

Communities Scrutiny Commission

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Report of: Patsy Mellor

Title: Update report – new Parks and Green Space Strategy

Ward: City-wide

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Recommendation:

To note progress in developing a new Parks and Green Space strategy

The significant issues in the report are:

Drafting has begun to develop a new Parks and Green Space Strategy, including the new Vision, Principles, key Themes and Attributes of a quality park model. Stakeholder feedback is summarised. Work in-progress includes mapping and land use prioritisation and development of the park's investment model (to be aligned to priority).



1. Summary

A new parks and green space strategy is in development, replacing the [2008 strategy](#), which remains in force but is increasingly out of date. Stakeholder engagement now completed has identified nine key Themes and priorities for action. The new strategy is now at the drafting stage. This report provides an update on progress, including sharing the new Vision, Principles and Attributes of a quality-focused Parks and Green Space service. Work in progress includes mapping to align parks Quality and Accessibility to societal need, and land use prioritisation to address agendas including food growing, nature and trees. A new parks investment model is in preparation to deliver the vision and prioritisation plan. See slide deck @ Appendix A.

2. Purpose

See slide deck @ Appendix A

3. Policy

Not directly relevant for this report. The Parks and Green Space strategy will set out policy alignments.

4. Consultation

a) Internal

Not applicable – this report is a summary of work in progress already known to internal stakeholders

b) External

Not applicable - this report is a summary of work in progress that accounts for stakeholder engagement workshops conducted to inform development of the new parks and green space strategy.

5. Public Sector Equality Duties

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;

- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

5b) See Equalities Impact Assessment.

Appendices:

A: New Park and Green Space Strategy – progress slide deck

B: Equalities Impact Assessment

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None