

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 6</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>28 SEPTEMBER 2023</b>	<b>CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>UPDATE TO PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE STANDARDS POLICY</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 To agree and approve the update to Parks and Green Spaces Service Standards Policy. Which is the addition of the Biodiversity and Nature Areas & local wildlife sites.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 This report presents the updated section of Parks and Green Spaces Service Standards Policy for approval by Council. The Council requires all Policies to be reviewed on a regular basis.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The policy sets out the Council's commitment to its service standards for Parks and Green Spaces.
- 3.2 The policy was approved at Housing & Community Services committee on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023.
- 3.3 There have not been any legislative changes since the last review of the Policy, however a section referencing the Biodiversity work was missing from the document. This report and updated policy addresses this with the addition of the following section.

*1. Biodiversity and Nature Areas & Local Wildlife sites.*

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this policy.

## **6.0 Corporate Implications**

### **Employment Implications**

6.1 There are no employment implications from this policy.

### **Legal Implications**

6.2 There are no legal implications from this policy.

### **Corporate Plan Implications**

This policy contributes to all the priority areas in the Council's Corporate Plan, contributing to Our Environment, Our People and Our Future through protecting and supporting investment, independent living, leisure, and cultural activity and focus on the community as residents and customers..

## **7.0 Community Impact**

### **Consultation**

7.1 Only internal consultation is required for this policy.

### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

7.2 There were no negative impacts on any of the characteristics from this policy.

### **Social Value Impact**

7.4 The provision of quality Parks and Green spaces that can be used by all members of our communities are a key element of supporting healthy, sustainable and livable communities.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

7.5 Green Spaces can provide positive environmental benefits that can offset other council carbon use. The addition of the Biodiversity section, which references the Action Plan for Nature and Work Programme promotes Environmental Sustainability at its core. Investing in nature is critical to sustaining a healthy environment for generations to come.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

8.1 This policy sets out the Council's Parks and Green Spaces Service Standards, improving the quality of life for local people and increasing access to nature within our communities. This policy details our commitment, along with the standards of service that the public can expect.

## **9.0 Background Papers**

9.1 updated Park and Green Spaces Service Standards