

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community (Introduced by the Executive Member for Public Protection)	Executive Cabinet	23 October 2014

REVIEW OF OPEN SPACE BYELAWS - CONSULTATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To seek approval to review the Council's open space byelaws and to undertake consultation to seek views regarding any changes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That approval is given to review the Council's open space byelaws and to undertake consultation as detailed in the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The byelaws relating to use of Council owned open spaces has not been reviewed since 2004.
- It is now appropriate to review and consult on any changes to the byelaws to ensure that they are up to date, reflect changes in use and include all Council owned site
- The report details the proposed consultation to seek views regarding any changes.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Reason Please bold as appropriate	1, a change in service provision that impacts upon the service revenue budget by £100,000 or more	2, a contract worth £100,000 or more
	3, a new or unprogrammed capital scheme of £100,000 or more	4, Significant impact in environmental, social or physical terms in two or more wards

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

- It is over 10 years since the byelaws were reviewed and given the changes in open space during this period it is now appropriate to review them.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

7. Not to review the byelaws.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

8. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	✓	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	✓	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	✓

BACKGROUND

9. Appendix 1 details the previous committee report and existing byelaws that were approved in 2004 relating to use of Council owned open spaces, play areas and parks.
10. The byelaws and schedule of sites where they apply has not been reviewed since 2004. It is now appropriate to review and consult on any changes to the byelaws to ensure that they are up to date, reflect changes in use and include all Council owned sites.

CONSULTATION

11. To ensure that the byelaws are available for comment and input from a wide range stakeholders it is proposed that consultation is undertaken using a questionnaire (See Appendix 2) over an 8 week period from 10th November 2014 until 5th January 2015.
12. All elected Members and Parish / Town Councils will be consulted, and drop in sessions will be arranged where requested to clarify information and capture feedback relevant to any specific byelaws / areas of open space.
13. The following groups and organisations will also be consulted:
 - Local open space users / groups
 - Friends groups
 - Local community organisations
 - Local sports clubs
 - Schools
 - Chorley Natural History Society
 - Natural England
 - Environment Agency
 - Lancashire County Council
14. Following consultation the feedback and any proposed changes will be brought back to Executive Cabinet for final approval.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

15. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	✓	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

16. There are no direct financial implications arising from the review of the Council's open space byelaws.

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

17. No further comments to add.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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