

**BANCROFT PARK AND GARDENS – DEVELOPMENT AND REFURBISHMENT –
INFORMATION NOTE****REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

The public display of the outline proposals held in December 2010 generated a significant response and the project continues to attract positive local media attention. The consultation resulted in significant feedback and a summary is detailed at Appendix A. Groundwork Hertfordshire have investigated two potential funding opportunities (Community Spaces and Peoples Million). Unfortunately, both were unsuccessful and alternatives need to be considered. One option which is currently being investigated is the possibility of applying for a lottery funded parks people scheme similar to that undertaken for Howard Park in Letchworth Garden City.

The next Project Board is due to meet in March 2011 where design proposals resulting from the consultation will be discussed and Groundwork Hertfordshire will have developed detailed costings for these proposals . The current estimated cost is £680,000. Details of future funding opportunities will also be presented to the board.

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