

Agenda item 5

For decision: Management & Improvement Plans for New Road and The Dippy

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform discussion regarding the New Road Management & Improvement Plan, leading to its adoption and implementation. There will also be discussion regarding the Management & Improvement Plan for The Dippy leading to its (re)adoption and implementation.

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 and we're reviewing and updating these throughout the course of the year.

We're also preparing plans for the other spaces that we look after (where there may not have been a formally approved plan in the past).

Collectively, our plans are being presented at Council Matters meetings for adoption.

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're repeating across all of our 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 (1 November)
Discussion and questions focusing on the proposed plans for New Road and The Dippy
Informed by slides and an introductory presentation
- Council Matters (1 November)
Adoption of the proposed plans for New Road and The Dippy
FTC's Town Rangers & Project Officers progress the ideas and projects detailed in the plans

Recommendations

1. Adopt the proposed management plans for New Road & The Dippy
2. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to implement the plans
3. Note the scheduled review dates