

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE –19 March 2018

Title of paper:	Nottingham Open Spaces Forum		
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	n/a		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Strategic Regeneration and Development			<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools			<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services			<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
This paper explains the role and purpose of the Nottingham Open Spaces Forum (NOSF).			
Recommendation(s):			
1	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and endorses the work of the NOSF.		

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham Open Spaces Forum (NOSF) was set up in 2016 to support Nottingham City Council and other public landowners to maintain and improve the City's open spaces.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The NOSF manifesto sets out how it aims to do this, by:
- Lobbying government to formulate and implement appropriate national policies.
 - Raising funds to supplement City Council funding
 - Raising public awareness of the importance and public benefit of open spaces.
 - Working together with Friends Groups, encouraging them to work with each other and helping to create new Groups.

- Liaising with other organisations with similar objectives in Nottingham.
- Encouraging Area Committees to expend funds available to them on open spaces in their area.
- Overseeing the City Council's open spaces policies and making representations when necessary to ensure all departments are committed to these and their implementation.
- Affiliating with the National Open Spaces Forum and working with it.

2.2 The Forum has is a constituted body and is currently applying for Charity status. The board consists of:

- Chair: Martin Willis
- Vice-Chairs: Cherry Underwood & Ben Standing
- Board members: Tom Huggon, Rob Kirkwood, Sarah Manton

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 n/a

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 n/a

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE)

6.1 n/a

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required because there is no proposal for new or changing policies/services/functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None

Appendix 1: NOSF Manifesto

Appendix 2: Benefits of Green Space paper