

Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee

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Title: Excellent Parks Project

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Wards

affected: Camperdown, Killingworth, Tynemouth, Riverside, Chirton, Preston, Northumberland, Wallsend, Whitley Bay, Monkseaton North.

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a presentation to the Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee, on the Excellent Parks project and the outcomes to date.

2. Recommendations

The committee is invited to note the information outlined in the presentation.

3. Details

The Excellent Parks Project identified four parks for improvement: Killingworth Lakeside, Wallsend Parks, Northumberland Park and Souter Park / Churchill Playing Fields.

North Tyneside Council's Green Space Strategy identified Wallsend Parks and Northumberland Park as being in most need of restoration. The parks were assessed as the parks in greatest need of investment and hence were selected as the prime candidate for a Parks for People application from Heritage Lottery Fund. Funding was secured in 2010 for Wallsend Parks and 2012 for Northumberland Park.

The parks required the introduction of facilities expected by modern day visitors if they were to retain their current users and attract new audiences vital to their success and future sustainability.

The improvements provided better access and modern visitor facilities, lost ornamental features have been restored, footpaths have been improved, water courses have received better definition and improvement and the parks connect better with the local environment to attract a wider audience of users.

Killingworth Lakeside Park and Souter Park have received smaller scale improvements which have enabled significant improvements to both parks.

The presentation will give members an opportunity to hear how the Excellent Parks Project has progressed and how the parks are delivering the outcomes for the council Plan, to make great places to live and attract others to visit and work. And how it meets the key aims as set out in “Healthy Parks, Healthy People, Healthy Communities”, the Parks Strategy for North Tyneside.

4. **Background information:**

The following papers have been used in the compilation of this report and can be accessed as referenced

Cabinet report dated 18 September 2007 Wallsend Parks – Proposed Regeneration Scheme

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=17695

Cabinet report dated 13 September 2010 Heritage Lottery Fund Grant Offer – Northumberland Park

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=517647

Cabinet report dated: 11th October 2010 - Wallsend Parks – Heritage Lottery Funding

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=518419

Cabinet report dated 13th August 2012 - Northumberland Park – Heritage Lottery Funding

http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=536595