. The planned contract with Live Nation for Clapham Common has had to be postponed until 2022 as a result of uncertainty caused by Covid-19.
- 2.3 Progress against the 16 recommendations is set out in the Action Plan included as Appendix 1.

## **3. FINANCE**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this update report apart from the possible costs of the impact assessments forming Recommendation 5 which will need to be commissioned externally. The cost of these is estimated at a few thousand pounds for each assessment, with the exact cost dependent on the final specification and subject to market testing. The cost will be met from existing resources within the Events Operations budget. The number required each year will depend largely on how the tender on Clapham Common is treated. Assuming one impact assessment for the tender events, then approximately three assessments will be needed each year.

## **4. LEGAL AND DEMOCRACY**

- 4.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council in the exercise of its functions to have due regard to the need to:
  - eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other form of conduct prohibited under the act; and,
  - to advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, and sexual orientation) and persons who do not share it.
- 4.2 Having regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- take steps to meet the needs of the persons who share that characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it; and,
- encourage persons of the relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

4.3 The Equality Duty must be complied with before and at the time that a particular policy is under consideration or decision is taken – that is, in the development of policy options, and in making a final decision. A public body cannot satisfy the Equality Duty by justifying a decision after it has been taken.

4.4 There are no further comments from Democratic Services.

## 5. CONSULTATION AND CO-PRODUCTION

5.1 This is an update report following previous consultation during the scrutiny commission.

## 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 Covid-19 continues to present a potential risk to large commercial events, although there are no restrictions in place at the time of writing. Realising the benefits from commercial events is also dependent on securing planning consent, licensing, overcoming public objections; and for our commons, securing Secretary of State consent for structures. Robust processes are in place to apply for and secure these requirements.

## 7. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed for this update report.

## 8. COMMUNITY SAFETY

8.1 No implications from this update report.

## 9. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

### Environmental

9.1 No implications from this update report.

### Staffing and accommodation

9.2 No implications.

### Procurement

9.3 No implications from this update report.

### Health

9.4 No implications from this update report.

## 10. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

10.1 The timetable is as follows:

13 January 2020	Commission report, recommendations and action plan presented to Cabinet for consideration/approval
23 September 2020	First update report to OSC on progress against recommendations
2 February 2022	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 Sonia Winifred	Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture	18.01.22		
Bayo Dosunmu, Strategic Director	Resident Services	18.01.22	20.01.22	Cleared
Venetia Reid-Baptiste, Director	Resident Services	06.01.22	07.01.22	
Andrew Ramsden, Finance	Finance and Investment	18.01.22	20.01.22	3
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Legal and Governance	18.01.22	20.01.22	4
Maria Burton, Democratic Services	Legal and Governance	06.01.22	11.01.22	4

## REPORT HISTORY

<b>Original discussion with Cabinet Member</b>	05.01.22
<b>Report deadline</b>	20.01.22
<b>Date final report sent</b>	20.01.22
<b>Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?</b>	No
<b>Key decision report</b>	No
<b>Date first appeared on forward plan</b>	N/A
<b>Key decision reasons</b>	Not applicable
<b>Background information</b>	<a href="#">Overview and Scrutiny Committee 13 November 2019, item 5: Events Scrutiny Commission: draft report</a> <a href="#">Cabinet 13 January 2020 item 3: Events Scrutiny Commission</a> <a href="#">Overview and Scrutiny Committee 23 September 2020 item 6: Events Strategy Commission Update</a> <a href="#">Lambeth Events Strategy</a>
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1: Events Scrutiny Commission Action Plan Update (January 2022)