Agenda Item 3

For decision - Management & Improvement plans for Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green
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Summary

This report introduces the new Management & Improvement Plans for Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green.

These plans replace the previous plans, which were discussed and approved by the Council Matters Committee in May 2019.

The plans for both spaces are scheduled to be reviewed annually and the next reviews will be in summer 2021.

Background

We prepare and review plans for the management and improvement of all the parks and green spaces that we look after. These plans are discussed and then formally approved by the Council Matters Committee. The plan for Rodden Meadow can be viewed here. The plan for Millennium Green can be viewed here.

The plans are then reviewed every year or every other year (varying by space).

By design, the format of our plans is repeated across all the parks and green spaces that we look after. The plans include information like the main habitat typology and a management summary.

The **management summary** is particularly important to the plans since this shapes and influences much of our work.

The plans aren't intended to be daunting or overly technical. Rather, we hope that our plans are straightforward and engaging - and that they encourage people to head outdoors to explore Frome's parks and green spaces.

However, starting with this set of plans, we have included another type of information that we feel is important: who we work with (and thereby, how people can get more involved)

This information is included below the management summary.

Previously

The outgoing plans for Rodden Meadow and Millennium Green were discussed and approved by the Council Matters Committee in May 2019.

Next steps

Next steps added for Rodden Meadow:

- Helen Viner will be drawing up a tree planting proposal as part of our new **Wild about Trees** project. This will be presented at a future meeting
- New seating around some of the new trees that are proposed (in time giving people more places to sit in the shade)
- Explore the idea of a natural pond in the eastern part of the meadow, a little further along from the willow arch. This is a project we hope to work on with froglife.org
- We'll be working even more closely with the Friends of the River Frome

There aren't any new next steps for Millennium Green; but naturally we'll follow up on the recommendations that come from the tree survey being completed at the moment – so this might mean more tree works over the coming autumn and winter (after nesting season has ended).

Site risk assessments

The Council Matters committee also discusses and approves all of the site risk assessments relating to the management plans. This reflects the Council's commitment to providing the town with important and relevant information about how we look after the spaces that we've been entrusted with.

By discussing and approving site risk assessments in this way, we are providing a clear and complete picture of what we do.

[The proposed site risk assessment for Rodden Meadow can be viewed here](). [And the assessment for Millennium Green can be viewed here.]()

Reflecting the current situation, both site risk assessments now include a coronavirus risk assessment. It should be noted that this section in the risk assessments is very likely to see frequent updates and changes as the pandemic and lockdown evolve.

Recommendations

1. Adopt the updated management plans for [Rodden Meadow]() and [Millennium Green]()
2. Adopt the new site risk assessments for [Rodden Meadow]() and [Millennium Green]()
3. Approve the scheduled review dates for the plans
4. Approve the scheduled annual review of the site risk assessments
5. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to deliver the plans
6. Delegate responsibility to the Environment Manager to keep the site risk assessments up to date in-between approval and the (scheduled) annual reviews, including updating the coronavirus risk assessment for both spaces

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