



To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 11th July 2018

Subject: Green Space Strategy Progress

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) of the progress being made in the development of the City Councils Greenspace Strategy.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:
- 1) Note progress in the development of the Greenspace Strategy detailed within the report
 - 2) Receive the draft strategy as part of the public consultation process
 - 3) Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Member

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The City Councils existing Greenspace Strategy terminated on the 31st March 2018. In March 2017 Community First Partnership were commissioned to develop a Greenspace Strategy for the City Council in accordance with an agreed scope.
- 3.2 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board received a progress report at their meeting on 15th February 2018, where Members requested to be kept up to date with progress.

4 Draft Document

- 4.1 A full draft strategy document has now been produced and has been reviewed by officers within the Greenspace Service. They have provided comments which have been reflected within the document. This process was completed during June.
- 4.2 There are a number of gaps in terms of the summary, foreword and the action plan which still needs to be fully populated otherwise the document is substantially completed.

5 Internal Consultation

- 5.1 The draft document is now out to internal consultation with colleagues within the Greenspace Service, Streetpride Service, Highways, Public Health, Planning, and Property Service, Sports and Recreation and other service areas. A period of 4 weeks has been allocated to this consultation exercise and will terminate at the end of July 18.

5.2 Once all the responses have been received from internal colleagues on the draft document these will be reviewed and reflected within the document. It is anticipated that a period up to 2 weeks will be allowed for this exercise.

6 Public Consultation

6.1 Once the internal consultation process has been completed and any revisions made to the document arising from this it is proposed that the document will then be subject to public consultation. This will be the final consultation process. It is anticipated this that this will be an on line process. A duration period of 4 weeks would be allowed for this consultation process.

6.2 Again once all the responses have been received from the public consultation on the draft document these will be reviewed and reflected within the strategy as appropriate. It is anticipated that a period up to 2 weeks will be allowed for this exercise.

7 Programme

7.1 The originally timetable planned that the strategy document would be completed and approved by early April 2018 however in consultation with planning the number of sites to be quality assessed was considerably increased from 40 sites as detailed in the original strategy scope to 264 sites. This has resulted in a delay in producing the draft document. This increase in scope however will provide substantial benefit in informing planning policy and local standards. It will also provide a more robust evidential basis for demanding and securing section 106 funding.

7.2 It is anticipated the final strategy document will be produced by the end of August 2018 and will be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

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