

Impact Assessment

1. Name of activity:	Green Space Management Strategy 2017- 2021			
2. Main purpose of activity:	To ensure the Council is best able to maintain sustainable green space to meet community needs, within available funding			
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this assessment:	Review of Green Space Management Strategy & Grounds Maintenance Contract Project board reports 1 – 7. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016 – 2021, Cabinet Report 22nd November. Green Space Citizen Panel Focus Groups			
4. Assessment				
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative (x)	Positive (x)	
				Negative
				Positive
				The retention of all green space sites with limited investment ensures access to green space and the associated benefits is maintained.
				Negative
				Positive
				The proposal to provide a new football changing pavilion at Walsworth Common, Hitchin will mean the Council will have two fully DDA compliant football pavilions.
				Negative
				Positive
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				Positive
				Negative

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sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity				If play areas do not transfer to third parties there would be the potential loss of equipment from up to 13 play areas.
				Positive
				If 13 play areas are transferred to third parties they would be managed at a more local level meeting the needs of local communities.
				Negative
				Positive
				Negative
				Young People:- If play areas do not transfer to third parties there would be the potential loss of equipment from up to 13 play areas.
				Positive
				Young People:- If 13 play areas are transferred to third parties they would be managed at a more local level meeting the needs of local communities. Teenagers / Adults:- The proposal to provide a new football changing pavilion at Walsworth Common, Hitchin will mean the Council will have two fully DDA compliant football pavilions.
				Negative
				Positive

5 Results

	Yes	No	
Were positive impacts identified?	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	With reduced funding the Green Space Strategy 2017 - 2021 best enables the Council to meet community needs for the retention of Green space and associated infrastructure most valued by our communities.
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	

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Were negative impacts identified (what actions were taken)	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	NHDC's Community Development Team will work with local communities to help establish 'Friends of Local Play Area' groups.
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6. Consultation, decisions and actions

If High or very high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?

Opinion Research Services (ORS) was commissioned to under take three focus groups (one in Hitchin, one in Letchworth and one in Royston) with members of NHDC's Citizens' Panel to discuss the Green Space Management Strategy Review. The groups included a total of 29 people: they were recruited by ORS through its social research call centre, with quota controls to ensure a relatively proportional representation of different demographic and socio-economic groups.

Describe the decision on this activity

Where financially viable the recommendations of the Focus groups have been incorporated into the Green Space Strategy.

List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative impact or promote positively

Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Revised the current Green Space management Strategy to include a sustainable investment programme for green space for the period 2017 - 2021. Although negative impacts had been identified by the proposed closure of the pavilions, officers carried out extensive consultation and exploratory meetings but no community groups were identified as able to take on the running of the pavilions.	Stephen Geach	Jan 2017

When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?

Annual review of Strategy by Head of Leisure and Environment

7. Signatures

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