

APPENDIX TO ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT - 10 JUNE 2008

<u>Parks and Open Spaces Development Programme – Project Name</u>	<u>Aim</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>	<u>Current Status May 2008</u>
Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2007 - 2012	Produce the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy and develop a High Level Action Plan	Strategy adopted by Council September 2007	Draft Strategy and High Level Action Plan considered by Executive on 4 September 2007.
Southern Country Park Green Flag Award Bid	Submit successful bid for initial Green Flag Award for Southern Country Park, Bishop's Stortford	July 2008	Bid submitted January 2008 – judging in May with results known in July 2008
Second Green Flag Award Bid	Confirm site to bid for second Green Flag Award. Produce a detailed management plan (called a Greenspace Action Plan) for the site and submit bid for second Green Flag Award in October 2008	July 2009	Ongoing - management plan and bid submission framework is in place for a second Green Flag bid - results from this bid will be known in July 2009

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<p>Management Plans for the five major Parks in the District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Country Park, Bishop's Stortford • Hartham Common and the Meads, Hertford and Ware • Castle Gardens, Hertford • The Castle Grounds, Bishop's Stortford • Grange Paddocks and Red, White & Blue, Bishop's Stortford 	<p>Develop and deliver a programme of individual management plans for the named major parks in consultation with stakeholders.</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>Ongoing - Countryside Management Service and Officers from Environmental Services are currently working to produce a framework for management plans for individual parks and open spaces.</p> <p>Work started on Grange Paddock Greenspace Action Plan (GAP) for 2010</p>
<p>Parks and Open Spaces Development Programme – Individual Park and Open Space Management Plans</p>	<p>Develop and deliver individual Management Plans for the remaining major parks and open spaces in the District over the next five years.</p>	<p>Individual parks for Management Plans due to be identified by September 2008</p>	<p>Ongoing - Identification and ranking of the parks and open spaces has been undertaken as part of the Open Spaces Audit.</p>

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<p>Open Spaces Audit</p>	<p>Identification and audit of all major Council owned and managed parks and open spaces in the District.</p> <p>The results of this audit will be used in future Green Flag Award bids.</p>	<p>November 2008</p>	<p>Initial audit of top five parks & open spaces completed in November 2007.</p> <p>Audits on the remaining major parks and open spaces across the District are currently being undertaken.</p>
<p>Play Area Audit Review</p>	<p>Audit of improved play areas, and newly created and adopted play areas.</p> <p>Review of 2007 audit results of Council owned and managed play areas</p>	<p>July 2008</p>	<p>Ongoing – Officers from Environmental Services are currently using the 2007 Play Area Audit Framework to audit the play areas that have changed (new equipment added, newly created or adopted) and review the 2007 audit to inform the 2008 Play Area Development Programme.</p>
<p>2008 Play Area Development Programme</p>	<p>Play areas identified for redevelopment and additional equipment using the individually scored ranking framework devised for the 2007 Play Audit and Play Area Development Programme</p>	<p>July 2008</p>	<p>Ongoing - results will be used from the Play Area Audit Review to identified play areas in the District which are ideal for potential redevelopment and/or the addition of new equipment to increase their play value.</p>

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<p>Big Lottery Bid - King George V Playing Fields, Ware</p>	<p>To submit a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund for funding to develop King George Playing Field, Ware.</p>	<p>Bid in September 2007</p> <p>Completion of project expected in 2009</p>	<p>Bid submitted in 2007 and successfully awarded in January 2008.</p> <p>Child UK has been commissioned to carry out the consultation element of the project in the summer of 2008.</p> <p>Tendering of the construction element of the project is to be carried out in 2009.</p>
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