

## \*PART A

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 7 March 2012  
**Report of:** Head of Legal and Property Services  
**Title:** Previous Review Update: Green Spaces

### 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the Green Spaces review recommendations which were last reviewed by Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 4 February 2010.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 that Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the latest update and considers whether the Task Group's recommendations have been met.

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### 3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

3.1 Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee agreed to review Green Spaces at its meeting on 22 November 2007.

3.2 The purpose of this review was to assess the delivery of the Green Spaces Strategy against the action plan.

3.3 The Scrutiny Committee agreed the final draft of the report at its meeting on 12 March 2008 which was then forwarded to the Executive for consideration.

3.4 At the Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 July 2008 the Portfolio Holder attended and responded to the recommendations. The

Scrutiny Committee then reviewed an updated action plan at its meeting on 4 February 2010.

- 3.5 This year Overview and Scrutiny Committee has decided to review previous reports and consider whether there are any outstanding recommendations which still need to be implemented.
- 3.6 Appendix 1 sets out the original recommendations; the responses from Cabinet and officers and the Scrutiny Committee's comments and resolutions. It also includes the latest update from the Parks and Open Spaces Section Head.

#### 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

##### 4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that the Council's capital programme includes funding for the Green Spaces Strategy and a substantial programme of Section 106 funded projects. This is a considerable achievement during a period of severe public expenditure reductions.

##### 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no legal implications in the report.

##### 4.3 **Potential Risks**

None identified.

#### Appendices

Appendix 1 – Green Spaces review update

#### Background Papers

Minutes of the Call-in and Performance Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 22 November 2007, 12 March 2008, 9 July 2008 and 4 February 2010

Green Spaces Task Group's final report

#### File Reference

None