
SOUTH PARK MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval as required by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the South Park Management and Maintenance Plan (**Appendix 1**).

Information and Analysis

2. The refurbishment of South Park commenced in 2003 and will be completed by the end of April 2006. A significant element of the funding for the refurbishment amounting to £2.935m was provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).
3. A requirement of this funding is that a Management and Maintenance Plan (MMP) is produced. The MMP for South Park has been prepared using the recognised Heritage Lottery Fund Guidelines. The plan covers a period of ten years and will be reviewed by the HLF on a five yearly basis.
4. The MMP describes briefly the background and historical development of the park, outlining the planning policy context and sets out strategies for achieving the stated vision for South Park. In addition, the plan also sets out the management structure and maintenance specification schedules and financial plan required to maintain the park.

Financial Implications

5. As part of the guidance from the HLF there is a requirement that Cabinet endorse the MMP for South Park, ensuring that financial resources are in place to deliver the plan. The financial resources identified within the MMP have been included within Community Services MTFP.

Outcome of Consultation

6. The MMP has been produced by a working group of senior managers, the Friends of South Park and TGP Limited (Landscaping Architects). In addition, consultation has taken place with the HLF and English Heritage, taking on board their views and building them into the MMP.

Legal Implications

7. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

8. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.
9. By adopting the MMP for South Park, this will have a positive impact on crime and disorder within the park.

Council Policy Framework

10. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework.

Decision Deadline

11. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that Cabinet adopt the MMP for South Park.

Reasons

13. The reason for the recommendation is to commit adequate financial resource to maintain the park in line with HLF requirements.

Cliff Brown
Director of Community Services

Background Papers

South Park Management and Maintenance Plan (attached as **Appendix 1**).

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