

## SCRUTINY PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT ON: PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

Progress report on Ref: EW5d of the Scrutiny Monitoring Form. To provide progress in implementing recommendations of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee from its scrutiny project work on the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. These recommendations were approved by Cabinet in January 2015 for action.

**Recommendation 1 :**

That consultation is carried out with local residents and community groups when proposals are put forward for investment in a park or open space, in conjunction with promoting awareness of the health benefits. Such consultation should be in line with the Council's Community Engagement Strategy and regard should be given to the community engagement model produced by students from University of Nottingham's masters in public health course in partnership with Derbyshire County Council's Public Health Department.

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As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Landscape and Streetscene Services Manager	Existing resources.		Wide ranging consultation undertaken in line with community engagement strategy for a range of projects which have been completed or being developed e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KGPF master plan</li> <li>• Eastwood Park Sports Pavilion</li> <li>• Bowls facility improvements at KGPF and Stand Road</li> <li>• Circular Road Play Area (Housing)</li> <li>• Somersall Park Play Area</li> <li>• Chesterfield Health Walks</li> </ul>

**Recommendation 2 :**

That disability access should be prioritised when proposals are developed for investment in parks and open spaces.

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As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Landscape and Streetscene Services Manager	Existing resources.		Disability access is a key consideration in the planning and development process  Current examples include: <i>Eastwood Park Pavilion</i> – surfaced level approach paths, fully accessible toilets and showers. Lower level kitchen cabinets  <i>Access to Nature</i> routeway improvements at Norbriggs Flash and Cobnar Wood – including boardwalks, resurfacing and regrading paths.  <i>Eastwood Park Activity Programme</i> e.g.Walking football, Buggy Walks and Therapeutic Gardening.  <i>Langer Field Gym</i> range of accessible equipment being considered with wheelchair friendly paths and bases.

**Recommendation 3 :**

That the Play Strategy be reviewed within the next 12 months in order to rationalise the provision of equipped play areas, taking into account the age profiles of the surrounding areas.

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As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Landscape and Streetscene Services Manager	Existing resources.	March 2016	GIS mapping of current stock completed Scoping exercise underway Condition survey being undertaken.

**Recommendation 4 :**

That the Council's website should be used more effectively to promote parks and open spaces with maps and details of community events and activities.

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As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Landscape and Streetscene Services Manager	Existing resources.	2016/17	Due to be implemented in 2016/17.

**Recommendation 5 :**

That signs and notices be used more effectively to promote the use of parks and open spaces'

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As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Landscape and Streetscene Services Manager	Existing resources.		New directional signage at Holme Brook Valley Park and Poolsbrook Country Park  Interpretive signs relating to wildflower meadows (various locations)  Queen's Park Guardians Scheme  Posters with new branding used regularly to promote event and activity programme

**Any Additional Information :**