Agenda item 4

For information - Review of Nurture Open Spaces Work Programme

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Open Spaces Programme:

Project	Update	Status
Convene people who use our open spaces to ensure existing groups are represented but also to reach out to other users whom we have not yet engaged Work with the forum to consider resident involvement in	Engaging with local residents to undertake management plan reviews for each site. Showfield consultation finished, and work being carried out to review creating a self-led dog agility area in the furthest Showfield field (consultation 8 Sep). Mary Baily/Vic Park consultation 21-28 Sep including detailed review of Skatepark options in Mary Baily Ditto above	
Identify open spaces that we want to take on during the creation of the new Unitary	Open Spaces review workshop with councillors on 24 Aug. Broad consensus on initial position for key categories: FTC keen on Larger and strategic green sites, (possibly including the Mount) and SCs 7 Play areas. Not on smaller sites, tarmac/concrete, and street-cleansing/town bins. Next step is confirming with the devolution steering group and negotiating with SC. Please can all councillors finish their consultation on their wards for individual sites by 20 Sep (date TBC with Peter Wheelhouse)	
Consider how FTC would service and maintain a growing number of open spaces	Paper at this oversight committee for assistant ranger and extra vehicle	
Work with housing and planning to agree which open spaces should be maintained and which could be made available for housing	Ongoing	

Ensure our parks and open spaces are places that people value highly to enjoy, are accessible and inclusive, and support a wide range of outdoor activities and bio-diversity	Review of management plans to ensure inclusivity Broadway Community Garden –Phase 2 access works completed – next step is review and consult on improvement to Broadway entrance Milk Street – final stage of review of amended plans underway, practical works soon after the community has agreed a proposal Incidental play in Welshmill – co-design with St John's school, now installed Biodiversity assessed through iNaturalist record keeping Town Centre Ranger – making a clear contribution to upkeep and presentation and responsiveness for town centre. Post now permanent Working with Frome Families for the Future to explore better access to Rodden Meadow and destination platform by the river Henley Way – Plan is to replace the deteriorating ramp with a better cited (shorter route and wood off ground to avoid rotting) longer lasting wooden ramp with a comprehensive annual maintenance programme to extend life. Next step is to open tender via the Proactis tender site.	
Other - Collaboration with partner agencies on land, works and maintenance across Open Spaces and the town	Ongoing as discussions arise Working with Frome Medical Practice Community woodland site – Lease signed. Initial approaches made to fly grazing horse owner – still awaiting first on-site meeting Purchase of land at Adderwell – HoT signed and agreement on crowdfunding campaign confirmed with FoRF on 27 Aug. Purchase completion hoped for this month (Sep 24)	