

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 14 FEBRUARY 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 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 The recommendations raise no significant land or property issues. All the sites are within the ownership and control of Nottingham City Council, and it is not proposed that any letting or disposal will take place on them that would impact on the need to carry out the improvement works.

6.2 Nevertheless full consideration should be given to each site and each set of improvement works before commencing to ensure that they are aligned with the latest version of the Service Asset Management Plan.

6.3 Should any unforeseen property matters arise out of the recommended works, the Property section will work with the Parks team to investigate and resolve them on a case-by-case basis as required.

Advice provided by John West, Estates Surveyor, 10/01/2018

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