

Parks Task GroupScoping Document – DRAFT v2

Review Topic	Parks *(clarification required)
Chairman	To be confirmed
Group Membership	To be confirmed
Officer Support	Peter Foulsham (Scrutiny Officer)
Purpose of the Review	To ensure that the council's parks are fully developed as a community asset, fit for purpose in the 21 st century and beyond.
Objective of Review	To identify possible areas for improvement and service development
Aims of the Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify areas of good practice 2. To understand Wyre's current provision of 'Traditional' and 'Pocket Parks' 3. To understand the current costs of parks in Wyre 4. To understand the varying needs of different communities (e.g. urban and Over Wyre) 5. To identify who uses the parks and for what purpose 6. To assess the extent of anti-social behaviour in parks and what additional steps can be taken to reduce it 7. To identify whether there are any additional funding streams that should be pursued 8. To identify whether there are other agencies or organisations who might be able to contribute expertise and fresh ideas 9. To identify new ways of working with our communities to increase engagement in municipal areas and develop community pride, including the role of Friends Groups
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review any previous reports and documentation • Assess and understand the current provision of parks in Wyre • Interviews with witnesses at task group meetings • Examine the views/experience of other local authorities and community groups to see what lessons could be learned • Engage with residents who utilise the parks currently • Engage with residents who do not utilise the parks currently • Engage with target groups, including children and young people, families, retired people, dog walkers, artists, conservationists, etc • Site visits • Examine any other funding streams that might be available

Scope of Review	The review will <u>not</u> include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on specific, localised issues, including any complaints currently being independently investigated • Matters specifically related to Bowling Greens and Clubs • The current bid for funding for the Memorial Park Fleetwood
Potential Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure and Culture Portfolio Holder • Corporate Director of People and Places • Corporate Director of Resources • Head of Operations • Users of the borough's parks • Non-users of the borough's parks • Representatives of target groups (young people, families, retired people, dog walkers, artists, conservationists, etc.) • Police officers, PCSOs • Other agencies/organisations who might contribute expertise and fresh ideas
Documents to be considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on local rather than borough-wide issues
Level of Publicity	Medium
Indicators of a Successful Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks used by a greater variety of individuals and groups • Additional sources of funding identified • A parks service that reflects the needs of residents
Intended Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An improved parks service that meets the needs of the residents of Wyre
Approximate Timeframe	To be completed in 3 months (by the end of April 2013)
Projected Start Date	January 2013

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