

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>SCRUTINY</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>4 September 2006</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Eastbourne Park Management Plan (incorporating Water Level Management Plan) (August 2006)</b>
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Director of Economy, Tourism and the Environment</b>
<b>Ward(s)</b>	Hampden Park, Langney, Upperton and St. Anthony's
<b>Purpose</b>	To inform Members of the background to the preparation of the latest draft of the Eastbourne Park Management Plan and to advise them of the content of the document.
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<b>Recommendation</b>	That Members note the background to and the content of the revised draft of the Eastbourne Park Management Plan and request Officers to include any comments that the Committee Members may have during the current consultation period.

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Landscape Group at East Sussex County Council were commissioned by the Borough Council to write a Management Plan for Eastbourne Park which would also include a Water Level Management Plan.
- 1.2 In September 2004 consultation on the draft Plan took place with Officers of the Council and the Environment Agency. As a result of the representations received, the Plan was amended and further consultation was undertaken in July and August 2005 with landowners, public and private stakeholders and interested organisations.
- 1.3 Since this time the Management Plan has been further revised to have regard to the representations received as a result of the consultation and to ensure the document complies with the adopted Eastbourne Borough Plan 2001-2011.

- 1.4 This latest version of the Management Plan is to be the subject of a further five week consultation period in August/September of this year. The document is to be made available for public inspection and comment through the following:
- Landowners, public and private stakeholders and interested organisations will be directly notified that the draft Management Plan has been revised and that a copy of the document can be viewed at the Council Offices and the Central Library.
  - The Plan will also be available on the Council's website.
- 1.5 In addition, it is proposed that the representations received and any proposed modifications to the Management Plan will be reported back to Members of Cabinet and the Planning Committee at their meetings in December. At which time, authority will be sought to adopt the document.
- 1.6 Members of Scrutiny Committee are encouraged to visit the website and make comments during this consultation period. The draft Plan can be viewed on the Council's website at <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/environment/planning/policy/other-guidance/eastbourne-park>.

## **2.0 Content**

- 2.1 The revised draft of the Eastbourne Park Management Plan (incorporating the Water Level Management Plan) (August 2006) seeks to ensure that the flood mitigation scheme, the nature conservation and archaeological assets are protected and maintained. It will also provide the framework for managing future changes to the area.

Sub-objectives include:

- maintaining the nature conservation opportunities throughout the Park;
  - maintaining the recreational opportunities;
  - maintaining the flood water storage capacity of the Park and
  - continuing to facilitate housing, economic and transport development.
- 2.2 The Management Plan provides a schedule of management actions and these are described for each of the Park's main functions which are:
- enhancing local character and identity;
  - efficient hydrology and drainage;
  - maintaining nature conservation;
  - maintaining recreational areas;
  - maintaining local access routes;
  - working with the proposed economic development and transport routes and

- retaining cultural value.
- 2.3 In addition to describing each of the management actions, the schedule identifies the following:
- the responsible authority;
  - the frequency of the action;
  - the impact on other functions;
  - those who would need to be informed or consulted;
  - whether the action is statutory or non-statutory;
  - whether the action is essential or desirable;
  - who is responsible for funding the action and finally,
  - who is the enforcement authority.
- 2.4 In order to ensure that future Park management is integrated, a Management Park Forum is proposed and could contain representatives from the main landowners and stakeholders in the Park. This Forum will be responsible for the implementation and review of the Management Plan.

### **3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the background to and the content of the revised draft Eastbourne Park Management Plan (August 2006).

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### **Background Papers**

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Eastbourne Park Management Plan (incorporating Water Level Management Plan) Consultation Draft (September 2004)

Eastbourne Park Management Plan (incorporating Water Level Management Plan) Consultation Draft (July 2005)

Eastbourne Park Management Plan (incorporating Water Level Management Plan) Consultation Draft (August 2006)

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.