

## Agenda item 4

For discussion and decision – Management & Improvement Plans for North Parade, Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green

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### Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform discussion at the meeting regarding the North Parade Management & Improvement Plan leading to its adoption and implementation. There will also be discussion regarding the Management & Improvement Plan for Rodden Meadow including Millennium Green to inform public consultation starting in the summer

### Introduction: How we manage our parks and green spaces

Following public consultation and Council discussions, we've adopted management and improvement plans for all of the significant parks and green spaces that we have been looking after over the last few years.

We are now preparing plans for the other spaces that we look after - including North Parade, Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green. The Plan for North Parade is most advanced and will be presented at the Council Matters meeting for adoption.

With the prospect of additional neighbouring land coming across to FTC, now is an opportune time to discuss and review how we manage Rodden Meadow – and to draft a new management plan.

This will include public consultation over the summer and into autumn and will include questions about Millennium Green as both a unique space but also a neighbouring part of Rodden Meadow and an important green space for the town, the town centre and the river corridor.

### A new format for our plans

The format for the draft plans (see Appendices 1 and 2) is different to that of previous plans – and is something that we'll repeat across all of parks and green spaces.

By design they are not intended to be daunting or overly technical – but they do include some important details, like the main habitat typology.

Rather, the starting aim for our plans is that they're straightforward, informative and engaging – and make you want to head outdoors to explore the town's parks and green spaces.

We also try to design our plans so they fit neatly onto a single side of A3 or A4 paper to make them readable and easy to print and take with you.

## Next steps

- Council Matters (7 June)  
Discussion and questions focusing on the proposed plans for North Parade and Rodden Meadow (including Millennium Green)  
*Informed by slides and an introductory presentation*
- Council Matters (7 June)  
Adoption of the proposed plan for North Parade
- Summer 2017 onwards  
Environment Team to progress the North Parade Plan  
Public consultation – including questionnaires and consultation events in the meadow to inform the development of the Rodden Meadow (including Millennium Green) plan.  
Finalise management plan, returning to future Council Matters meeting for adoption

## RODDEN MEADOW



## Recommendations

1. Adopt the proposed management plan for North Parade
2. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to progress the plan
3. Note the scheduled review date
4. Note the contributions of the Critchill Rangers and the Frome Selwood Horticultural Society
5. Note the next steps regarding the Rodden Meadow (incorporating Millennium Green) Plan