

Birmingham City Council

Sustainability & Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: City of Nature 25 Year Plan Update

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an overview on the progress of the Future Parks Accelerator work to deliver the City of Nature 25 Year Plan; and outline the challenges and next steps being undertaken to implement this through the programme of work being delivered under the Urban Nature Development Programme and Urban Forest Accelerator.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note for information.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 The programmes are funded through secured external grants (revenue), CIL and CWG legacy funds (Capital)

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 None outside of existing grant conditions

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- 5.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
 - 5.1.2 advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - 5.1.3 foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 5.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.
- 5.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

6 Appendices

- 6.1 CoN O&S slide deck - to be presented at meeting
- 6.2 CoN Commonwealth Games Legacy project progress report (for info)
- 6.3 Link to City of Nature 25 Year Plan – (for info)
<https://naturallybirmingham.org/birmingham-city-of-nature-delivery-framework/>
- 6.4 Link to Birmingham Urban Forest Master Plan – (for info)
<http://birminghamtreepeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/BUFMPExecReport-Final-Nov-2021-v1.pdf>