

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

29 November 2017

COMMUNITY GREENSPACE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Report by Director (Environment)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This Greenspace Asset Management Plan has been produced to detail the Council's strategy for managing the maintenance and replacement programme for our greenspace assets and to inform future capital investment.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Greenspace within Perth & Kinross is managed and maintained in accordance with the Scottish Government's Planning Advice Note 65 (PAN 65) recommendations and our statutory obligations. The Greenspace Asset Management Plan details the extent of the Greenspace asset, how it is prioritised and how it will be managed.
- 1.2 Greenspace is used by many, if not all, residents of Perth & Kinross as well as businesses and visitors. It provides many benefits and makes an important contribution to service delivery and the strategic aim of the Council.
- 1.3 The Greenspace asset is valued at £9,476,385 (at 31 March 2017) with an estimated replacement cost of £169,738,446. It should be noted that working documents within the Plan have been provided as examples and are subject to change throughout the year. Where figures are quoted they have been taken as at 31 March 2017 or from the most up to date data.
- 1.4 This is the first Greenspace Asset Management Plan for Perth & Kinross and producing it has highlighted that further development is required to ensure that the right strategies are in place for our greenspace asset. It is anticipated that as strategies develop asset management will be used to target spending and inform the budget setting process in order that best value is obtained from the greenspace asset.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The Corporate Asset Management Team, in conjunction with Greenspace colleagues, have reviewed the works programmes and the strategies for determining these. As a result of this review the team have produced a list of strategies which require further development to support the plan.

- 2.2 A status report will be provided to The Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on an annual basis from November 2018 to ensure the plan remains on track and reflects the most up to date information available.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The first Greenspace Asset Management Plan for Perth & Kinross Council outlines the extent of the greenspace asset, how it is prioritised and how it will be managed. A number of strategies will be brought forward in support of the plan.

- 3.2 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approves the Greenspace Asset Management Plan (Appendix 1)
- (ii) requests the Director (Environment) to bring back a status report to Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure committee in November 2018
- (iii) requests that the Greenspace Asset Management Plan be reviewed every five years and reported back to Strategy Policy and Resources Committee.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	Yes
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	Yes
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	Yes
Risk	Yes
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This Plan relates to the delivery of the Perth and Kinross Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement in terms of the following priorities:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 The Council's Corporate Plan lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic directions, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report supports the delivery of the following Corporate Plan objectives:

- (i) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (ii) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (iii) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 There are no direct financial or resource implications arising from this report. Financial requirements for Greenspace maintenance and replacement will be addressed through the Environment Service Budget setting and monitoring process.

Workforce

- 2.2 No workforce implications are directly associated with this report.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 This report is the Community Greenspace Asset Management Plan.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 3.3 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

- 3.4 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. In terms of the Climate Change Act, the Council has a general duty to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and the community, environmental and economic impacts of its actions.
- 3.5 The information contained within this report has been considered under the Act. However, no action is required as the Act does not apply to the matters presented in this report.

Legal and Governance

- 3.6 No direct legal implications within this report.

Risk

- 3.7 Risks are addressed in the Plan.

4. Consultation

Internal

- 4.1 Community Greenspace, Corporate Finance Teams and the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services, the Head of Finance, the Head of Democratic Services and the Head of Legal & Governance have all been consulted in the preparation of this report.

External

- 4.2 No external communication took place.

5. Communication

- 5.1 The principles of the Greenspace asset management plan and any associated working practices will be communicated through the normal council channels for example Eric.

2. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 2.1 There are no background papers with this report.

3. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Asset Management Plan.

Appendix 2 – Play Area Programme.

Appendix 3 – Bridges Programme.

Appendix 4 – Strategies.