

## ITEM 6

### Administration and Management Report

#### 1. Public Space Protection Orders: Consultation Update

- 1.1 At the last meeting the Board was advised that Merton Council was consulting on dog control Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). The consultation ran until the end of October.
- 1.2 In total the Council received 1250 responses, 77 percent of these were from Merton post codes.
- 1.3 The majority of respondents stated that at any one time they walked one or two dogs. However 51 respondents walked three or four dogs, 58 between five and eight and two people walked 10 and 20 dogs respectively.
- 1.4 With regard to the proposed restrictions, the responses were as follows:
  - 1.4.1 Prohibition of dog fouling: ensuring owners and walkers clear up after their dogs. 97 percent agreed with this proposal.
  - 1.4.2 Dog exclusion areas: such as playground and enclosed/fenced play or sports areas. 87 percent agreed with this proposal.
  - 1.4.3 Dogs must be put on a lead in public open spaces when directed to do so by an authorised officer: 77 percent agreed with this proposal.
  - 1.4.4 The maximum number of dogs that can be walked by one person in all public open spaces at any one time is four: 70 percent agreed with this proposal.
- 1.5 Merton's Council's Cabinet will consider a report on the PSPO consultation in the near future.

#### 2. Filming on the Common

- 2.1 During the evening of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October and the early morning of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, a film unit used the Fairsite as an operational base for filming on the Common and Watneys Road.

- 2.2 The production unit was licenced by Merton Film Office in liaison with the Manager. The fee to the Conservators for this concession was £1000.00
- 2.3 On the dates in question Monty Hammond Ltd was running a fair on the Fairsite and its use as a base for the film production team did cause some inconvenience for the Fair Manager. Nevertheless they were happy to co-operate.

### **3. Advertising Boards on the Common.**

- 3.1 In response to a request from Monty Hammond, the Chair has agreed to allow him to post temporary advertising boards on the parcel of commonland opposite the former Goat Public House. The boards advertise a winter event in a Croydon park.

### **4. Management Plan: Quarterly Work Programme**

- 4.1 The programme covering the period January – March 2018 will shortly be posted on the website.

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