

URBAN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE GREEN SPACE STRATEGY
PROGRESS REPORT: JUNE 2014

Completed Actions (Actions completed between Sept 2007 and June 2013)

Ref:	Action	Status
GA1	Establish strategic business unit responsible for green spaces	Operational Services/Streetscene Division set up and delivering a cleaner, safer, sustainable agenda
GA2	Develop a funding strategy to deliver the Action Plan programme	Framework for funding strategy devised
GA3	Develop strategy for supporting and involving community groups in green space provision at non-strategic level	Community Engagement and Participation Framework launched and Community Development Officer recruited. Support mechanisms for community groups in place.
GA4	Create database of community volunteers and skills and develop recruitment and training plan	Database set up and recruitment in progress through Community Engagement and Participation Framework.
GA5	Identify appropriate partners to deliver projects within the Action Plan programme	Work in progress to allocate projects to appropriate partners as opportunities and funding programmes arise.
GA6	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities appointed as Champion
GA7	Establish consultation and review mechanism to gauge level of use, visitor opinion and satisfaction level	Annual Parks and Green Spaces Consultation ongoing.
GA12	NSRP to establish schedule, nature and extent of strategic green space projects	NSRP no longer in existence
GA14	Implement visible patrol of parks in partnership with the Police	Targeted patrols implemented at hotspot sites
GA15	Set up rapid response teams to deal with fly tipping, broken glass, graffiti and vandalised equipment	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA16	Undertake safety audits of green spaces	Pilot audit undertaken at Chesterton Park – programme to be rolled out to other green spaces where necessary
GA17	Facilitate youth and play work in green spaces to help combat anti-social behaviour	Big Lottery Children's Play Programme portfolio of projects completed. Ongoing work with Staffordshire Youth Service to provide targeted interventions.
GA18	Establish a commitment to ring fencing a proportion of capital receipts and income from green spaces for reinvestment in green space	Approved by Cabinet May 2008
GA19	Consider creation of semi natural areas within green spaces of other functions	Trees not Turf and wildflower meadow creation programme completed. Further projects ongoing as resources allow.

GA20	Produce a Management Plan for each strategic open space and generic Management Plans for non-strategic green spaces	Management Plans completed for strategic (District level) parks and other strategic green spaces.
GA21	Review maintenance procedures and set up multi skilled area teams	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA22	Review surplus green space sites to determine appropriate alternative use	Initial review undertaken and integrated into asset management plan and site allocations DPD.
GA25	Establish neighbourhood management arrangements for management of non-strategic green space	Integrated into Streetscene (Operations and Performance) set up
GA26	Establish forums for partners to identify and deliver strategic and non-strategic green space projects	Community Forum launched in May 2012. Friends of Parks groups established
RA3	Ensure remaining amenity space designated as LAP is fit for purpose	Sites identified and improvements ongoing as resources allow.
OS2	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	Project re-profiled to Health and Well Being Centre (completed December 2011) and The Wammy Neighbourhood Park (Phases 1 & 2 completed)
OS3	Improve tennis courts/pavilion at Westlands Sports Ground	Pavilion Project completed 2009
OS4	Improve drainage/pavilion at Birchenwood	Drainage Project completed August 2008
OS5	Improve sports pitch provision at Wolstanton Marsh	Drainage works complete June 2013
PP6	Improve Wolstanton Park/Marsh	Footpaths improved via Section 106 Agreement.
PP7	Improve Bathpool Park (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2008
PP8	Improve Lyme Valley Parkway (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2006
PP9	Improve Brampton Park (District)	Phase 1 completed March 2009
PP19	Improve Cotswold Avenue/The Wammy (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2008
PP20	Improve Thistleberry Parkway (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed 2009
PP22	Improve Brampton Recreation Ground (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed December 2007
PP23	Improve Chesterton Memorial Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2009 Phase 2 (new pavilion) completed 2010
PP24	Improve Silverdale Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2009
PP25	Improve Queen Elizabeth Park (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 (Castle Motte) Complete
PP27	Improve Loomer Road (Neighbourhood)	Phase 1 completed March 2006
PP53	Create fourteen LEAPs in accordance with Policy for Play	One LEAP secured (Keele Road)
SN1	Declare local nature reserve at Bradwell Woods	Declaration completed December 2007
SN4	Improve local nature reserve at Pool Dam Marshes	Section 106 Agreement secured
SN6	Improve semi-natural at Audley Road Open Space, Chesterton	Management Plan implemented
SN7	Improve semi-natural at Waterhays open space, Chesterton	Management Plan implemented

SN11	Improve Newcastle Greenway	Section 106 Agreement secured. Completed December 2009
SN22	Develop Biodiversity Management Plan for each local nature reserve and large semi-natural green space	4 LNR Management Plans prepared
GC1	Create greenway extension at Pool Dam Marshes	Completed in SCC NTADS Programme 2011/12
GC2	Create greenway extension at Lyme Brook	Completed in SCC NTADS Programme 2011/12

Current Actions (Actions started since June 2013)

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GA3	Develop strategy for supporting and involving community groups in green space provision at non-strategic level	8814 hours of volunteer work supported in 2013/2014
GA6	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities appointed as Champion – Current Portfolio Holder updated / briefed on role
GA8	Create design briefs for all green space improvement projects	Briefs prepared as part of individual project inception and feasibility – standard format developed
GA23	Prepare an Allotment Strategy	Work in progress to review strategy.
GA24	Investigate mechanisms for joint authority co-ordination of green space maintenance	Partnership working, shared service scoping on going with various partners
GA27	Set up joint authority green space information hub	Work on NBC website in progress.
RA2	Review sites where function is unclear to determine future use and maintenance regime	Review in progress and ongoing
OS2	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	The Wammy Neighbourhood Park – Phase 3 (teen facilities) in progress
OS5	Improve sports pitch provision at Wolstanton Marsh	Play Area Improvements in progress, completion expected Autumn 2014.
OS6	Improve strategic sites identified in the Newcastle under Lyme Leisure Needs Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy as requiring qualitative improvements	1½ pitches and community facility completed at former the Silverdale Colliery. Review of Playing Pitch Strategy is underway.
PP6	Improve Wolstanton Park/Marsh	Funding secured for further improvements via Section 106 Agreements. Programmed for Autumn 2014.
PP20	Improve Thistleberry Parkway (Neighbourhood)	Phase 2 funding secured via S106 agreement
SN2	Declare local nature reserve at Bathpool Park	Management Plan completed and Natural England approval granted. Declaration completed
SN4	Improve local nature reserve at Pool Dam Marshes	Section 106 Agreements secured. Awaiting payment
SN11	Improve Newcastle Greenway	Sustrans funding secured Main works completed
SN22	Develop Biodiversity Management Plans for each local nature reserve and semi-natural green space	Bathpool LNR declaration complete

S106	S106 Agreements secured	Imperial Works, Coalpit Hill (Chester Road), The Sheet Anchor (Baldwins Gate)
S106	S106 Agreements paid	Former Silverdale Colliery (Silverdale Community Facility (Kents Lane))

Future Actions (Actions to be undertaken over the lifetime of the Action Plan)

Ref:	Action	Status
GA6	Identify a Green Space Champion	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Active Communities appointed as Champion – Portfolio Holder to be updated / briefed on role
GA9	Adopt Green Space Urban Taskforce principles for planning, design, management and maintenance	Initial work underway to embed principles – further research on implications required
GA10	Prepare Communications Plan and Marketing Strategy	Initial work in progress via Britain in Bloom campaign and Green Flag Award Management Plans – further work required to develop strategy
GA11	Investigate potential for Public Art and Cultural Activity Strategy	Public art and cultural activities incorporated into green spaces – further work required to develop strategy
GA13	Establish lines of communication with North Staffordshire tourism functions	Incorporate into Communications Plan (action GA10)
GA19	Consider creation of semi natural areas within green spaces of other functions	Trees not Turf and wildflower meadow creation programme completed. Further projects ongoing as resources allow.
PP5	Create District Park at Wye Road	
PP18	Create Neighbourhood Park with NEAP at Kingsbridge Avenue	
PP21	New NEAP at Salop Place	
PP53	Create fourteen LEAPs in accordance with Policy for Play	
OS2	Create Sports Village at The Wammy	The Wammy Neighbourhood Park Phase 4 - Pavilion
SN3	Create local nature reserve at Westomley Wood	Work to commence on Management Plan
SN5	Improve semi-natural at Birchenwood	
SN8	Create semi-natural at Parkhouse Industrial Estate	
SN9	Create semi-natural at Rowley Wood	
SN10	Create semi-natural at Leys Drive	
SN12	Create semi-natural at Moffat Way	
SN13	Create semi-natural at Castle Street	
SN14	Create semi-natural at Pepper Street	
SN21	A Biodiversity Management Plan should be developed (referring to SBAP) for non-strategic semi-natural green spaces	Initial scoping in progress and resources being sought.

GC13	Improve existing Greenway in west and south Newcastle	
GC14	Create potential green route extensions between Crackley & Kidsgrove	
GC15	Create potential green route extensions between Apedale & A34	
GC16	Create potential green route extensions between Brampton & Wolstanton	
GC17	Create potential green route extensions between Newcastle Town Centre & Staffordshire University	