

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE ORGANISATION POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE OF MEETING: 4 MARCH 2021

**SUBJECT OF REPORT: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY
CONSULTATION - PROGRESS UPDATE**

TOWN OR PARISH: ALL

OFFICER/MEMBER PRESENTING: JOHN FLANNIGAN

KEY DECISION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to: consider the update of the green infrastructure strategy consultation; provide feedback about the draft strategy; and to help promote awareness of the consultation.

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report provides an update on the Council's consultation exercise for the draft green infrastructure strategy as described by the Executive Report on 11 February 2021.

2. POLICY

Climate change and nature emergency
Council re-wilding motion

3. DETAILS

The Executive agreed to publish a draft green infrastructure strategy for public consultation on 11 February 2021 for the period covering 15 February to 9 April 2021. This panel meeting takes place in the middle of this consultation exercise so provides a good opportunity to update Members on progress.

Table 1 below illustrates the elements that make up this consultation exercise and demonstrates a wide ranging approach to capture as much engagement as possible.

Consultation method	Details	Date
Econsult	Open invitation to respond to the consultation	February 15 th – April 9 th 2021
Web page	Dedicated web page for the strategy and link to econsult	Available from February 11 th
Citizens Panel	Specific invitation to the panel	Dates currently being confirmed
E life	Emailed to 43,000 individuals	April edition
North Somerset Life	Delivered to all NSC residents	March edition
Town and Parishes	Meetings with all Town and Parishes have been offered	Dates currently being confirmed
North Somerset Together network	Specific invitation to the network	February 15 th – April 9 th 2021
Press and social media	Press releases and social media posts will be carried out	February 15 th – April 9 th 2021
Workshops	2 x workshops aimed at specific stakeholders with an interest in green infrastructure	Provisional dates set
Posters	QR code on posters in key locations to point towards econsult	February 15 th – April 9 th 2021

Table 1 – consultation exercise

Members are asked to publicise the consultation to supplement the approaches described in Table 1 responses.

Members are also encouraged to respond to the consultation and this panel meeting offers an opportunity to assist with that process.

Any available feedback from the consultation to date may be discussed at this meeting.

4. CONSULTATION

Table 1 has illustrated the wide ranging consultation that is currently underway, and this panel meeting is an important part of the consultation for the document.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no costs associated with this report

6. LEGAL POWERS AND IMPLICATIONS

Carrying out this wide ranging consultation demonstrates the Council's objective of being open and transparent.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The GIS vision, eight objectives and associated actions demonstrate the commitment to addressing the climate and nature emergency which are intrinsic to the strategy's purpose.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

N/A

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Have you undertaken an Equalities Impact Assessment? No

This report is providing an update for an ongoing consultation.

10. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The green infrastructure strategy addresses Corporate objectives of a greener North Somerset.

11. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft Executive Summary of the green infrastructure strategy
Green Infrastructure Strategy - <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/libraries-leisure-open-spaces/parks-countryside/green-infrastructure-strategy>
Community and Corporate Organisation Policy & Scrutiny Panel
12th November 2020 Item 8
<https://apps.n-somerset.gov.uk/Meetings/document/report/NSCPM-117-170>