

 Overview and Scrutiny Committee 17th December 2019		Agenda Item No. 4
Title	Green Space Quality Audit	
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Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	Overview and Scrutiny Committee September 26 th 2019	
Background Papers	No	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	No
N/A	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	03/12/2019	Chris Elliott
Head of Service	03/12/2019	Rob Hoof
CMT	03/12/2019	Bill Hall
Section 151 Officer	03/12/2019	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer	03/12/2019	Andrew Jones
Finance	03/12/2019	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	03/12/2019	David Norris
Consultation & Community Engagement		
N/A		
Final Decision?		No
Pending feedback form the Overview and Scrutiny Committee		

1. **Summary**

1.1 Following the review of the 2018/19 Neighbourhood Services Service Review Report, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested officers to provide more detail on the green space quality assessment.

2. **Recommendation**

2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny review the information included within Appendix 1 and make observations on it as appropriate.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

3.1 Although the information in the 2018/19 Neighbourhood Services showed a continuing improvement in the quality of the Council’s green spaces, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested a more detailed breakdown of the green space quality audit information.

4.1 **Fit for the Future (FFF)**

“The Council’s FFF Strategy is designed to deliver the Vision for the District of making it a Great Place to Live, Work and Visit. To that end amongst other things the FFF Strategy contains several Key projects.

“The FFF Strategy has 3 strands – People, Services and Money and each has an external and internal element to it. The table below illustrates the impact of this proposal if any in relation to the Council’s FFF Strategy.”

FFF Strands		
People	Services	Money
External		
Health, Homes, Communities	Green, Clean, Safe	Infrastructure, Enterprise, Employment
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Improved health for all Housing needs for all met Impressive cultural and sports activities Cohesive and active communities	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Area has well looked after public spaces All communities have access to decent open space Improved air quality Low levels of crime and ASB	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Dynamic and diverse local economy Vibrant town centres Improved performance/ productivity of local economy Increased employment and income levels
Impacts of Proposal		
Provision of high quality parks and open spaces support a range of activities that support the health and wellbeing agenda including sports pitches, children’s play equipment, walking,	The services provided by Neighbourhood Services make a considerable contribution to making the district clean green and safe, as it maintains and develops green spaces.	The provision of a high quality public realm makes the district a great place to live work and visit.

running etc. Servicing and maintenance of Housing areas are included with the maintenance contracts managed by Neighbourhood Services.		
Internal		
Effective Staff	Maintain or Improve Services	Firm Financial Footing over the Longer Term
<u>Intended outcomes:</u> All staff are properly trained All staff have the appropriate tools All staff are engaged, empowered and supported The right people are in the right job with the right skills and right behaviours	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Focusing on our customers' needs Continuously improve our processes Increase the digital provision of services	<u>Intended outcomes:</u> Better return/use of our assets Full Cost accounting Continued cost management Maximise income earning opportunities Seek best value for money
Impacts of Proposal		
Staff are continually developed using a range of methods including formal courses, in-house training and attendance at seminars, conferences or regional bodies.	The Service Area is continually looking at ways of improving the way services are delivered to customers, through improved working practices and use of ICT.	Neighbourhood Services ensures that any expenditure achieves the best value for money.

4.2 Supporting Strategies

The intention of the Green Space Strategy is to help inform a series of recommendations and provide a strategic direction for the current and future provision of green space within Warwick district. The strategy is based on a comprehensive evidence base and considers not only the physical provision of the integrated elements of parks, natural areas, play spaces, green corridors and amenity areas but also a set of principles to meet future challenges and make things happen. The strategy focuses on the role of the principal provider and policy maker for green space within Warwick district – Warwick District Council. The strategy established an overall, vision and framework for achieving key recommendations between 2012 and 2026.

4.3 Changes to Existing Policies

4.3.1 There are no changes to existing policies as a result of this report.

5. Budgetary Framework

5.1 This report does not raise any specific budgetary implications.

6. Risks

- 6.1 Risks are managed using the Service Area's Risk Register which is regularly reviewed.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

- 7.1 As this report is predominantly for information, at the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, no other options are proposed.