

## AREA COMMITTEE EAST – 13 FEBRUARY 2018

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Nottingham Open Spaces Forum</b>	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>	n/a	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>		
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"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
This paper explains the role and purpose of the Nottingham Open Spaces Forum (NOSF).		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	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) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)**

6.1 n/a

### **7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



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**