

11 September 2013

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy to be held in on Thursday, 18th July 2013 commencing at 6.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Any Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

If you have a pecuniary interest you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

3. **Play and Open Spaces Strategy (Pages 5 - 12)**

The Committee will look at the emerging Play and Open Spaces Strategy and examine whether the health and wellbeing benefits are being maximised. The tool that is used to assess the impact of new policies, strategies and areas of service is the Council's approved Integrated Impact Assessment; this includes an element that looks at the health impact.

To provide context officers will provide an update on progress with the Play and Open Spaces Strategy and its scope. Information will also be provided about the Integrated Impact Assessment and its use; a copy of the template is enclosed.

The Committee will assess whether the Strategy will have a positive impact and Members may wish to consider the following mini tasks:

1. Have all play areas, open spaces and sports pitches been included within the Strategy?
2. How well does the Integrated Impact Assessment lend itself to maximising the benefits of the new Strategy, as opposed to identifying and mitigating any negative impact?

The Committee will look at some specific case studies.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list or scope for the task, rather to provide some direction for the initial meeting.

Yours sincerely



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Distribution

1. Agenda and reports to all Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Play and Open Spaces Strategy Councillor Julia Berry (Chair), Mark Perks (Vice Chair) and Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Robert Finnamore, Steve Holgate, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Marion Lowe, Mick Muncaster, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell and Kim Snape for attendance.
2. Agenda and reports to Jamie Dixon (Head of Streetscene & Leisure Contracts), Lindsey Blackstock (Parks and Open Spaces Officer) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer) for attendance.

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS/SPEAKING AT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MEETINGS

- Questions must be submitted to the Democratic Services Section by no later than midday, two working days before the day of the meeting to allow time to prepare appropriate responses and investigate issues if necessary.
- A maximum period of 3 minutes will be allowed for a question from a member of the public on an item on the agenda. A maximum period of 30 minutes to be allocated for public questions if necessary at each meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This will provide an opportunity for members of the public to raise and ask questions on any issue falling within the remit of the Committee.