

## **GREENSPACE - QUALITY OF PROVISION**

### Report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The panel are minded to consider how the borough's greenspaces are monitored for their individual quality and the benefits they bring to the communities they serve.
- 1.2 The panel will agree the scope of the review, methodology, sources of evidence and witnesses to be called.

#### **2 Background**

- 2.1 There is universal recognition of the wide range of benefits that greenspace provides.
- 2.2 This view is supported by a body of evidence that demonstrates the link between accessing greenspace and both physical and mental health benefits.
- 2.3 Greenspaces are the also the lungs of our borough, providing species rich habitats, reducing air pollution, reducing flood risk and sequestering carbon.
- 2.4 However, the extent to which these benefits are realised is dependent on the quality and accessibility of the greenspaces.

#### **3 Aims of the Scrutiny Review**

- 3.1 Subject to agreement the panel will aim to determine if there is equitable provision of accessible good quality greenspace to all residents of Stockport.
- 3.2 There are many components that affect the equitable provision of good quality greenspaces. As such the initial step must be to understand the extent, quality and geographical spread of existing provision.
- 3.3 This scrutiny panel will
  - review and recommend quality assessment methodologies
  - review and recommend the accessibility standards of key asset types

#### **4 Membership**

- 4.1 The scrutiny review panel will consist of:
  - Cllr Kerry Waters
  - Cllr Lisa Walker
  - Cllr Malcolm Allan
  - Cllr Mark Roberts
  - Supported by Damian Eaton

## **5 Timetable**

- 5.1 The Panel will be asked to determine how often it wishes to meet and the dates for those meetings.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Ian Walmsley on Tel: 0161 474 4382 or by email on [ian.walmsley@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:ian.walmsley@stockport.gov.uk)