



## Cabinet 25 March 2009

### Report of the Policy Development Committee: Parks Management Plans and Proposed Improvement Plan (Apr 09/10)

1. As part of the Parks Review, it had been recommended that management plans be created for the Council's major parks. The Committee received a report which outlined the progress to date of the site specific management plans, and of the additional improvements being proposed within the Parks Service as a whole.
2. The Committee was also advised that, in order to build on the Council's success in achieving Green Flag accreditation for its parks, the management plans for East Town Park and Nowton Park had recently been submitted to the Green Flag judging authority. Over the next three year period the Parks Service will submit one additional park a year for Green Flag scrutiny/accreditation. Next year it is proposed that Abbey Gardens be submitted, and the Committee appointed three Members to work with officers to develop a management plan for the Abbey Gardens. Another 1 or 2 members will be invited to join the Steering Group via the Members' Bulletin.
3. The report also advised Members that it was proposed over the next six months to visit and audit all parkland sites against a standardised format, following which a prioritised rolling programme of parks infrastructure repairs/replacement may be developed, funded from the existing parks revenue budgets.
4. Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED that an audit system for parks and the introduction of a prioritised repair programme be developed, based on the urgency of repair.**

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