

JAMES STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN – UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The council has been working with the James Street Community Garden Association (JSCGA) to allow the group to make improvements to the James Street Play Park, creating a community garden with funding they secured
- 1.2 This work has now been completed to a high standard by the JSCGA and has been signed off by the council
- 1.3 A formal agreement is required to set out the roles and responsibilities of both parties going forward
- 1.4 The area committee considered and approved the terms of a minute of agreement to be entered into between the council and the JSCGA at its meeting on 13 December 2016
- 1.5 Since then officers have had further discussions with the JSCGA , and as a result of those discussions, there is a revised minute of agreement for consideration by members at Appendix One

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Approve the terms of the revised agreement
- Request that the Head of Roads and Amenity Services takes all necessary steps to sign the agreement on behalf of the council
- Endorse the work of JSCGA to bring the area back to life

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The council has been working with the James Street Community Garden Association (JSCGA) to enable them to improve the James Street Community Playpark with external funding
- 2.2 This work has now been completed to a high standard, and has been signed off by the council

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Approve the terms of the revised agreement
- Request that the Head of Roads and Amenity Services takes all necessary steps to sign the agreement on behalf of the council
- Endorse the work of the James Street Community Garden Association to bring the area back to life

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 The JSCGA approached the council with a proposal to improve the James Street Play Park, with a view to creating a community garden as an area for quiet reflection, as well as a toddlers' play space
- 4.2 The council is focused on helping ambitious and committed community groups achieve their goals, providing the best outcome for all
- 4.2 The group secured external funding and were able to progress works with the agreement of the council's Roads and Amenity service, the asset holder
- 4.3 This work has now been completed to a high standard, and has been signed off by the council
- 4.4 A formal agreement is required to set out the roles and responsibilities of both

parties going forward

- 4.5 Specifically this relates to the ongoing management and maintenance of the park in general and the new installations in particular
- 4.6 Members considered and approved a minute of agreement in December 2016
- 4.7 Since then officers have been in further contact with the JSCGA and, as a result of those discussions, there is a revised minute of agreement for consideration by members
- 4.8 The agreement will run from 1st October 2017 until 30th September 2027, but either party may terminate the agreement on the first anniversary of 1st October 2017 and every anniversary of 1st October throughout the duration of the Agreement, on giving the other party no less than two months written notice.

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The James Street Community Garden Project has been a great success. Thanks to the efforts of a committed group of local volunteers the space has been brought back to life.
- 5.2 Members are asked to approve the minute of agreement which sets out the roles and responsibilities of both parties going forward

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy: None known
- 6.2 Financial: None
- 6.3 Legal: The MoA will govern the relationship between the council and the JSCGA going forward
- 6.4 HR: None
- 6.5 Equalities: None
- 6.6 Risk: None known
- 6.7 Customer Service: None

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APPENDICES

Appendix One: Revised Minute of Agreement