Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee 5 June 2024

Nottingham Green Space Strategy

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

1.1 To consider the information presented within the report and at the meeting around the development of the Nottingham Green Space Strategy. To scrutinise the areas of focus, and how its development been informed by the various stages of consultation.

2 Action required

2.1 The Committee is asked:

- 1) to make any comments or recommendations in response to the report from the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture; and
- 2) to consider whether any further scrutiny of the issue is required (and, if so, to identify the focus and timescales).

3 Background information

- 3.1 Nottingham City has a historic network of open and green spaces with over 20% of the City's total land area made up of accessible, open and green spaces.
- 3.2 There has been extensive consultation with a wide variety of community groups, partner organisations and other Stakeholders which has fed into the into the design and development of the Strategy so far.
- 3.3 Funding has been made available for this work through the Future Parks Accelerator Programme, a collaboration between the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the National Trust and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities designed to protect and develop green and natural spaces in urban environments.
- 3.4 The development of a Green Space Strategy will allow the Council to set out framework in which to operate services aimed at delivering a greener, healthier and happier city. It will allow the Council to fulfil its obligation for bio-diversity net gain, encourage resilient, climate positive places, and encourage a more active population.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Green Space Strategy Presentation

- 5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information
- 5.1 None
- 6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report
- 6.1 None
- 7 Wards affected
- 7.1 All
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