

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| MEETING: | Planning Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel | |
| MEETING DATE: | 26 July 2011 | AGENDA ITEM NUMBER |
| TITLE: | Green Spaces Strategy Update | |
| WARD: | ALL | |
| AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM | | |
| List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 – Green Space Strategy Executive Summary Appendix 2 – Updated Green Space Strategy Action Plan Appendix 3 – Strategy Review programme | | |

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress against the action plan contained in the Green Space Strategy which was adopted in March 2007 and to inform the panel of the proposed revised timetable for the review of the strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Transport and Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

2.1 Note and comment on the update provided and agree that

2.2 The Green Spaces Strategy will be reviewed and revised in accordance with the appended programme.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the presentation of this report.

4 THE REPORT

4.1 The Green Space Strategy was adopted as a corporate strategy of the council in March 2007. The strategy was developed following extensive technical research and community consultation. It established new local standards for the amount,

distribution and quality of green space within the district and included a detailed action plan to ensure progress was made in implementing the strategy.

- 4.2 An executive summary of the strategy can be found at Appendix 1 and the updated action plan can be found at Appendix 2.
- 4.3 The Green Spaces Strategy was adopted in March 2007, with an action plan covering the 5 year period up to 2012, and is therefore due to be reviewed and updated.
- 4.4 With the national census being completed in 2011 it was considered sensible to make use of the most up to date information to inform any changes to the strategy. The timeline for this review, Appendix 3, reflects this.
- 4.5 The Green Spaces Strategy will be reviewed and revised in accordance with the appended programme and informed by the outcomes of the review of the Local Development Framework including the preparation of the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

6 EQUALITIES

A equalities impact assessment has not been carried out as this report is for update purposes only.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 *Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer*

- 7.2 This update report is for information only. Full and proper consultation was undertaken at the time of the development and adoption of the strategy in 2006 and 2007.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

- 8.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Strategic Director - Support Services) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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| Background papers | Bath & North East Somerset Green Space Strategy |
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