

 <b>Executive – 15 February 2012</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b> <h1>12C</h1>
<b>Title</b>	Protection of Historic Park and Gardens – Wantage, Kenilworth	
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<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	Kenilworth Abbey	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Wantage File	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No
<b>Equality &amp; Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	No (If No state why below)
Not relevant to discussion	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	25.1.12.	Chris Elliott/Bill Hunt
Head of Service	-	Paul Pinkney
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	16.1.12	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		
Finance	16.1.12	Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)	16.1.12	Councillor John Hammon
Consultation & Community Engagement		
The report is to request approval for public consultation to be undertaken.		
Final Decision?		No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
Public consultation is undertaken		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To carry out a public consultation for the inclusion of the gardens at Wantage, No. 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth into the Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in Warwick District.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That approval be granted for a period of public consultation for the inclusion of the gardens at The Wantage, No. 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth in the Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.
- 2.2 That a report be brought back to the Executive following public consultation.

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure public consultation takes place to assist in formulating the decision as to whether the garden at Wantage, should be included in the Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

## 4. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

### 4.1 **Policy Framework –**

- Warwick District Council Local Plan - makes provision in DAP11 for the Protection of Historic Parks and Gardens.
- The Policy makes provision for a Local Register of Historic Parks and Gardens to be maintained in addition to the National Register maintained by English Heritage.
- 9.5 under Policy DAP11 makes provision for the addition to the current Register of worthy parks and gardens.

### 4.2 **Fit for the Future –**

Not applicable.

## 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no direct budgetary implications.
- 5.2 Wantage is a Grade II Listed property and therefore eligible for grant aid. It is possible that features/walls within the gardens could also become eligible for grant aid if the garden were to be included within the Register.
- 5.3 If Planning Applications or Listed Building Applications affecting the garden are received the Local Planning Authority are required to consult with Warwickshire Gardens Trust.

## 6. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 An alternative option would be not to recommend the garden for inclusion in the Local Register. It would reduce the level of significance of the garden in any Planning or Listed Building decision to be made on the garden.

## 7. **BACKGROUND**

7.1 As part of investigatory work carried out in the assessment of recent Planning and Listed Building Applications affecting Wantage and its grounds, the historical significance of the gardens alongside the Grade II Listed House have become apparent.

- An accompanying paper, together with a plan , setting out the background and features of the garden is included with this report. It is proposed that this or a similar paper would be used as part of the consultation process.
- Following the consultation process a report will be brought back to Executive recommending or otherwise that the garden be included within the Local Register.