

# Report

**Report subject:** Hudson's Field Management Plan

**Report to:** City Area Committee (Community)

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1. Introduction:

- 1.1. The Committee will be aware that management plans for the future of the main parks in Salisbury are currently being drawn up.
- 1.2. Approval for this process was given under minute 191 (15/11/05) with a commencement date of April 2006.
- 1.3. In line with the recommendation, an existing member of the Parks team was seconded to undertake the role with a part time back fill post appointed to cover. Since then the original appointment and backfill have both left SDC which slowed up the process pending new appointments. Initial recruitment efforts did not attract applications but eventually suitable employees were appointed.

2. Background:

- 2.1. The management plans for Victoria Park and Queen Elizabeth Gardens were adopted by the Committee earlier this year.
- 2.2. The Hudson's Field draft was completed recently and distributed for further comments as follows:
  - 2.2.1 Ward Councillors - 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - 2.2.2 All City Area Committee members - 21<sup>st</sup> September
  - 2.2.3 Salisbury Journal press release - 20<sup>th</sup> September
  - 2.2.4 Publicly available at the Guildhall - 21<sup>st</sup> September
  - 2.2.5 SDC website - 20<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2.3. Over 400 consultee forms were received from the public, as well as a considerable amount of further information from a whole range of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.
- 2.4. As of writing the report, very little further comment has been received and nothing which questions or queries the fundamental content of the draft

3. Overview of Plan:

- 3.1. The draft plan is a large document running to just over 57 sides, along with a number of appendices.
- 3.2. The work and resource plan on pages 56-57 collates all the various issues arising from the consultations etc and will form the basis for future reports and actions in determining the future shape of the field.
- 3.3. It is intended that the plan will be a constantly evolving document, changing as actions and projects are agreed and implemented.



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4. External Funding:

- 4.1. Hudson's Field does not qualify for Heritage Lottery Funding.
- 4.2. It is possible, though not certain, that alternative external funding may be identified in due course. However this is likely to be for relatively small sums in the overall context of the plan.

5. Finance:

- 5.1. Virtually all the aspects highlighted in the work and resource plan are likely to need funding from the city special expense account.
- 5.2. If so, then the committee will be required to fund up to an estimated £170,000 if all aspects of the work and resource plan are actioned.
- 5.3. In principle, this sum can be met from the committee's reserve account and in addition, it is highly likely that any expenditure will be spread over 2 years, commencing 2008/09
- 5.4. The committee should also be aware that upgrading the field in this way is likely to lead to a higher revenue requirement than is currently in place. However it is likely to be at a relatively low level.

6. Recommendations:

It is recommended that

- 6.1. The draft Hudson's Field management plan be formally adopted

7. Implications:

- 7.1. Financial: At this stage nil. However the committee should be aware of the potential financial requirements placed upon it in the future as outlined in the report
- 7.2. Legal: None at this stage
- 7.3. Personnel: As outlined in the report
- 7.4. Community Safety: None at this stage
- 7.5. Environmental: None at this stage
- 7.6. Human Rights: None at this stage
- 7.7. Ward(s) Affected: Stratford and St Marks Ward