

Open Spaces Strategy – Appendix 7: Implementation Plan

Parks and Gardens (refer to 2.2 of the Open Spaces Strategy)

No.	Policy	What we have done...	Next Steps	Lead Person/s	Time frame
a)	Cityparks will continue to encourage habitats and opportunities for wildlife to thrive within all open spaces including Parks and Gardens.	Looked at multiple sites to explore wildlife could opportunities including Victoria Rec, Saunders Park, Rottingdean Rec and Hove Park. Discussed sites with range of stakeholders e.g. the B&H Food Partnership, the PARC charity, rangers and operations staff, friends groups.	Develop lists and plans (where feasible) to be agreed with operations and stakeholders such as Councillors, third sector groups and Friends of Parks. Saunders Park to be pilot to develop this process.	PPT	March - Oct
b)	Cityparks to operate more commercially and seek to generate new income streams	Discussions with sports and third sector regarding the use of buildings. (See Events, Outdoor Sport & Physical Activity Facilities, Finance and Asset Management and Open Space Hire,) Desk research around establishing a Park Improvement District for Hove Park. (see Donations, Sponsorship and Advertising) Identified opportunities for market stalls and stands to enable more commercial vending in parks. (See Open Space Hire) Consider other opportunities for car parks in parks. Monitoring the development of the Café at Saunders Park. Spoke to representatives at Brighton and Sussex Universities about using buildings as incubator hubs. Met with Cathy from the PARC charity to discuss Rottingdean Rec and agreed to explore assisting other areas create a PARC type model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ongoing work to share building and sports assets costs more with third sector. ii. Arrange meeting with PARC charity and Rottingdean parish councillor to explore a strategic approach to open spaces changes in their area and if their model could be developed in other parts of the city by other interested communities. iii. Review of sites (see also Events) suitable for temporary food and drink offer. iv. Ongoing discussions with Universities to utilise buildings in parks as workspaces. v. Opportunities for sponsorship and advertising to be explored. (See Donations, Sponsorship and Advertising) Some of this work is already being led with procurement and property and design officers. 	RW PPT PPT PPT	ongoing June 2017 2018/19 2018/19
c)	Park benches to be selected to ensure the broadest range of people can use them. EQ	A draft guide has been produced for comment.	Seeking to develop tender brief to choose preferred suppliers of inclusive bench. Work with Highways and transport colleagues.	PPT	June – Mar 2018

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1.	Develop a simple map-based system or works list to identify an agreed set of changes. This process should start with the most frequented parks or where an additional resource has been identified.	Submitted our Green Flag management plans using map based works plan to demonstrate a reduction in maintenance regime. Met with friends groups at Hove and Preston Park to explore developing a works programme. Met with the Food Partnership at Saunders Park to explore them managing a greater part of the park.	Develop lists and plans (where feasible) to be agreed with operations and stakeholders such as Councillors, third sector groups and Friends of Parks. Saunders Park plan is being developed. working with Property Services, Food Partnership, Cityparks operations and rangers and local Councillors to spend the Section 106 contribution.	PPT	Ongoing
2.	Ensure in the development of park plans that environmental, inclusive and sustainable choices are embedded into proposals. EQ	Discussions held with Biosphere team, biosphere officer and the Food Partnership about open spaces and delivering change. Met with Allotment Federation and Friends of Parks representatives and agreed a range of training opportunities including equalities online training for all volunteer coordinators.	a) Each site plan to be developed should explicitly be able to identify its environmental, sustainability and inclusivity benefits. b) Work with Allotment Federation to investigate course of action to take when enforcing equalities issues.	PPT	Ongoing
3)	Develop a guide for park benches and procure a new bench design for Cityparks.	See policy above c)	See policy c) above	See policy above c)	See policy above c)