


<p>King Georges Fields Trust Board Meeting</p> <p>27th February</p>	
Report of: Debbie Jones. Children and Cultural Services	Classification: Unrestricted
Annual report and accounts for 2017-18	

Lead Member	Councillor Amina Ali, Cabinet Member for Culture Arts and Brexit
Originating Officer(s)	Stephen Murray. Head of Arts parks and Events
Wards affected	All Wards
Key Decision?	No
Forward Plan Notice Published	
Reason for Key Decision	
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the annual report and accounts of the King Georges Field Trust Mile End and King Georges Fields Trust Tredegar Square Charities for the 2017/2018 financial year.

Recommendations:

The Board is recommended to:

1. Agree the annual report and accounts of the King Georges Fields Trust Mile End (Charity registration 1077859) for the 2017/2018 financial year set out in Appendix 1.
2. Agree the annual report and Accounts for the King Georges Fields Trust, Tredegar Square (charity number 1088999) for the financial year 2017/2018 set out in Appendix 2 .
3. Subject to approval of 1 and 2 above, and the Council's accounts for 2017/2018 being signed off, authorise the Trust to sign the 2017/2018 annual reports and accounts for submission to the Charity Commission by 28th February 2019.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The King Georges Fields charity is registered with the Charity Commission as King Georges Field, Mile End Charity, registered number 1077859.
- 1.2 The Council is the trustee of the charity and the council is the freehold owner of the land which is subject to this report.
- 1.3 The King Georges Fields Charity Board (the Board) is established by section 3.3.12 of the Council's Constitution, which gives the Board the following functions:
 - 3.2.1 To administer the affairs of the King Georges Fields Charity and discharge all the duties of the Council a sole trustee of the Charity
 - 3.2.2 To administer the affairs and discharge the duties of trustee of such other charities controlled by the Council as the Cabinet might authorise by resolution

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 There are no other options

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The annual report provides details of activities undertaken throughout 2017/18 financial year as set out in appendix 1. This will form the annual trustees report as part of the submission to the Charity Commission.
- 3.2 The report and accounts relate to the King Georges Field, Mile End Charity (registered number 1077859) which includes Stepney Green and Whitehorse Road open space and King Georges Field, Tredegar Square Charity (registered number 1088999). From the accounts attached in the appendices, the board will see that the King Georges Field, Mile End produced a surplus of £35,000 and that King Georges Field Tredegar Square produced a deficit of £1,363. The reserve now stands at £204,000.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Mile End Park is an important community asset that is open to all. As the population of the borough increases it, along with other parks, becomes increasingly important as a facility to support healthy living and community activity that helps promote community cohesion.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. Examples of other implications may be:
 - Best Value Implications,
 - Consultations,

- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 Appendices 1 and 2 (attached) detail the 2017/18 financial accounts for King Georges Field Trust. The Trust has 2 sites to be reported on. Mile End (Appendix 1) produced a surplus of £36,000 and Tredegar Square (Appendix 2) had a deficit of £1,363. The reserve for the trust currently stands at £204,000. There are no other financial implications to be considered.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 The Council is the Trustee of the Mile End Charity pursuant to the Governing Document which is a Scheme dated 28th February, 2000. The Council is also the Trustee for Tredegar Square with the Trust deeds. The Council's constitution establishes the King George's Fields Charity Board to administer the charities affairs and discharge the Council's trustee functions.
- 7.2 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 are required to comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice- Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015, and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- List any linked reports
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- State NONE if none.

Appendices

1. Summary of activities and financial accounts for 2017/18 (April to March) for Mile End Charity registration 1077859
2. Accounts for financial year 2017/18 for Tredegar Square Charity registration 1088999

Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

None

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Activities for the financial year 2017/2018

1. During 2017/18 the Parks and Open Spaces team delivered a range of activities within Mile End Park

1.1 Arts Park

- Redesigning and restocking of Arts Park beds at the front and rear of the Arts Pavilion, in particular perennial plants to reduce maintenance and regular watering.
- Work in Partnership with the London in Bloom to host the 50th Anniversary of the London in Bloom Awards in the Arts Pavilion
- Design, develop and install picnic benches in the rear of the Arts Pavilion
- Increase storage for the Arts Pavilion, by identifying suitable external location and installing a container.

1.2 Ecology Park

- Bulb planting of 100 meters naturalised bulbs
- Distribution of 100 tonnes of wood chips throughout the various woodland walk areas with corporate groups.
- Completed the Second phase of the central reservation gapping across the Ecology park.

1.3 Play Park

- 87 regular stay and play actives were delivered with a total attendance of 4,674
- 20 activity sessions were delivered with a total attendance of 2,717
- 7 community events the events included; Park Life: Community Fair & Dog Show, Alexia Memorial Event, Water Festival, Cardboard City, A day by the seaside, Teenie Halloweenie

1.4 Volunteers .We delivered 24 corporate volunteering sessions and worked with 1,456 volunteers.

Volunteers carried out tasks such as

- Management of aquatic planting in the Ecology and Arts lakes, with a particular focus on reed reduction.
- Carried out maintenance to all the natural hedges though out the park
- Created crushed concrete paths though our native food land walks
- Handed weed our native meadow areas
- Painted all the park railings
- Distributed over 10 tons of wood chip that was spread across all the scrub beds around the park.
- Built 20 picnic benches that were distributed across the park.

1.5 Improvement works carried out for Mile End Park included the installation of electronic door entry systems to all 3 pavilions and upgraded the CCTV system to allow viewing of the ecology and arts pavilion at the main office in Locksley street.

1.6 Summary numbers taking part in events and workshops.

Total Individuals benefiting/taking part	4,674	2,717	4,030	1,456
No Events and workshops	87	20	7	24
	Stay and Play	MEP Activity	Events MEP	Corp Vols

2. Pavilions hire and activity.

2.1 This is a summary of invoiced income for the pavilions. This is income taken against bookings for 2017/18 financial year and some income may show up in the following financial year. There are staffing and security costs attached to bookings which are shown below. There will also be repairs and maintenance and heat and light costs which are covered by income but not shown here.

	2016/17	2017/18
Both Pavilions Invoiced Income	£252,059	£258,300
Staff costs	£47,550	£32,527
Security costs	£13,360	£8,830
Balance surplus	£191,149	£216,943

2.2 Summary of Pavilions usage. Note we hold more exhibitions at the Arts Pavilion than the Eco Pavilion and this explains the difference in free to access days for the public. There are also times when we don't take bookings in order to carry out repairs and an annual repainting.

Pavilions (no of days)	2016/17	2017/18
Arts Occupied	280	264
Arts Unoccupied	76	101
Open to the Public / free activity	151	143

Eco Occupied	186	185
Eco Unoccupied	166	209
Open to the public / free activity	36	27