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Policy details

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Directorate	PCC Culture Leisure and Regulatory Services
Service	Parks Service
Title of policy, service, function	Parks Strategy
Type of policy, service, function	New
What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?	The previous Parks Strategy expired in 2022. The new parks strategy takes into account new information and policy to bring the strategy up to date and provide a vision for taking the city's parks and open spaces forward into the future.
Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?	yes
What were the outcomes of the consultations?	An online survey was undertaken in autumn 2021 and an in person 'conversation' event took place at two city libraries early in 2022. The outcomes helped form the draft strategy. A full consultation took place in February - April 2023 to inform the final draft strategy.
Has anything changed because of the consultation?	yes
Please provide details	Additional groups have been represented in the strategy such as Langstone Harbour.
Did this inform your proposal?	yes
Please provide details	The strategy has been amended to include further information from climate groups and greening groups.

protected characteristics?

With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?	The action principles guiding the strategy include maximising provision and ensuring that no-one is excluded from parks and open spaces on the basis of protected characteristics.
Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?	Current and future design proposals incorporate consideration of neuro-diversity and principal parks and adventure playgrounds are accessible to people with disabilities.
If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?	N/A
Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?	Consultation has taken place with a wide range of groups - see Appendix.
How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?	The strategy will be reviewed by the Parks Manager on an ongoing basis as it affects future work plans

Crime - Will it make our city safer?

This section is not applicable to my policy	
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Housing - will it provide good quality homes?

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Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy sets out 6 action principles that will guide future maintenance and care: parks as community spaces, parks protecting the environment, parks for lifelong learning, parks for health and wellbeing, parks as accessible and well designed, parks well provided for (resourced).
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Google mobility data shows increased use of the city's parks and open spaces. Activity and events programmes will be provided for principal parks. Biodiversity is continually monitored and resources committed annually. Updates on individual projects will be made via the Cabinet / Committee reporting process.

Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?

This section is not applicable to my policy	
policy	

Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?

Please expand on the impact your	
policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy references a number of decarbonising measures such as the gradual replacement at lease renewal of fleet vehicles with electric vehicles.

How are you going to	
measure/check the	Updates on individual projects will be made via the
impact of your	Committee / Cabinet reporting process.
proposal?	

Energy use - will it reduce energy use?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy references several energy reduction measures such as replacing petrol powered tools with battery powered options.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	The above measure will be monitored by the Grounds Maintenance team.

Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy references wildlife friendly landscaping initiatives such as restricted mowing regimes to encourage wildflower seeding together with other rewilding actions to mitigate surface water run off.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Updates on individual projects will be made via the Committee / Cabinet reporting process

Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy includes commitment to protecting biodiversity, increasing tree coverage, increasing wildflower habitat and restricting/phasing out pesticide use. The strategy references our natural open spaces: Baffins Pond, Milton Common, Hilsea Lines and Portsdown Hill and the steps being taken at these sites to increase biodiversity and protect wildlife.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Through the operational plans for the natural open spaces sites, together with updates on major projects made via the Committee / Cabinet reporting process.

Air quality - will it improve air quality?

This section is not applicable to my	
policy	

Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?

Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?

This section is not applicable to my	
policy	

Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?

Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?	The strategy references the heritage value of our open spaces, particularly those along the seafront, many of which are listed. The strategy also refers to the Events offer in our open spaces.
How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?	Updates on individual projects will be made via the Committee / Cabinet reporting process together with monitoring of our events offer via annual review.

Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?

This section is not applicable to my policy ✓

Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?

This section is not	
applicable to my	
policy	

Social value

Please explain how	Social value is delivered through community projects and
your policy, service,	the extensive engagement of volunteers and
function, project or	engagement with schools. Greening the city also makes
strategy delivers	it a more attractive place to live and work. The strategy
Social Value	plays a key part in safeguarding the environment of the
	city for all to enjoy.

Involvement

Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?	Claire Watkins
Name of the person completing this form	Claire Watkins
Date of completion	2023-04-11