

Programme of Improvement of Green Spaces within the Borough

Theme	Topic	Report content	Status	Author (TBC)
External Funding	Riverside park development	Proposals to seek funding and support to improve and develop Riverside Park along the quayside.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
External Funding	Trees – NE Community Forest	Update on current progress and plans to increase tree planting in the borough and region.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
External Funding	Trees – Whitehills	Update on funding bid to support woodland planting, biodiversity restoration, jobs training and engagement at Whitehills.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
External Funding	Tyne Estuary Partnership	EOI Investment Readiness Fund to prepare innovative nature projects to attract Private financial investment.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
Investment / Service improvement	Allotments	Update on management arrangements and any proposals for improvement.	Development	Andy Graham/ Gerald Tompkins
Investment / service improvement	Bridle paths and PROW additional funding	Summary of progress and plans to use the additional funding.	Delivery	Marc Morley/ Trevor Waggett
Investment / service improvement	Cycle path cleansing and winter maintenance scheme	Summary of initiative, current update on cleansing arrangement and plans for winter maintenance.	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / David Charlton
Investment / service improvement	Dog warden	Education and awareness initiatives and enforcement.	Delivery	Kevin Hills
Investment / service improvement	Environmental Investment Scheme	Summary of project, early successes and plans for future development of schemes.	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / David Charlton
Investment / service improvement	Fixed play facility renewals current and new funding schemes	Summary of work undertaken to date and plans for the remaining years of funding.	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / Kevin Hills

Investment / Service improvement	More and Better Woodlands & Trees	Update on the employment of a Council Tree Officer to help develop increased tree planting (100,000 by 2030) and better management of existing tree stock. Target 250 ha of woodlands by 2050.	Delivery	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
Investment / Service improvement	Open space and parks events	Summary of ongoing and planned initiatives to attract visitors to open space and parks.	Delivery	Chris Strong/ Kevin Hills
Investment / service improvement	Parks and countryside sites improvement plans	Summary of sites identified, early improvements and future schemes.	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / Kevin Hills
Investment / service improvement	Parks maintenance fund	Summary of sites identified, early improvements and future schemes.	Delivery & Development	Philip Hindmarsh / Kevin Hills
Investment / service improvement	Saltwell park concessions	Details of plans to tender to improve leisure offer in the park.	Development	Andrea Tickner
Investment / service improvement	Web and ICT developments	Summary of initiatives to help the public report issues on open space.	Delivery	Roger Abbott
Partnerships & projects	Angel of the North site development	Update on plans to improve the open space around the Angel of the North.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Clare Richardson
Partnerships & projects	Countryside sites management	Work undertaken to transfer sites to DWT to improve their maintenance and future viability. Future plans.	Delivery & Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
Partnerships & projects	Crawcrook park master plan	Update on Our Villages plans to develop a management plan for the park.	Development	Ian Stevenson / Kevin Hills
Partnerships & projects	Cross Council initiatives - housing	Summary of joint workstreams between Street scene and housing team. Outcomes and proposed initiatives. Estate Walkabout Programme (tenant engagement on estate development)	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / Neil Bouch
Partnerships & projects	Enforcement	Post Covid plans for environmental enforcement and joint working initiatives.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Elaine Rudman
Partnerships & projects	Environmental Volunteers	Summary of groups and the work they have undertaken. Plans to support and develop more groups and initiatives.	Delivery	Philip Hindmarsh / Kevin Hills
Partnerships	Friends of	Summary of initiatives to support the park.	Delivery	Ian

& projects	Ferndene park/ Brighten Ryton			Stevenson / Kevin Hills
Partnerships & projects	Joint working initiatives External partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North East of England Nature Partnership - North East England Climate Coalition - Northumbria University - National Trust - Durham Wildlife Trust - Woodland Trust - Highways England and Anthony Gormley - Land of Oak and Iron Trust - Forestry Commission - Tyne Catchment Partnership 	Delivery & Development	Neil Wilkinson
Partnerships & projects	Motorbike disorder on open spaces	Summary of joint initiatives to try and combat this problem which can deter people using green spaces.	Delivery	Adam Lindridge
Partnerships & projects	Sports pitches management	Update on the alternative management of bowls and sports pitches.	Delivery	Chris Strong
Partnerships & projects	Team Valley Flood Alleviation Strategy	Joint working with the Environment Agency. proposals to reduce flood risk to the Team Valley.	Development	Marc Morley / Neil Wilkinson
Partnerships & projects	Walking with the Wounded	Summary of joint working initiative to support green space improvements.	Delivery	Kevin Hills
Policy Development	Biodiversity net gain	Summary of the legislative requirements and implications in the borough.	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson
Policy Development	Health and wellbeing review	Plans to come out of the review.	Development	Andy Graham/ Gerald Tompkins
Policy Development	Planning tools/ initiatives	Local Nature Recovery Strategy – with Sunderland and South Tyneside councils Future Biodiversity Report approach	Development	Anneliese Hutchinson/ Neil Wilkinson