

OUTSIDE BODY – ANNUAL UPDATE

Outside Body:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

Purpose:

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority runs award winning open spaces and sports venues along the 26 mile long, 10,000 acre park. The park was created by a unique Act of Parliament as a “green lung” for London, Essex and Hertfordshire. Its approach is to be community focused and commercially driven, to work with partners to produce a unique combination of activities, sights and experiences.

East Herts Council Representative(s):

Cllr Rutland-Barsby, Cllr Wyllie

Update:

Being a new representative for EHC it has been an interesting learning experience. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the first meeting in July 2021 but have attended the other full Authority meetings and those of the Audit Committee.

As a member of the Audit Committee I have also attended a Workshop on Risk Management

I have also been present on two tours arranged for members, one covering the north end of the Park, some of which lies within East Herts, the other covering the south, right down to Bow Creek and the East India Dock with the ‘green fingers’ provided by the Park in this very built up urban and industrial area, this tour also covered the Olympic Park and the LVRPA assets within it, such as the Velodrome, the Hockey Centre etc.

A major development this year has been the demolition of the Ice Rink and the commencement of the replacement build of two Olympic sized rinks. It is interesting to note that it has been possible to recycle 95% of the concrete and former building components.

Another extremely important LVRPA activity this year has been the preparation for and the transfer of the management of the six sports venues within the park from 1st April 2022 under contract to Greenwich Leisure Ltd. At the time of writing this report the CEO has messaged members informing us that the transfer is going forward smoothly

The Authority met 4 times in the year with various committees including Audit, Overview and Scrutiny and Regeneration and Planning

The Authority enters the coming financial year with a cautious financial approach. Through prudent and efficient financial management the Authority was in a strong position ahead of the lockdown that impacted the current financial year.

The Authority agreed a flat Levy for 2022 / 2023 ensuring a 0% increase on last year

Update provided by: Cllr Suzanne Rutland- Barsby/ Cllr J Wyllie

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