

Title of meeting: Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development
Date of meeting: 07 October 2014
Subject: Eastney Beach Habitat Restoration and Management Plan draft Supplementary Planning Document
Report by: City Development Manager
Wards affected: Eastney & Craneswater
Key decision: No
Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet Member approval to consult on the draft Eastney Beach Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

2. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1. approve the Eastney Beach draft Management Plan SPD (appendix A) for consultation**
- 2. authorise the City Development Manager to make editorial amendments to the draft management plan prior to consultation, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development. These changes will not alter the meaning of the document and will be restricted to grammatical and typographical errors**

3. Background

- 3.1 Eastney Beach is a designated Local Wildlife Site as the beach is home to a large amount of vegetated shingle, which is a priority habitat. The Portsmouth Plan sets out a framework in Policy PCS13 to ensure that any impacts to LWS and the habitats they support are properly considered during the planning process.
- 3.2 Portsmouth Plan Policy PCS9 and The Seafront Masterplan set out ambitious proposals to develop and enhance the seafront. The Masterplan recognises that the vegetated shingle at Eastney Beach is valued, both by the species who use it and

by the large number of residents and visitors who visit every day. The area is also identified for a number of development opportunities in the future which, together with others along the seafront, will maximise the potential of the area as a whole.

- 3.3 It is likely that developments in this area identified in the Seafront Masterplan will result in adverse impacts on the LWS and habitats within it unless there are mitigation measures which could be used to remove this impact. These development proposals – particularly the smaller ones – may well find it difficult to address the impacts they would cause on an individual basis.
- 3.4 This management and restoration plan will provide a coherent, strategic approach to this issue. Future development aspirations would be able to link in to this wider strategy to help facilitate the on-going management and restoration of the site and thus ensure that the impacts of their developments on the vegetated shingle habitat are mitigated and compensated for.

Consultation

- 3.5 Consultation on the draft management plan will take place for four weeks. Any interested parties will be able to comment on the document in writing, submitted to the city council by post or e-mail. During the consultation period, the draft management plan will be available to view online and at the Civic Offices.
- 3.6 After the consultation, the results will be reported to the Cabinet Member together with any revisions which are proposed for the management plan before adoption.

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Before finalising the management plan, it is important that stakeholders are given an opportunity to comment on the fine detail of its proposals.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 A preliminary EIA has been conducted. As the plan is principally concerned with habitat restoration, it is not considered that a full EIA is needed.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The process by which the City Council prepares supplementary planning documents, including public consultation, is regulated by the provisions of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”).
- 6.2 Publication, consultation with appropriate stakeholders, and receiving and considering relevant representations are necessary steps towards adoption, and the

report and recommendation support compliance with the Council's statutory obligations as local planning authority.

7. Finance Comments

7.1 The recommendations contained within this report will be carried out from within approved budget resources.

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None.	

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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