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Lambeth Council match funding £3m+ for Brockwell Hall restoration with private venue hire expected to help recoup the costs

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Lambeth Council is going to grant match a fund of over £3m to restore Brockwell Hall and open it up for venue hire and income generation.



£3.3m has been secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. In return the Council will make up the shortfall for the £6,310,943 project.

Labour's [Cllr Sonia Winifred](#), the Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture, has been asked to sign off the [Brockwell Hall Restoration](#) report. The Council's contribution for the Grade II listed manor house will come out of the Capital Investment Programme.

The report states:

“The building remains largely underused, undiscovered and unappreciated. Brockwell Hall has previously been the target of vandalism, arson and theft, probably related to its under-occupation and geographic isolation within a public park that is locked after daylight hours.”

Plus:

“The buildings are owned by the Council, and in their present condition and use represent a financial burden.”

The Hall will be hired out to help pay back the investment. Total income from wedding hire is expected to rise from £57,000 in year 1 of the project to £171,500 by year 5. The Council predicts that venue hire in total rises to £248,000 by year 5. Council officers are expecting income from all sources will grow to £382,400 by year 5.

The report contains a classic case of the Lambeth Co-operative Council in action:

“Recruitment a minimum of 78 regular volunteers. Proposed volunteering roles are: meet and greet; tour and lecture leaders; access and mobility; activities.”

Two previous National Lottery funding applications in 2017 were unsuccessful. A third approach was made in 2018. This led to £387,500 being awarded for project development and design work.

The main funding application for the £3.3m restoration money was made in November 2020. The National Lottery Heritage Fund agreed to this in March of this year.

As well as private venue hire, the restored Brockwell Hall will also include a new cafe and flexible exhibition space. The volunteer hub will be in the basement.

Lambeth’s ground maintenance team will also find a new home at the Hall. Extra space is needed as the Parks and Homes for Lambeth maintenance teams are set to merge.

The Brockwell Hall restoration project is scheduled to be completed by Spring 2023.

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