

<b>Committee/Meeting:</b> King George's Fields Charity Board	<b>Date:</b> 8 March 2012	<b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted	<b>Report No:</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Corporate Director, Communities, Localities & Culture  Originating officer: Stephen Adams		<b>Title:</b> King George's Fields Charitable Trust Annual Accounts, 2010/2011  Wards Affected: All Wards	

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of the annual accounts of the King George's Field Mile End and King George's Field Tredegar Square charities for the 2010/2011 financial year. It also contains information in respect of various questions that the members of this Board raised about the annual reports at their previous meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011.

## 2. DECISIONS REQUIRED

King George's Fields Charity Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the explanations of the composition of the various figures in the annual accounts for King George's Field, Mile End, as set out in paragraph 3.3 of this report, and in Appendices 3 to 7.
- 2.2 Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field, Mile End Charity (registered number 1077859) for the 2010/2011 financial year set out at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 Agree the annual report and accounts for the King George's Field Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999) for the 2010/2011 financial year set out at Appendix 2.
- 2.4 Authorise the mayor to sign the annual reports and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission.

## 3. BODY OF REPORT

- 3.1 At their previous meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the members of the Board raised various questions about some of the figures that were included in the annual report for King George's Field, Mile End. They agreed that the annual reports and accounts be deferred pending further information.

3.2 The accounts relate to the King George's Field, Mile End charity (registered number 1077859) (which includes Stepney Green and Whitehorse Road Open Space) and King George's Field Tredegar Square charity (registered number 1088999). From the accounts attached in the appendices, the Board will see that King George's Field Mile End produced a balanced position, and that King George's Field Tredegar Square achieved a balanced position. However, the Board will note that the General Fund contribution to King George's Field, Mile End fell from £427,696 in 2009/2010 to £365,840 in 2010/2011. This was principally due to the increase in Sponsorship & Donations, to £78,970, of which £50,000 related to the provision of the skateboard facility in Mile End Park. Other sources of income showed smaller variations.

3.3 The questions that the members of the Board raised were as follows, in respect of King George's Field, Mile End:

Other Income. The amounts shown in the report were £57,333 (2009/10) and £56,653 (2010/11). The composition of these amounts is shown in Appendix 3 to this report.

Other Services. The amounts shown in the report were £118,413 (2009/10) and £120,070 (2010/11). The composition of these amounts is shown in Appendix 4 to this report.

Cultural Services & Public Realm Revenue Contributions. The amounts shown in the report were £427,696 (2009/10) and £365,840 (2010/11). In both years there was a contribution of £250,000 from the Parks & Open Spaces revenue account towards the costs of Mile End Park. This left a balance of £177,696 (2009/10) and £115,840 (2010/11). As General Fund services, the net expenditure on Mile end Park, Belgrave Open Space, Whitehorse Road, Stepney Green, and the apportioned costs of the Community Ranger staff for the latter three open spaces is met from the General Fund. The composition of the amounts of £177,696 and £115,840 is shown in Appendix 5 to this report.

Other Rentals. The amounts shown in the report were £279,785 (2009/10) and £297,941 (2010/11). The composition of these amounts is shown in Appendix 6 to this report. The Board will note that the amounts are net of increases in the Provision for Bad Debts. In accordance with the Council's policy, all debts that are outstanding for more than six months at the time of the closure of the accounts, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, are regarded as potentially bad debts, and provision is made for their non-payment. The Appendix also shows the 2011/12 projected income for each address, but Members should note that this is before any increase in the Provision for Bad Debts, which is dependent on the payments which are received before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012, and the debtors' invoices which are outstanding at that time.

Other Lettings. The amounts shown in the report were £30,835(2009/10), and £35,326 (2010/11). This income is raised by the Director Of Mile End Park, through the letting of facilities in the Park, principally the Arts Pavilion and the

Ecology Pavilion. Income is received from a wide variety of individuals and organisations, and by a variety of means (cash and cheques, credit/debit cards, and the issuing of invoices). While there are some regular lets, most are one-offs.

Incoming Resources. The amounts shown in the report were £846,882 (2009/10) and £923,205 (2010/11). These amounts are the totals of the income received in these two financial years. They are the totals of Railway Arch Rentals, Other Rentals, Other Lettings, Sponsorship & Donations, Multi-Pitch Income and the Cultural Services & Public Realm Revenue Contributions.

Repairs And Maintenance. The amounts shown in the report were £258,248 (2009/10) and £333,902 (2010/11). The composition of these amounts is shown in Appendix 7 with a breakdown of the amount spent in each Park or Open Space, over broad groups of expenditure.

Resources Expended. The amounts shown in the report were £873,848 (2009/10) and £923,205 (2010/11). These amounts are the totals of the expenditure incurred in these two financial years. They are the totals of Salaries, Employee-Related Expenditure, Repairs & Maintenance, Energy & Water, Other Services, Communications, Stock & Equipment, Fees & Insurance, and Advertising & Publicity.

3.4 The 2010/11 outturn position for King George's Field Mile End is a breakeven position. King George's Field Tredegar Square also recorded a breakeven position. To comply with the Charity Commission's requirements, the Board are asked to note and endorse these accounts, and agree their submission to the Charity Commission, in compliance with statutory requirements.

#### **4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

4.1 The comments of the Chief Financial Officer have been incorporated into this report.

#### **5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)**

5.1 The Council is the Trustee of the Mile End Charity pursuant to the Governing Document which is a scheme dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2000. The Council's constitution establishes the King George's Fields Charity Board to administer the Charity's affairs and discharge the Council's trustee functions.

5.2 The trustees have a duty to keep the accounting records and must prepare a statement of accounts in respect of each financial year. The attached statements of accounts comply with the requirements of the

Charities Act 1993 and the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

**6. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT**

6.1 There are no direct sustainability implications in this report.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Managing financial risk is of critical importance to the Directorate and maintaining financial health is essential to sustaining and improving service performance. Specific risks are project managed, recorded and progress is monitored through the directorate risk register process.

**8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no direct crime and disorder reduction implications in the report.

**9. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

9.1 Efficiency improvements inform the ethos of the Mile End Park Annual Management Plan and the running of the other parks and open spaces that form part of King George's Fields.

**10. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Annual Report and Accounts, King George's Field Mile End charity

Appendix 2 - Annual Report and Accounts, King George's Field Tredegar Square charity

Appendix 3 - Other Income

Appendix 4 - Other Services Expenditure

Appendix 5 – Cultural Services & Public Realm Revenue Contributions

Appendix 6 – Other Rentals

Appendix 7 – Repairs And Maintenance

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