

Agenda item 3

For decision: Management & Improvement Plans for Victoria Park and Mary Baily
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform discussion regarding the Management & Improvement Plans for Victoria Park and Mary Baily, leading to their adoption and implementation.

This report proposes the site for a new toilet and café in Victoria Park.

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 look after; and we've been reviewing and updating these throughout the course of this year.

We've 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 committee meetings for adoption.

A new format for our plans

The format for the plans (see [Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 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, the plans aren't 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.

However, we also realise that some people will want more information about what we've done, what we're doing and what we plan to do. In future, this detail will be reflected in appendices to the plans, see [Appendix 1a](#) and [Appendix 2a](#). These documents naturally feature some more text and will be available to read on our website or by calling in the Town Hall.

[Appendix 1](#) and [Appendix 2](#) provide the detail of the proposed changes. The most significant is that the site of a new café and toilet is being proposed. Chris Stringer will give an introductory

illustrated presentation on the proposed changes to the current plan.

It is proposed that this committee reviews the plans for Mary Baily play area and Victoria Park in 12 months' time.

Recommendations

1. Adopt the proposed management plans for Victoria Park and Mary Baily
2. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to implement the plans
3. Note the plan will be reviewed in May 2019