

**ITEM No ...4.....**

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 18 NOVEMBER 2019**

**REPORT ON: DAWSON PARK MASTERPLAN REFRESH**

**REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**REPORT NO. 381-2019**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To outline the refreshed Masterplan for the future development of Dawson Park.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Approve the principal contents of the refreshed Dawson Park Masterplan and remit the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to progress the required consultation with the intention of implementing the short, medium and long term projects subject to available funding over the next ten years.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report. The list of potential improvements detailed from paragraphs 4.4 to 4.7 are subject to the sufficient funding being available. Any resources required to deliver these projects would require to come from the Capital Plan. The Capital Plan is a rolling 5 year investment programme and individual projects are considered for inclusion accordingly each time the Plan is reviewed and submitted to Committee for approval. Details of any specific projects that are to be undertaken will be brought back to Committee for approval in due course once these plans are further developed.

**4. MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Reference is made to previous report 294-2004, Dawson Park Masterplan, submitted on 19 April 2004 by the Director of Leisure and Arts to the Leisure and Arts Services Committee. Further reference is made to Article III of the minute of the Neighbourhood Services Committee of 3rd June 2019 which approved the replacement of the synthetic pitch. Works are now complete. The Committee further agreed that approval be given to develop a revised Masterplan for Dawson Park.

4.2 The proposals build on the improvements implemented from the 2004 Masterplan. Completed projects since 2004 include:-

- Upgrading of existing tennis courts and facilities creating a more flexible multi-use suitable for all year use and the replacement of the current all-weather surface to form a more appropriate all weather surface
- New play area
- Relocation of Demonstration Garden
- Installation of adult gym equipment
- Arbroath Road pedestrian crossing
- New path outwith park (north side)
- East Pavilion toilet refurbishment

4.3 Although these improvements outline good progress, a number of areas have been identified which require regeneration and renewal. The refreshed Masterplan proposes a planned, phased, holistic programme of improvement works in the Dawson Park area over the next ten years and incorporates recent consultations arising from the consideration of the synthetic pitch replacement. This consultation identified a number of ongoing issues, i.e. drainage, carpark surfacing and 'tired' entrances. The Masterplan also provides a platform for identifying potential external funding and further partnership working. Further stakeholder engagement is intended

in early 2020 to ensure the identified priorities are appropriate and to encourage user involvement and ownership of the park.

4.4 A wide range of potential improvements have been identified at Appendix 1 and are as follows:-

4.5 **Phase 1: Short Term (next two years)**

- Review of current parking provision including condition survey and resurfacing works
- Review and replace existing signage park wide
- Extend naturalised islands and tree planting
- Integral management of invasive species
- Remove dog agility equipment and install trim trail equipment
- Extend existing cherry tree avenues
- Improve entrance access and planting
- Review existing raised planters
- Improve drainage at north entrance and at outdoor gym area
- Redevelop naturalised areas
- Install vehicle deterrents
- Install screen fencing around operational facility

4.6 **Phase 2: Medium Term (two to five years)**

- Restoration of fountain and potentially redesign existing planting locations
- Renew path edging and review planting around sunken garden
- Create perennial wildflower area
- Restoration of long jump including fencing

4.7 **Phase 3: Long Term (five to ten years)**

- Explore viability for pedestrian path network throughout park
- Upgrade West Pavilion/ development of Community facility
- Review use of East Pavilion at Tennis Courts
- Install active facility, e.g. Skate park/ MUGA/ climbing wall
- Explore potential dog friendly zone

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality & Diversity, Fairness & Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at [www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/ia/reports)

**6. CONSULTATIONS**

6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

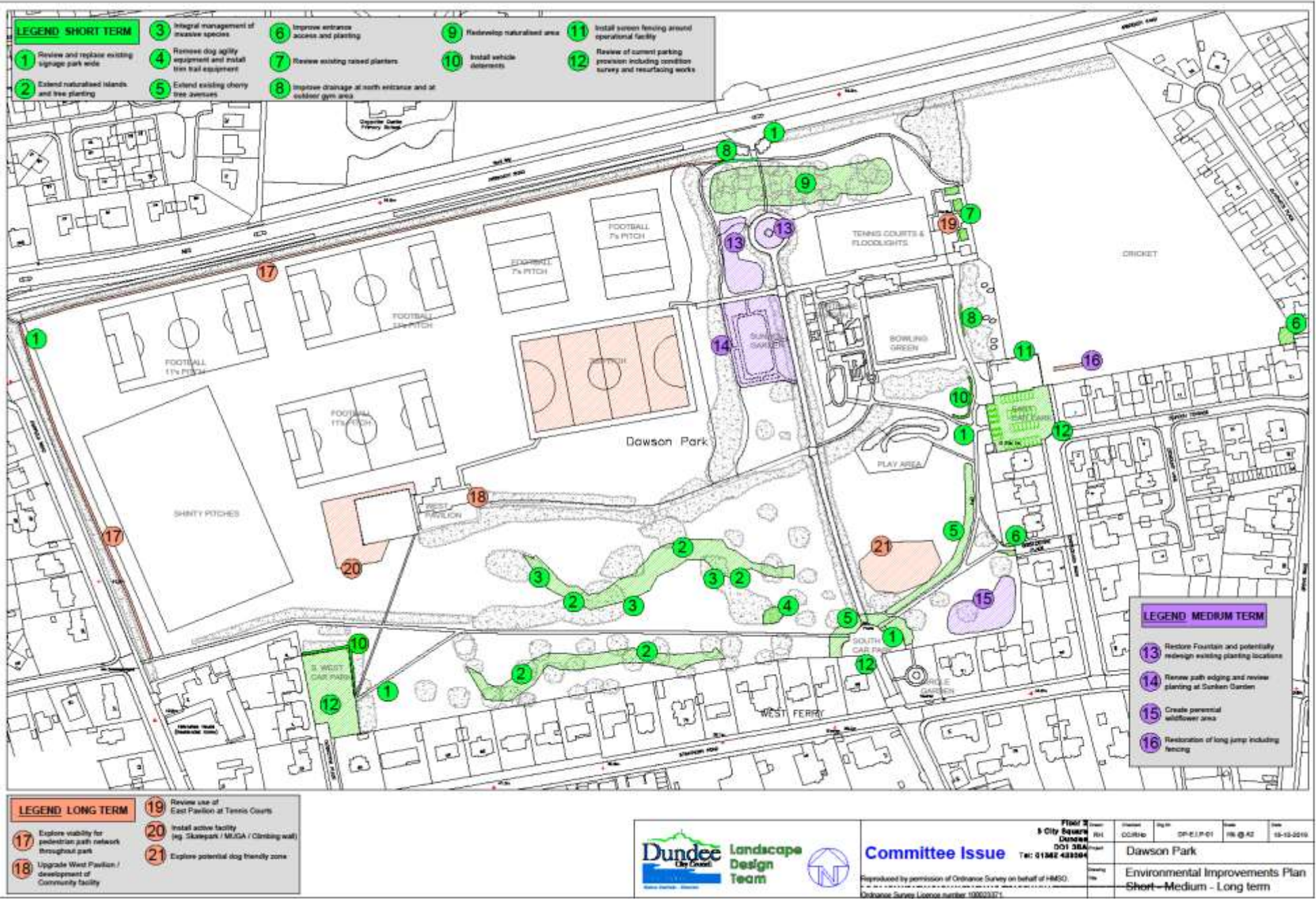
7.1 None.

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Appendix 1



			<b>Committee Issue</b>		Project No: 19-10-0010 Date: 19-10-2019
			City Council Dundee DOI 38A Tel: 01382 483004	Dawson Park Environmental Improvements Plan Short - Medium - Long term	

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