Agenda item 6

For decision - Management & Improvement Plan for Weylands Authors: Emma Parker, Project Officer & Chris Stringer, Environment Manager

Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform discussion regarding the Management & Improvement Plan for Weylands, leading to its adoption and implementation.

This report follows public consultation in Spring 2018; and the plan for Weylands reflects the findings of that consultation.

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 been 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 plan (see <u>Appendix 1</u>) is consistent for 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 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 appendix to the plan, see <u>Appendix 1a</u>. These documents naturally feature some more text and will be available to read on our website or by calling in the Town Hall.

It is proposed that this committee reviews the plan for Weylands in 18 months' time.

Recommendations

- 1.
- Adopt the proposed management plan for Weylands Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to implement the plan Note that the plan will be reviewed in January 2020 2.
- 3.