

Addendum to Item 7 – Park Exercise Permits

In consulting on the content of this report it has become clear that there may be other Parks and Open Spaces that serve as unofficial venues for outdoor fitness classes, apart from those listed in the proposed Policy. It is also considered possible, although unlikely, that existing classes may move from those areas covered by the Policy, in order to avoid the requirements of the Policy. It has thus been decided to propose that the Portfolio Holder for Culture and the Head of Cultural Services be delegated the authority to add other areas of the Council's Parks and Open Spaces to the Policy from time to time, if it is considered appropriate to do so.

The below recommendation and reasons for it to be added to the report:

Additional Recommendation

- 2.4 That Members delegate to the Portfolio Holder for Culture and the Head of Cultural Services the decision as to the future inclusion of new areas of the Council's Parks and Open Spaces within the remit of this policy.

Reasons for the Additional Recommendation

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- 3.4.1 The Policy is currently proposed to apply to the larger Parks and Open Spaces within the Council's ownership. This is because it is believed that these are the main areas where these activities currently take place. However, if it becomes clear that other areas within the Council's ownership are being used for activities of the nature covered by the Policy, it may be necessary to include additional areas into the Policy at a later date.
- 3.4.2 It is also possible, although it is not considered likely, that existing groups might move from the major parks to smaller open spaces in order to deliberately evade the requirements of the Policy.
- 3.4.3 It is therefore proposed that authority is delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Culture and the Head of Cultural Services to add additional Parks and Open Spaces to the Policy if required to maintain consistency. This could be done as part of the annual review of the Policy, or at other times if necessary.