

Response to Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

Committee Date	Recommendation	Response
5 June 2024	<p>Recommend to the Executive Member: To consider the balance within the Strategy between the need to ensure Best Value financially and the need to achieve environmental gains.</p> <p>To look at the options for a programme suitable for Nottingham City that would be similar to “incredible edible” and if appropriate to consider the use decommissioned garage sites in particular as spaces available to be used.</p> <p>To consider the development of a habitat land banking scheme designed to increase and promote biodiversity across the city.</p>	<p>It is hoped that both will be achieved as the implementation of the strategy progresses. The strategy has broad impact across internal and external stakeholders taking a city-wide approach to a Greener Healthier Happier Nottingham. Established blended funding approaches and innovation pathways will be capitalised.</p> <p>Noted. As part of the delivery of the strategy seeking opportunities to empower communities to grow their own produce as well as working in partnership with established community growers will be researched. Partnership working with the landowner supports schemes progressing effectively. There are several allotment sites and existing Community Gardens that provide growing opportunities, along with the miniature display gardens at Woodthorpe demonstrating where small areas can be developed into a container growing space for both food and flowers.</p> <p>Nottingham Green Guardians also provide community growing at sites such as Forest Recreational Ground. Conservation volunteers cover a city-wide year-round programme delivering wide range environmental tree planting, food growing and various projects across city council parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Research has begun in earnest in further understand the potential for Nottingham City Council to develop offsite Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) units. NCC is working with partners Finance Earth and will</p>

	<p>To carry out SWAT and PASTEL analysis on the Work around the development of the Green Spaces Strategy</p> <p>To consider how best to educate citizens around the benefits of wildflowers and long grass areas within the city</p>	<p>report progress. An initial feasibility study suggested strong opportunity for NCC to progress a business case demonstrating strong due diligence in support of a habitat land bank for Nottingham. Further reports will be developed once the Business Case is completed.</p> <p>The strategy has been developed using a technical report which contextualises and highlights further detail relating to SWOT and PASTEL and is available on the Nottingham City Council's Policy Library Policy Library (nottinghamcity.gov.uk)</p> <p>A best value review is contained within the soon to be published Executive Board report.</p> <p>Each subsequent report relating to the delivery of the strategy will contain SWAT and PASTEL analysis relating to the report theme.</p> <p>The strategy has also completed a full CIA (Carbon Impact Assessment) and an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)</p> <p>Multi-channel communication campaigns run regularly through the main growing season (March - September) through relaxed mowing schemes and highlight the benefits of promoting Biodiversity across the city.</p>
	<p>Circulate details of free tennis access for young people to all members.</p>	<p>There are opportunities for 'free tennis' currently at Clifton and Lenton Abbey via third party providers (along with 'paid for' sessions and other opportunities). These are being rolled out this summer as part of wider activation of tennis in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) at Nottingham Tennis Centre.</p>

	<p>Circulate the number and a breakdown of responses to the satisfaction survey to committee members.</p>	<p>Once coaching opportunities and further volunteers are in place and trained, it is hoped that this programme will be able to be rolled out across the City's other tennis sites (Valley Road, Vernon and potentially Strelley). There is also the potential to expand the offer later into the year. These should help encourage usage, and hopefully increase family memberships across sites which will in turn make facilities more sustainable, meeting both the LTA funding conditions for the courts, but also the wider aspirations of the LTA at the Tennis Centre</p> <p>As this is the first year of this agreement and model being in place we will be reviewing it with the LTA to refine and evolve the offer as needed over the coming years.</p> <p>Satisfaction surveys are still being carried out for this year. As information is collated, it will be disseminated to members.</p> <p>Satisfaction surveys are carried out annually throughout the Summer months predominantly July and August. Responses are circulated through APSE colleagues to provide benchmarking opportunities with other LA's. Results from this year are currently being collated and more detail will be provided once the final report is produced.</p>
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