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Report

Report subject: Parks Management Plans Update

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 and facilities in Salisbury are currently being drawn up.
- 1.2. In line with the original recommendation, an existing member of the Parks team was seconded to undertake the role with a part time back fill post appointed to cover. This was subsequently superseded by a staffing re-structure within the Parks team which has allowed an alternative means of achieving the Committee's original wishes.

2. Current Position:

- 2.1. The management plans for Victoria Park, Queen Elizabeth Gardens, Hudson's Field, Churchill Gardens and the Allotment service are completed and have been adopted by the Committee at varying times since early 2007. Appendix A attached gives an overview as to the current position with each.

3. The Next Steps:

- 3.1. The management plan for the City playareas, sportswalls, skateparks and kickabout areas is underway and should be presented to the Committee at the September meeting for adoption
- 3.2. After discussion with various Councillors, the management plan for The Greencroft, Bourne Hill open space and Wyndham Rd open space has just been commenced. It is expected that the draft plan will be presented to the Committee at the September or November meetings.
- 3.3. Once these are completed, the main outstanding area still to be addressed will be Harnham Rec

4. Recommendations:

- 4.1. The Committee is requested to note the report



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



5. Implications

- 5.1. Financial: At this stage nil. However the committee should be aware of the potential requirements placed upon it in the future as outlined in previous reports related to the management plans
- 5.2. Legal: None at this stage
- 5.3. Personnel: As outlined in the report
- 5.4. Community Safety: None at this stage
- 5.5. Environmental: None at this stage
- 5.6. Human Rights: None at this stage
- 5.7. Ward(s) Affected: Virtually all within the City

Plan	Friends Group Formed	Cllr Rep	Chair	Friends Cttee Number	Friends Database Number
Victoria Park	May 2007	Cllr Curr	Mrs Penny Brown	9	145
Queen Elizabeth Gardens	October 2007	Cllr Howarth	Mrs Sallie Bennetto	11	33
Hudson's Field	November 2007	Cllr Thorpe	Mr Trevor Watkins	19	39
Churchill Gardens	First meeting due mid May 2008	Ward Cllr - TBA	TBA	TBA	46
Allotments	Sals Allotment Assoc (already formed)	Cllr Walsh	Mr Clive Williams	16	215

TBA - To be agreed

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Victoria Park	By far the largest and most diverse of the plans due to the numerous differing complexities to be found at the site. A very active Friends group who have discussed and made recommendations regarding many of the action plan issues. A HLF project planning grant has been successfully applied for to the value of £49k. This has been in part used to appoint an HLF approved Landscape Architects, Nicholas Pearson Associates who are now actively working with Officers and the Friends group to develop the main stage 1 bid.	The main stage 1 HLF bid must be made by no later than the end of September this year. Aiming for a presentation to the Committee for comments / consultation at either the July or September meetings. If the stage 1 bid is approved, work on site could commence around May 2009
Queen Elizabeth Gardens	The Friends group have discussed and made recommendations regarding many of the action plan issues. A Landscape Architect has been appointed (Indigo Associates, Odstock) to prepare a masterplan, in conjunction with Officers and the Friends group.	Aiming for a presentation to the Committee for comments / consultation at the July meeting. Subject to approval, works could start on site from September onwards.
Hudson's Field	As per Q E Gardens	As per Q E Gardens
Churchill Gardens	The inaugural meeting to set up the Friends group is currently being organised.	Once the Friends group is set up and running, a Landscape Architect will be appointed to prepare the masterplan based upon information agreed by Officers and the Friends group. Aiming for a presentation to the Committee for comments / consultation at the October or December meetings. Works on site should then commence around March 2009.
Allotments	Initial work to address the issues arising from the management plan is being undertaken by Officers in conjunction with the Salisbury Allotments Association.	The outline plans will hopefully be presented to the Committee for comments / consultation at the September meeting. If agreed, implementation could commence with the new allotment year in January 2009