

Agenda item 4

For decision - The Management & Improvement Plan for the Old Showfield

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Background

Throughout the year, the Council Matters committee has been completing reviews of all the parks and spaces that we look after; with an updated management plan for the Old Showfield the next to be discussed.

This plan includes identified next steps for one of Frome's largest and most important public spaces.

A new format for our plans

The format for the updated plan at [Appendix 1](#) is the same as that being used for all the parks and green spaces that we look after.

The plan includes important details, like the main habitat typology, but the plan isn't intended to be daunting or overly technical.

Rather, the starting aims for the plan are that it's straightforward, informative and engaging – and that it makes you want to head outdoors to explore Frome's parks and green spaces.

Across all of 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.

Our larger and more strategic sites also have a supporting visual plan; which in turn supports signage on site.

The supporting visual plan for the Old Showfield will be finalised and drawn up following this meeting.

Recommendations

1. Adopt the management plan for the Old Showfield
2. Note the scheduled review dates for the site
3. Delegate responsibility for the management and upkeep of the site to the Environment Manager and the Rangers