

Briefing Paper to Riverside Area Committee

Wards: All

12 January 2022

Subject: Pickering Park Update

Briefing Paper of the Assistant Director Streetscene

1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary

1.1 To update members on issues in Pickering Park to include:

- the progress of works on the aviary;
- installation of the jetty;
- the progress to remove the giant hogweed from the central island;
- the aeration of the lake, and
- further statistics around the use of the land train to date in order to establish its appeal and how well used it has been during the summer months.

2. Background

2.1 Hull Culture and Leisure are responsible for the day-to-day management of Pickering Park which includes the procurement and management of onsite public attractions. Hull Culture and Leisure have a park ranger based on the site.

2.2 Grounds maintenance within Pickering Park is the responsibility of Streetscene.

3. Aviary Update

3.1 Work continues to prepare the enclosures and off-show facilities ahead of a zoo licence inspection which is scheduled for February 2021.

3.2 The arrangements for a formal opening of the facility will be confirmed based upon the advice received from the veterinary experts involved in the licensing process.

4. Installation of the Jetty

- 4.1 Construction of the jetty is now completed and is currently moored off the island in the lake (see figure 1).



Figure 1 Jetty moored off island

- 4.2 The remainder of the jetty including the landside handrail is modular allowing for it to be assembled as required. These items are currently being stored on site.
- 4.3 The jetty is programmed to be fully functional from Easter 2022 through to October 2022.

5. Treatment of Giant Hogweed

- 5.1 The outcrop of Giant Hogweed on the island in the lake is programmed to be treated in early spring just as the plant emerges from its dormant period.
- 5.2 This will involve a targeted application of glyphosate to ensure that no neighbouring vegetation is affected.

6. Aeration of the Lake

- 6.1 The existing aerators in the lake are positioned within the proximity of the route of any proposed boating activity.
- 6.2 These aerators are regularly serviced and operate throughout the year.
- 6.3 Levels of oxygen are monitored on a regular basis and costs for the supply and installation of additional aerators are currently being obtained should they be required.

7. Land Train Initial Usage Feedback

- 7.1 Initial feedback from Hull Culture and Leisure was extremely positive regarding the addition of a land train within the park.
- 7.2 Demand for the facility remained high throughout its period of operation partly due to the fact that initial sessions held free of charge for the public.
- 7.3 The future operation of both the land train and pedalos on the lake are being procured and managed by Hull Culture and Leisure.

8. Lakeside path

- 8.1 Works to improve the path along the eastern side of the lake have been procured and will commence in the spring once ground conditions allow.
- 8.2 This will allow access for all abilities around the lake.

9. Next Steps

- 9.1 The condition of the lake will continue to be monitored to ensure oxygen levels remain stable.
- 9.2 The Council will continue to work with Hull Culture and Leisure to protect, promote and enhance this very important amenity and environmental asset that is Pickering Park.

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