

<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Review of lighting at Grenfell Park
<b>Reason for briefing note:</b>	Update and summary on progress for the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel following referral to the Grenfell Park User Group
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## UPDATE SUMMARY

This agenda item provides a progress update to the Panel on the earlier item that came to Panel as a request from a resident as a matter for the Panel to consider.

At the meeting held on 28 January 2020 under the review of the Work Programme an item headed ‘Review of lighting at Grenfell Park’, was considered. It was Resolved Unanimously that item to be considered in further detail by the Grenfell Park User Group first and then to come back to a future Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as part of the ongoing work programme.

The Grenfell Park User Group has been in in place for many years. (it was first formed back in 2011 as it was a requirement for the park to have an active user group as Grenfell Park had been entered into the National Green Flag Competition).

Councillor Bhangra, who is a Panel Member is also a member of the User Group, agreed he would ask for the topic to be placed on the agenda for the User Group.

A User Group meeting was held on 03 March 2020 where the topic was considered and it was agreed that the lighting on the central footpath is improvement and that additional lighting/tree work requirements in the park could be assessed when the tree cover was fully grown. The User Group also suggested that motion sensing lighting should be investigated for the dark car park area.

Subsequently, the Parks and Countryside Access Officer (Jacqui Wheeler) has held site meetings to review options. This has included meeting with a Tree Officer to consider a basic assessment of the current tree cover, in relation to the impact on the lighting levels in the park. This site visit and assessment followed up on the last more detailed tree site survey undertaken in 2018. (Comprehensive tree site surveys in parks are programmed to be refreshed every five years).

The outcomes from the more recent site reviews were as follows:

- Minor works to ordered by Tree Team to remove tree cover which is interfering with the 45° angle of light from the existing light columns on the central path. Tree team will also order works to remove a hanging branch from the large lime tree in the north eastern corner of the park.
- The tree coverage on the peripheral paths is overhanging the paths quite substantially and it is agreed that either Tivoli or volunteers are utilised to remove these lower branches and thereby improve the light levels.

- A large Beech tree in the south western corner of the park was identified as being a high risk due to rot all the way through. The Tree Officer was therefore to arrange immediate felling of this tree.
- Basal growth of the horse chestnut trees along the lower western peripheral path needs to be removed completely. Tivoli will be asked to undertake this work as it is included in the GM contract.

In addition to the tree survey activity, the Parks and Countryside Access Officer has also investigated the options to provide lighting in the car park at the south east corner of the Park, with the Lighting Contract Commissioner from the Highways team. The advice provided is that motion sensitive lights would not be a viable option, as this sort of reactive lighting can cause issues with lights coming on and going off and then coming back on, as easily triggered by wildlife. However as an alternative the Zeta engineer has been asked to prepare a design for the car park of normal light columns fed from the nearest street light column. (This is likely to involve 2 columns into the soft ground around the edge of the parking area, and trenching for the feed). The cost will depend on the final type of lanterns are chosen, heritage or standard LED, but was estimated as in the region of £4K. A final price is awaited.