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**BASSETLAW**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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**FRIENDS OF KINGS' PARK  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA**

Meeting to be held in the  
Council Chamber  
Town Hall, Retford  
on

Thursday 8th April 2010

Walk – 5.00pm

(To meet at the Kings' Park Gates)

Meeting – 6.00pm

**(Please note time and venue)**

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# FRIENDS OF KINGS' PARK

**Membership**                    2009/2010

**Councillors:**                M. G. Pugsley, M. A. Skelton, Mrs. C. Troop

**Substitute Members:**    Any Member

**Quorum:**                      2 Members

## **Lead Officer for this Meeting**

Mr. M. Ladyman - Ext. 4135

## **Administrator for this Meeting**

Mrs S Symcox - Ext. 3254

**FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK**

**THURSDAY 8TH APRIL 2010**

**AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS  
(Members and Officers' attention is drawn to the attached notes and form)
  - (a) Members
  - (b) Officers
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2009 \* (Pages 1-5)
4. MINUTES FOR ACTION \* (Page 7)
5. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST \* (Page 9)

**SECTION A – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PUBLIC**

**Key Decisions**

- None

**Other Decisions**

6. REPORT(S) OF THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SERVICES \*
  - (a) Kings Park Update \* (*Report to follow*)

**Exempt Information Items**

*The press and public are likely to be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.*

**SECTION B - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE**

**Key Decisions**

- None

**Other Decisions**

- None

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

\* Report attached

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NOTES:

1. The papers enclosed with this Agenda are available in large print if required.
  2. Copies can be requested by contacting us on 01909-533254 or by e-mail [sue.symcox@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:sue.symcox@bassetlaw.gov.uk)
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## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

### *HOW TO USE THIS FORM*

There are now only two types of Declaration of Interest:

Level 1 – Personal	)	Details can be found in the Councillors
	)	Code of Conduct which is contained in
	)	the Council's Constitution (a summary is
Level 2 – Personal and Prejudicial	)	printed below)

Upon receipt of the attached form you will need to enter the name and date of the Committee and your own name. By looking at the Agenda you will no doubt know immediately which Agenda Items will require you to make a Declaration of Interest.

Fill in the Agenda Item number in the first column of the form.

Enter the subject matter and any explanations you may wish to add in the second column.

In the third column you will need to enter **either** level 1 if you are declaring a personal interest, **or** level 2 if you are declaring a personal and prejudicial interest.

The form must then be signed and dated. Please remember that if during the actual meeting you realise that you need to declare an interest on an additional Agenda Item number please simply amend the form during the meeting.

The form must be handed into the Committee Administrator at the end of the meeting.

NB. The following is a summary prepared to assist Members in deciding at the actual meetings their position on INTERESTS it is not a substitute for studying the full explanation regarding INTERESTS, which is contained in the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for Councillors, which is legally binding.

Members and Officers are welcome to seek, PREFERABLY WELL IN ADVANCE of a meeting advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer on INTERESTS.

#### **Personal Interests**

May relate to employment or business interests  
May relate to property interests  
May relate to contents  
May relate to interests in other bodies  
**OR** if a decision on the matter to be discussed:  
**MIGHT REASONABLY BE REGARDED AS AFFECTING (A MEMBER OR OFFICER) TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN OTHER COUNCIL TAX PAYERS, RATEPAYERS OR INHABITANTS OF THE AUTHORITY'S AREA, the well being or financial position of himself, a relative or a friend or any employment, business, interest, etc. of such a person.**

#### **Action to be Taken – Personal Interests**

Must disclose to the meeting  
- existence of the interest  
- the nature of the interest

#### **Prejudicial Interests**

A Member with a personal interest ALSO has a prejudicial interest if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Members judgement of the public interest.  
(Note – there are special provisions which may exclude the above provisions in certain circumstances.)

#### **Action to be Taken – Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

**Must:-**  
- declare existence and nature  
- withdraw from the room  
- not seek improperly to influence a decision on the matter.  
(Note – there are some exceptions when acting in a scrutiny capacity.)

**FRIENDS OF KINGS' PARK SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th August 2009 at Retford Town Hall**

**Present:**

Councillors M A Skelton and Mrs C Troop

A Adams (Retford Pride), A Coppen (Notts Wildlife Trust) D Hurst (Retford Chamber of Trade) and J Rickards (Chairman, Parish Councils', Northern Area Committee)

Officers in attendance: J Foster, R Mervill and S Symcox

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that in his absence Councillor M G Pugsley be appointed Chairman of the Friends of Kings' Park Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that Mr D Hurst be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Kings' Park Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

(Mr D Hurst in the Chair)

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M G Pugsley and Mrs P Barnsdale (Retford Civic Society).

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

(a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by Officers.

**5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JUNE 2008**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2008 be approved.

**6. MINUTES FOR ACTION**

It was noted that the Town Centre Manager had not attended a meeting of the Sub-Committee. The Manager had now left the Authority and a replacement had not yet been appointed.

**RESOLVED** that

(1) With reference to Minute No 8(5) – "Pam Barnsdale to contact Veolia regarding availability of grants for funding", to be amended to read "Pam Barnsdale to contact Veolia regarding availability of grants".

- (2) The new Town Centre Manager be invited to attend a future meeting of the Sub-Committee
- (3) The Minutes for Action be noted.

## 7. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

**RESOLVED** that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

## 8. REPORT(S) OF THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SERVICES

### (a) Kings' Park Update

Members were presented with a report which provided an update on the Kings' Park Management and Development Plans.

#### Recycling Opportunities

Officers had investigated the volume of recyclable green waste generated in Retford (approximately 165 tons/annum) and assessed that at the present time it is more cost effective for a specialist recycling contractor to process and manage the green waste material off site. This situation will continue to be monitored.

Recyclable waste is taken to a local company and the Council is looking to buy back the processed waste to reuse as compost on flower beds etc.

#### Feedback from Green Space Green STAT

Green Space Green STAT is a national website that Authorities can sign up to allowing members of the public to access information on the parks in the area and the facilities they provide. A customer questionnaire can be completed online, which can then be accessed by the Council to give valuable feedback. However, since 2006 there have only been two attempts to complete the questionnaire online, although the form is not time consuming to complete, it was unclear why there had not been more take up. Advertising the website in the Retford Times was thought to be a way of promoting the facility.

The Chairman advised that at the next meeting of the Notts Parks Officers Group that feedback be requested from the group to see if they had more success with users of the system.

#### Update on alcohol abuse

A meeting took place on 6th April, which included the Police, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, Retford Civic Society and the Parks Department to discuss this issue. The outcome of the meeting was that signs were erected around the park prohibiting the consumption of alcohol, this would enable the police to target those causing particular problems and issue prohibition notices if necessary. The signs were erected in June and the situation is being monitored.

#### Green Flag Award 2008/09

The award is judged on an annual basis Kings' Park was re-assessed for the award on 4th June 2009, confirmation had been received from the assessors that Kings Park had retained the Green Flag status award.

A question was raised regarding the recruitment of a park ranger, this was thought to be an excellent ideal, although there were no additional resources to fund this at present. A park

ranger could act as a public face, working with outside groups ie youth service, probation service etc, liaising with sub groups and volunteers.

Other local authorities had employed park rangers and information would be obtained regarding the nature of the role and how it was funded, it as felt that any type of funding needs to be sustainable.

### The Management Plan

Over the last twelve months progress has been made on delivering several projects detailed in the Kings Park Management Plan. Some of the projects had been revised and supplemented by other initiatives to address recommendations highlighted in the report prepared by last year's Green Flag Award Judges. Appended to the report were: Action Plan showing a three year profile of the eight aims from the Management Plan for the park and the progress that had been made; and feedback report from the 2008 Green Flag assessment.

### The Development Plan/Site work and projects

#### Bulb planting (November 2008) – Goodwin Hall Gardens

Approximately 300 school children from seven local schools, horticultural students from Rother Valley College and local volunteers from Retford Lions and Civic Society helped to plant over 12,000 spring flowering bulbs on the riverside bank and around the park entrance of Goodwin Hall Gardens over two days in late November. This had been a great success and it was hoped that this would be repeated again this year. A suggestion was made that users of the Goodwin Hall be invited to participate eg friendship groups and people with disabilities.

#### Footpath improvements (November 2008) – Wildlife Garden

As part of the ongoing improvements in the wildlife garden, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) were involved in the construction of a new secondary footpath through the garden to improve access. Following the success of the project and the positive feedback from the volunteers, BTCV would like to be involved in future projects within the park.

The Council is keen to encourage more volunteers from other agencies and suggestions of links with North Notts College, Idle Valley and Wildlife Trust were made.

#### Further bat and bird boxes (March 2009) – Woodland areas

Another 20 bat and bird boxes were put in the park during March this year following a successful small grant application of £420 made by the Retford Civic Society with the support of Council and Notts Wildlife Trust to Veolia Environmental Trust. A different range of boxes were put up this time, including an owl box. It was discovered during a survey by Notts Wildlife Trust last autumn, that the majority of original boxes put in the previous spring showed evidence of use.

### Fencing projects

Various fencing improvement works had taken place in the park over the winter/spring months. These included new metal railings over the Carr Dyke bridges, knee rail fencing in various locations on the main lawn side of the park and new boundary fencing near the main Chancery Lane gates to protect the beech hedge and help to secure the park.

### Rose Garden

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the project had been delayed. The Council had arranged for Notts County Council to project manage the scheme, a detailed design plan and draft costings of £40,000 were produced. Orders were then placed with NCC to proceed with the final stage of the works in preparing the tender documents, appointing the contractor and acting as the contract administrator. Following these orders, progress did not proceed as planned, issues were raised with the NCC project manager. It was requested that the site works be completed by the end of April at the latest, in order to allow sufficient time to plant up the garden to coincide with the main planting season. With the timescale involved, NCC could not guarantee that work would be completed within the timeframe and the project was therefore delayed.

NCC has appointed a designated officer and it was therefore hoped that the project would now proceed without further problems/delays.

#### Section 106 (All Hallow, Ordsall – Bridon)

This agreement could provide funds to improve the bowls facilities at Goosemoor Lane and Kings' Park, in lieu of the former facilities at the Bridon sports ground. It is anticipated that funding will provide an irrigation system, security fencing and improved pathways to the bowling green. The improvement works need to be completed by February 2010.

It is hoped to improve the site entrance which leads into the Asda Supermarket car park and a suggestion was made to contact the supermarket to see if they would be willing to contribute to the project.

#### Restoration of main park gates and railing

Quotations have been obtained for the renovation and restoration of both the main entrance gates, railings and stonework. The preferred quotation of £16,300 is from Retford Memorials who undertook the recent restoration works on the Retford War Memorial in the Market Square. An additional cost of £1,075 will also be needed for a signwright to restore the gilding to the main entrance gates. The total cost of the project will be £17,075.

Retford Civic Society has successfully secured grant funding of £3,500 from Iron Hall, a charitable foundation of Ironmongers who work to promote the craft of ironwork.

Retford Civic Society has also agreed to contribute an additional £1,000 towards this project. The Council will look towards match funding at least half the project costs of £8,538 from revenue budgets leaving a shortfall of £4,037. Retford Civic Society will be writing to other organisations within Retford to see if they would be willing to contribute.

Various options of raising the additional funding were suggested, using some of trust fund money was suggested as an option, but all other avenues to be investigated first. The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces advised the Committee that there needs to be a timeline to achieve funding and to ensure that funds already secured are not lost. The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces will liaise with Pam Barnsdale and the Retford Civic Society who are leading on this.

#### Goodwin Hall Gardens

A bid for funding was submitted to Veolia Environmental Trust towards the cost of landscape design plans for the Goodwin Hall Garden area of the park, unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful. Alternative sources of funding will now be looked at eg Heritage Lottery Funding, Building Better Communities etc. If alternative funding cannot be sourced, an

application may be resubmitted to Veolia Environmental Trust, but this can only be done on an annual basis.

### Events

A list of events that had taken place over the last year were submitted, some were one off events, others were annual events, although it was noted that Retford Charter Day was not listed.

For members to consider the structure and purpose of the Friends of Kings Park and how this could be adapted to improve the performance of the group

The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces reminded the Committee why the Sub-Committee was formed in February 2000 and its purpose. Although the functions are still relevant, it is clear that the Sub-Committee has become less effective, leading to a reduction in the number of members and meetings. A key factor in this is the work of the Sub-Committee is almost entirely driven through the work of the Parks Department and there is a need to encourage new parties and partners to get involved in improving the Park, its facilities and activities.

It was proposed that renaming the Sub-Committee 'Kings Park Steering Group' would more aptly reflect the role of the Sub-Committee, ie to encourage local residents and groups to take a hands-on approach to developing new activities and initiatives ie Wildlife/Environmental groups, Young People, Education, Health etc.

It was acknowledged that as this is a Council Committee, renaming the Group would have to be submitted to Council for approval.

The proposal was endorsed by the Sub-Committee in principle, however, the Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces will liaise with the Chairman regarding this matter and also dates/frequency of future meetings.

### **RESOLVED that**

- (1) The report be noted
- (2) Feedback from the Notts Park Officers Group on Green Space Green STAT be brought back to the next meeting.
- (3) Thanks be recorded to staff and everyone else involved in retaining the Green Flag status award.
- (4) The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces contact Pam Skelding of Goodwin Hall regarding users of the Hall participating in the proposed bulb planting.
- (5) The Consultant for Parks & Opens Spaces contact Asda Supermarket to see if they would be willing to contribute to the site entrance project.
- (6) The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces to liaise with Pam Barnsdale and the Retford Civic Society regarding funding for the restoration of main park gates and railings.
- (7) The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces to look at alternative funding for Goodwin Hall Gardens.
- (8) The Consultant for Parks & Open Spaces to liaise with the Chairman of the Committee relating to the proposed renaming of the Sub-Committee and dates/frequency of future meetings.

### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chairman closed the meeting.



MINUTES FOR ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION SHEET

FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK SUB-COMMITTEE 11/08/09

FROM: Senior Democratic  
Services Officer

TO: CPOS = Consultant, Parks and Open Spaces  
CA = Committee Administrator

The following decisions are brought to your attention for action by the appropriate Officers within your Service.

6. MINUTES FOR ACTION

**RESOLVED** that

- (2) the new Town Centre Manager be invited to attend a future meeting of the Sub-Committee  
CPOS

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8. REPORT(S) OF THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SERVICES

**RESOLVED** that

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CPOS



FRIENDS OF KINGS' PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

11TH APRIL 2010

OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

Members please note that the updated positions are shown in bold type following each item (CPOS = Consultant, Parks and Open Spaces)

<u>Min No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Officer Responsible</u>
8	11.8.09	Kings' Park Update	(2) Feedback from the Notts Park Officers Group on Green Space Green STAT be brought back to the next meeting <b>Report to be presented to a future meeting</b>	CPOS



**BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**FRIENDS OF KINGS PARK**

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**KINGS PARK UPDATE**

Cabinet Member: Environment and Housing  
Contact: Mark Ladyman  
Ext: 3160

**1. Public Interest Test**

The author of this report, the Director of Community Services has determined that the report is not confidential.

**2. Purpose of the Report**

To provide Members with details and updates on a number of park-based activities and initiatives.

To provide Members with an update on the Kings Park Management and Development plans.

To provide Members with an opportunity to discuss and prioritise delivery of the remaining Kings Park development projects.

**3. Background and Discussion**

**Actions/Updates from Previous Meeting**

***Town Centre Manager***

All previous meetings of the Friends of Kings Park Sub-Committee Members had requested that the Town Centre Manager should be offered the opportunity to attend future meetings.

A further approach has been made and an invitation to attend the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010 has been provisionally accepted by the new post holder.

### ***Green Stat Feedback from Notts Parks Officer Group***

In response to an item discussed at the Friends of Kings Park Sub-Committee Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009, Members requested further feedback on the application and usage of the Green Stat website questionnaire.

As agreed in an attempt to gain broader opinion on the value of the online facility, the issue was raised and discussed at the Notts Parks Officer Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The limited response from the other local authority parks representatives was as follows:

- Nottinghamshire County Council – Considered joining Green Stat but eventually decided against it.
- Broxtowe Borough Council – Have not signed up to Green Stat but have used its form to produce their own questionnaire
- Mansfield District Council – Have not contemplated it.
- Newark and Sherwood – Are signed up to Green Stat but acknowledge that they receive very few web-based responses. They continue to use it to meet a criteria set through a Parks For People Grant Award and rely more regularly for feedback through their Ranger Service and volunteers.

### ***Funding for Goodwin Hall Gardens***

Enquiries have been made regarding progress on the Building Better Communities funding bid for the Goodwin Hall Gardens Refurbishment Project.

An update suggests that a decision on the funding may be confirmed in early April. The efforts of the Retford Civic Society through Pam Barnsdale in attempting to secure funding are very much appreciated and if the BBC bid is unsuccessful Parks Officers would welcome the opportunity to work with the Society in pursuit of alternative grant aid options.

### ***Proposing the renaming of the Sub-Committee***

Following discussions at the previous Friends of Kings Park Sub-Committee meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009, a report outlining a criteria to allow the formation of a new hands on Friends Group was produced.

Further information has now been requested before this issue can be progressed and considered for approval.

### **Green Flag Awards 2010**

Having successfully achieved Green Flag accreditation in 2008 and 2009, Kings Park has been entered again for the prestigious national award.

Following the completion of a number of high-profile projects and the ongoing efforts and commitment of all those involved, that Parks Management Team consider this year's submission to be the strongest to date.

It is also anticipated that an improved and update management plan will add weight to this year's application. The revised document will be circulated and copies made available for Group Members at the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2010. In due course officers would welcome any feedback relating to the document from Members ahead of the Judge's assessment visit.

### Park Rangers

Bassetlaw District Council recently approved funding for two Park Ranger posts.

These recruits will operate a service seven days a week across all the District Council's green space sites. Although providing district wide cover, the Ranger Service will be developed to focus on key sites such as Langold Country Park, Memorial Gardens in Worksop and of course Kings Park.

The Rangers will play a significant role in promoting parks, assisting with organised events and activities as well as providing support to ensure that sites are safer and more secure.

### Events and Activities

Kings Park continues to gain in popularity as a venue for organised community activities, many of which have now become established as annual events.

In order to expand the range of park-based activities the District Council have enlisted the support of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust . The Trust have prepared and planned a number of educational events to raise the public's awareness of Kings Park's environmental value.

Attendance figures at the first session were disappointing but it was well received by the small number of participants. Both the Wildlife Trust and the District Council are very optimistic that the future sessions, particularly those planned for the school holiday periods will attract higher attendance levels.

The full programme of events being delivered in Kings Park by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is as follows:

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Bird Watch and Bird Feeders
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – Signs of Spring
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010 – Dawn Chorus Bird Walk
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – Bug Bonanza
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 – Wild Art

### The Management Plan

The new Management Plan document now includes more information about the progress made over the last few years in delivering key landscape refurbishment projects and smaller scale site improvement initiatives.

The format of the Plan has also been amended in line with a small number of recommendations raised in the Green Flag Judge's Report for 2009.

Most significantly, the revised Plan includes updated aims and objectives with a set of new action plans to facilitate and help monitor delivery of future development works and site improvements.

The revised action plans for the period 2010-2013 are attached as appendix 1 of this report.

### The Development Plan

A number of significant development projects have been successfully delivered in recent months. These include:

#### ***The Rose Garden***

This key landscape feature has now been completed after a series of lengthy delays.

Constructed on the original rose garden site the newly restored feature integrates planted areas with raised arches linked by pathways with seating bays.

The feature incorporates almost 900 rose plants, which are complemented by a border edging comprising of 220 Lavenders.

The planting design has made effective use of the various types of cultivated rose. These range from traditional Hybrid Tea and Floribunda types to ground cover and climbing species which will provide interest through their contrasting heights. A small number of standard roses offer a further variation of growth habit in beds towards the centre of the garden.

All the rose varieties have been selected for their visual attributes i.e. Strong colourful blooms produced over a long flowering season. Another key consideration has been the use of heavily fragranced species that will blend with the aromatic scents produced by the accompanying Lavenders to provide sensory aspect to the new feature.

The colour of the flower blooms range from deep scarlet, with hints of pink through to shades of orange and yellow with a white climber completing the colour combinations.

The various roses species are all of disease resistant stock.

The installation of the Rotary Club of Retford's analemmatic sundial provides additional interest on the new garden's lawned area.

### Entrance Gates Restoration Project

The high profile project to restore King Park's main gate features at the Chancery Lane and Hospital Road entrances was recently completed.

The Retford Civic Society played the lead role in securing funds for the project with the full support of the District Council and other partner organisations.

The funding enabled local craftsman to repair and repaint the ornate metal gates and railings, while the stone pillars were cleaned and re-aligned.

#### Bowling Green Area Improvements

Funds of £23,000 acquired through a Section 106 planning agreement were recently invested in the Kings Park Bowling Green facility.

Now completed the improvement works undertaken include:

- The re-surfacing of paths around the green
- The supply and installation of a new ornamental gate and fencing
- The supply and installation of a semi-automatic irrigation system
- The supply and installation of two new cast iron litter bins
- The installation of an access ramp with handrails at the pavilion.

#### The Development Plan (Future Projects)

This meeting provides an opportunity for Members of the Friends of Kings Park Sub-Committee to discuss and prioritise delivery of the remaining Kings Park development projects. These include:

- The refurbishment of the tennis courts
- The refurbishment of the bandstand
- An alternative approach to the delivery of the Goodwin Hall Garden landscaping project.

#### **4. Implications**

- a) For service users - None
- b) Strategic & Policy - None
- c) Financial - Ref: *(Insert No 11 / 145.)*

All activities and initiatives mentioned in the report will be contained within existing budgets and a further Cabinet report for any funding applications.

- d) Legal – Ref: *(98/04/10)*

There are no legal implications contained within this report

- e) Human Resources - None
- f) Community Safety, Equalities, Environmental - None
- g) Whether this is a key decision, and if so the reference number.

Not a key decision.

#### **5. Options, Risks and Reasons for Recommendations**

None

#### **6. Recommendations**

For Members to consider the content of the background and discussion section of the report.

**Background Papers**

**Location**















