

Strategic and Operations Planning and Management

Preamble

Bath Recreation Ground Trust became incorporated on 2 January 2018 and is now Bath Recreation Limited.

The current Directors/Trustees were appointed in 2013 with the remit to establish the Trust as an independent body. Following a complex legal process a final Scheme was issued by the lower tier tribunal in December 2016 which gave clarity of the objects and powers of the Trust (these are now the objects of the incorporated Charity).

With the Scheme as the guide the Directors/Trustees have developed a vision and strategic plan which they feel make best use of the assets and opportunities available to deliver our charitable objects.

As well as nine Directors/Trustees, who provide the Strategic management and direction, we have 4 members of permanent staff; a Chief Executive, Office Manager, Grounds Manager and Sports Development Manager. The staff team prepare and deliver an Operations Plan and provide the public contact with our stakeholders, tenants and users.

Objects

The provision, with or without charge, of property in or near Bath (including, but not limited to, the Bath Recreation Ground) for use as outdoor recreation facilities for the benefit of the public.

Vision – June 2017 to June 2022

To provide a broad range of recreational and sporting facilities, on the Rec and beyond, that can best fulfil our charitable objects.

Strategic Goals:

1. Provide and maintain enhanced outdoor recreational and sporting facilities adjacent to the Sports and Leisure centre.
2. Maintain and improve where prudent revenue streams from the Charitable Company's assets.
3. Use best endeavours to identify demand for recreational and sporting facilities in or near Bath and meet those needs when deemed prudent and possible to do so. This may include:
 - a. Identifying existing grounds for enhancing recreational and sporting uses.
 - b. Identifying ground with potential for recreational and sporting uses.
 - c. Consideration of vulnerable recreational and sporting facilities for intervention and support.
4. Promote attempts to ensure that all facilities have the opportunity for Community Use.
5. Create financial reserves and current cash flow to enable the above.

Operations Plan

The Strategic Plan will be delivered through an operations plan and budget which will be approved by the Board annually and implemented by the Chief Executive and staff.

The plan for the financial year 2017/18* is well underway and is largely focused on managing the relationship with our tenants, works development of facilities at the Rec and delivering recreation opportunities for a wider range of beneficiaries.

The overall plan includes a range of key sub-plans including:

Works projects: following the renovation of the Grade 2 pavilion and car parks, new changing rooms and facilities to support activities on the outfield are underway. Completion is expected by the end of August 2017. Further projects planned include renovations to the Turnstile Gates and former Bowls pavilion.

Sports Development: a Sports Development Manager joins the staff in July to promote and grow our Primary Schools Coaching hub. He will also promote links to a range of clubs across the city.

Events Programme: we continue to host a range of community events and activities including the Bath Half marathon, Bike Bath, Bath Carnival and a range of other sporting events including school sports days.

Grounds Maintenance: focused on delivering safe, well presented grounds and pitches for a range of sports and uses. Also developing a sustainable tree management plan.

New sites: we are working closely with Bath and North East Somerset Council and other landowners to identify potential sites in or near Bath where the Charitable Company can provide recreational and sporting facilities.

The operations plan is monitored by the Directors/Trustees at quarterly Board meetings and more frequently between the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive.

* The Charitable Company's financial year runs from April to March.

Summary

Critical to delivering our strategic plan are the resources, governance and management infrastructure that make our vision possible.

The Directors/Trustees and staff focus all their efforts on building the foundations for a strong and sustainable charity that can best deliver the charitable objects now and long into the future.