

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Charitable Trust Board
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	4 October 2022
TITLE:	Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee – Annual Report
WARD:	Lambridge
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List of attachments to this report: Alice Park Trust Accounts 2020/21 – Appendix 1 Trustee Annual Report 2020/21 – Appendix 2	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Charitable Trust Board on the work of the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee during 2020-2021.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Charitable Trust Board is asked to note the report.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Alice Park Trust accounts for 2020/21 were submitted to the Charity Commission by the required deadline of 31 March 2022 (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 Expenditure incurred for Alice Park Trust in 2020/21 was £41,309; this was offset by income of £19,907.
- 3.3 The deficit of £21,402 has been subsidised from the Bath & North East Somerset Council Parks revenue budget, to ensure the Trust operates on a going concern basis. This is the same process that has been undertaken in previous years.
- 3.4 Net Assets of the Trust are valued at a cost of £189,664. Net assets include investments held, land at Alice Park, car park, cottage number one, tea chalet and storage shed, public conveniences, tennis courts, garden shelter and play equipment.
- 3.5 The accounts for 2020/21 have been prepared by the Council's Finance team and have been independently examined by One West.

- 3.6 The accounts for the Trust are prepared on a cash basis, in line with reporting requirements and guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.
- 3.7 An annual report for the Trust has also been prepared for submission to the Charity Commission (Appendix 2)
- 3.8 Subject to Covid closures, the park was open for public access throughout the year, including use of the tennis courts and tea chalet, and has been suitably maintained. The cottage property was let and the income used in the upkeep of the park.
- 3.9 All members of the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee during the period April 1st 2020 to 31st March 2021 are listed in the Annual Return.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The terms of reference of the Charitable Trust Board require it to receive an annual report from the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee after submitting any annual report to the Charity Commissioners.
- 4.2 The trustees, in making decisions surrounding the objectives and activities of the charity, have regard to the Charities Commission public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

5 RATIONALE

- 5.1 The Charitable Trust Board is required to receive reports from the Trusts listed in Schedule 1 of its Terms of Reference (for which the Council is sole corporate trustee).

6 EQUALITIES

- 6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out as this report is for information only.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

- 7.1 A well-managed park provides a valuable habitat for all forms of wildlife. The plant life and trees found within urban parks and green space play an important role in improving the air quality in urban environments and reducing pollutants.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 None.

9 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 The Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer have had opportunity to review and input into this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 10.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	None
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