

**Report of:**

**Climate, Energy and Green Spaces, Polly Cook**

**Report to:**

**Inner East Community Committee, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills**

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**For decision/To note**

## **Developing a vision for Community Parks**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. To make as many parties as possible aware of our activities to better facilitate joined up planning in relation to our community parks

### **Main issues**

2. As set out in the [Leeds Parks and Green Spaces Strategy](#), we are working to develop a 'plan on a page' for each of our [community parks](#). The aim of the plans is to set out a vision for each of the sites, with the aim of getting all community parks in the city to Leeds Quality Park (LQP) standard and delivering the priorities set out in the Parks and Green Spaces strategy such as 'Quality parks', 'Access for All' and 'Health and Wellbeing'.
3. Part of this process is to run a public engagement and consultation process lasting at least 3 months for each park so we get a really good understanding of what local residents think about the site and how it could be improved.
4. The next park to enter this process will be East End Park in Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, followed by Harehills Park in Gipton & Harehills. Also we have provisionally

scheduled Banstead Park in Gipton & Harehills to go through this process at some point in the next 9 months.

5. The order in which we are looking at the parks has been proposed by using data on public access to green space, deprivation and the current condition of the parks as well as taking into account the availability of funding and endeavoring to spread out our attentions over the wider city in a spatially balanced way.

## **Corporate considerations**

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- a. **Consultation and engagement** We will be running an in-person and online consultation & engagement process with a duration of 3 months for each of our 65 community parks, 6 of which are in Inner East area.
- b. **Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**
- c. **Council policies and city priorities**
- d. **Resources and value for money**
- e. **Legal implications, access to information and call in**
- f. **Risk management**

## **Conclusion**

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## **Recommendations**

8. Note that, in line with our strategy, community parks public consultation activities are being undertaken, with community groups, members of the public and schools being contacted. We also welcome any contacts for further groups or networks that are known to councillors.

## **Background information**