

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

This matter is not a Key Decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan.

**REPORT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE
TO CABINET ON 22 APRIL 2015**

APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS FOR PEOPLE PROJECT STEERING GROUP

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree the appointment of a Member representative to the Parks for People Project Steering Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Recommended to Council that approval be given to the appointment of a Member representative to the Parks for People Project Steering Group.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Parks for People programme uses Lottery funds to support the regeneration, conservation and increased enjoyment of public parks and cemeteries.
- 3.2 Cannon Hall Park and Gardens have been successful in securing earmarked funding of £2.8m, including a development grant of £138,000, from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund for the targeted and sustainable conservation of its buildings and surrounding parkland.
- 3.3 The project, for which development funding has been provided, aims to restore and repair important features of the Georgian park and gardens including key features such as an ice-house, deer shelter and gardeners' cottage, which will be turned into a volunteers' hub.
- 3.4 Work will also be undertaken to dredge and restore the lakes of the Park, which are the subject of a long running local campaign, improving their appearance, restoring original vistas, improving water quality and supporting biodiversity.
- 3.5 There will also be wider community benefits to the project through apprenticeships and planned educational, learning, volunteering and skills development programmes.
- 3.6 The Council is managing the project and is acting as accountable body. The project has a board that is responsible for making key decisions in terms of risk and change and acting as a 'sounding board' for issues which arise during the development of the project.

3.7 In addition there will be a project Steering Group which will oversee the detail of the development stage and round 2 submission. The Steering Group will consist of the following:-

- Project Director
- Project Officer – Parks for People
- Activity Plan Consultant
- Business Plan Consultant
- Museums Project Officer
- Risk Manager
- Conservation Officer
- Internal Audit
- Finance Officer
- Community Representative/Neighbour (2)
- BMBC Council Member/Parish Council Member (2)
- Representatives of the Friends of Cannon Hall (2)
- Historical Advisor.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The Parks for People Project Steering Group is seeking the appointment of a Council Member representative.

5. PROPOSAL

5.1 It is proposed that approval be given to the appointment of a Member representative to the Parks for People Project Steering Group.

6. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, CRIME AND DISORDER AND LOCAL AREA IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Documentation available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, Legal and Governance Directorate, Town Hall, Barnsley. Telephone (01226) 773425.

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