

Report title	Management and Maintenance of the Green
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Reasons for exemption	N/A

Purpose of report

For information and approval

Synopsis of report:

To update the Committee on the Englefield Green Management Plan.

To update on the works completed by the Environmental Services teams since the last Committee meeting.

To provide the Committee with an update on other works agreed at the last meeting.

Provide the Committee with a Financial Statement.

1. Context and background of report

1.1 This report seeks to provide information to the committee regarding the progress of the Management Plan of the Green as well as an update of works undertaken, since the last committee meeting.

2. Update on the Management of the Green and Management Plan

2.1 Due to long-term sickness within the Green Spaces team, which sits within Environmental Services, there is no progress to report on in respect of the proposed management plan of the Green.

2.2 The work approved by the Committee at the last Committee Meeting (ground maintenance of the Green, being to scarify, remove arisings, seed and top dress) has now commenced. The application of iron was applied on the 6 March 2024 with the remaining works scheduled, to be undertaken (weather conditions permitting)– week commencing 18/03/2024.

2.3 The Corporate Head of Environmental Services contracted the Crown Estates Office

regarding replacement of the fallen wooden posts in March. On the 15th March 2024 the following reply was received from the Estates Office. Officers note that spend up to £350 was approved by Englefield Green Committee on the 16th January.

2.4 *We are happy for the failed bollards to be replaced. I am though, not particularly keen on composite options and would prefer that timber continues to be the material of choice. Should further fail, then they should be replaced on a like for like basis.*

2.4. Officers will arrange for the two fallen wooden posts to be replaced with new wooden posts. From this email it is understood that all future post replacements will be made from wood, this being the material of preference for the Crown Estate.

2.4 The Open Spaces team within Environmental Services has completed the first grass cut to the Green, as well as removing the leaves and strimming of the banks.

2.5 Officers can confirm that a memory bench was installed on Englefield Green on the site of the empty plinth on the 3rd January 2024. The cost was fully covered by the donor.



3. Policy framework implications

3.1 Climate Change – We aim to reduce our impact on Climate Change by employing sustainable management practices.

Empowering our Communities - We will present the best possible arguments to external stakeholders to preserve, protect and enhance local quality of life.

Health and Wellbeing - Access to Sport, leisure and recreation improves health and wellbeing.

4 Resource implications/Value for Money

4.1 Not Applicable

5. Legal implications

5.1 The legal status of the Englefield Green Estate will be included within the proposed management plan.

6. Equality implications

6.1 As part of the Management Plan an EQIA would be completed.

7. Environmental/Sustainability/Biodiversity implications

7.1 The management plan will reference Environmental / Sustainability and biodiversity.

8. Risk Implications

8.1 Any risk implications will be included in the final Management Plan

9. Other implications

9.1 Not Applicable

10. Timetable for Implementation

10.1 A further update on actions taken, and an update on the progression of the Englefield Green Management Plan will be provided at the next meeting of the Committee on 27 June 2024.

11. Conclusions

11.1 None

12. Background papers

12.1 None

13. Appendices

13.1 Financial Statement