

APPENDIX 2

Various Strategies, Portfolios, Plans and Visions that support the North Leeds Country Park & Green Gateways Initiative

Draft Parks & Greenspace Strategy key aims and themes 2007	Corporate Plan 2005-2008 Strategic Outcomes	Vision Of Leeds 2004 to 2020 Themes and pertinent Objectives	Leeds Nature Conservation Strategy 1991 Aims	Cultural Strategy for Leeds 2002 Themes	Leeds Countryside Strategy 1994 objectives	Leeds Local Agenda 21 Strategy 2000 Aims	Leeds City Council's Environment Policy targets 2002	Recreation Strategy 2002 Aims
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places for people – To engage the community in promoting parks and greenspaces as accessible places for everyone to experience and enjoy • Quality places – To provide good quality parks and greenspaces that are well managed and provide a range of facilities • Sustaining the green realm – Plan the development of new, and protect existing parks and greenspaces that will offer lasting social, cultural and environmental benefits • Creating a healthier City – To promote parks and greenspaces as places to improve health and well-being and prevent disease through physical activity, play, relaxation and contemplation • Supporting regeneration – To promote liveability and the economic benefits of quality parks and greenspace provision as an integral part of major regeneration projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All neighbourhoods are safe, clean, green and well maintained – Enhancement and protection of the environment. • Our children and young people are healthy, safe and successful – Environmental education and life long learning opportunities. • At each stage of life, people are able to live healthy, fulfilling lives – Suitable provision of quality greenspaces for improving well-being and physical recreation. • All communities are thriving and harmonious places where people are happy to live – Through better park security and well-maintained facilities. • Leeds is a highly competitive, international city – Access to employment in the Parks & Countryside Service. • Ensure staff perform well and are constantly learning and there is effective leadership at all levels. • Our customers receive excellent services, which are efficient and effective and meet their needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural life – Providing cultural opportunities for everyone and creating first- class cultural facilities and experiences. • Environment City – Getting local people and businesses involved in their own environment, tackling basic environmental problems, better quality environment for our children and manage our environmental resources more efficiently. • Health and wellbeing – Through environmental conditions that promote a healthy and positive society and supporting people to stay healthy and promote equal chances of good health. • Learning – Promoting lifelong learning. • Thriving places – Regeneration and restoring confidence in every part of the city and by actively involving the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and protect existing habitats. • Ensure Leeds citizens have wildlife habitats within easy reach of their homes. • To publicise nature conservation and promote a greater care and awareness of the natural environment. • Encourage nature through sympathetic management of the environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering through partnerships – Achieved by consultation and co-ordination with community groups. • Celebrating Leeds – Making it a vibrant place in which to live, work, learn and play by providing excellent cultural opportunities, experiences and facilities for everyone. • Promoting access – Through opening doors to cultural opportunities for the many, not the few. • Regenerating neighbourhoods and supporting communities – Through access to good quality and affordable cultural amenities. • Lifelong learning – Enabling individuals and communities to acquire skills and knowledge to realise their full potential. • Cultural infrastructure – Adding to the cultural resources that a major city needs to have whilst maintaining and restoring existing facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the integration of compatible countryside uses wherever possible. • Promote practical means of conserving, enhancing and restoring the landscape character of the countryside. • Promote nature conservation by protecting and enhancing wildlife habitats and natural features. Identify, conserve and develop wildlife corridors. • Promote and safeguard the role of rivers and wetlands in the countryside as integral elements of the water catchments for the city. • Countryside recreation and management framework for securing a countryside that is accessible and enjoyable for diverse range of leisure, sport and tourism opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment - To promote and secure the effective protection, maintenance and enhancement of natural resources and the efficiency of resource consumption. • Social - Significant improvements in educational attainment, health, crime and poverty indices. Social progress via empowerment in decision making, community engagement, skills development and social inclusion. • Economic – A more balanced economy to secure economic prosperity whilst addressing environmental and social concerns. To promote even distribution of income and employment opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health for all. • Enhancing the local Environment • The natural environment to maintain biodiversity and landscapes • Raising Awareness about the environment. • Waste and recycling. • Sustainable economic development • Energy control through reduced consumption, increasing energy conservation and energy efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of Life – All recreational activity outdoors benefits people's health and well being and enhances people's quality of life. • Economic development – Good recreational facilities and landscapes act as magnets for attracting people and businesses • Looking after the Environment – Involvement of people and communities with parks and open spaces to ensure continued care for the environment. • Social Inclusion and Equality – Recreation provision at community level drives the re-integration process, as people become involved, bringing a sense of well being and community spirit. • Regeneration of Neighbourhoods - Improvements in recreational facilities will have a great impact on health, crime, employment and educational achievement. • Lifelong Learning – Involvement in biodiversity, wildlife and environmental conservation projects, improves knowledge and understanding of the natural world and promotes further personal growth.