



**Glasgow City Council**  
**Cardonald Area Partnership**

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**Parks and Open Spaces- their Management & Development**

**Purpose of Report:**

To provide committee with:

1. An overview of the Management of Parks and Open Spaces within Cardonald
2. An overview of the Parks Development initiatives planned for 2018/19

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that committee note this report and considers further opportunities Parks and Open Spaces in Cardonald

Ward No(s): 4

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No  consulted: Yes  No

## **1. Introduction**

1.1.1 Cardonald ward features the following Local Parks, with the City Parks of Bellahouston Park and Pollok Country Park located just over the ward boundary. Additional outdoor recreation facilities are available at Glasgow Club Nethercraigs:

- Lochar Park
- Rosshall Park
- Penilee Park

1.1.2 The following Play Areas and Multi-Purpose Games Courts are located in the ward:

- Bonnyholm Avenue PA
- Corkerhill MPGC and PA
- Hartlaw Crescent PA and MPGC
- Kinnell Park Cycle Proficiency
- Lochar Park PA
- Lyoncross Road PA
- Ladymuir Crescent MPGC and Cycle Proficiency
- Nethercraigs MPGC and Skatepark
- Mosspark Avenue PA and and Cycle Proficiency
- Moss Heights PA
- Penilee Park MPGC and PA
- Penilee Terrace PA
- Queensland Gardens MPGC
- Tannadice Avenue MPGC

1.1.3 National Cycle Route 7 follows the route of Lochar Park, linking it to Pollok Country Park, Rosshall Park and beyond.

1.1.4 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation include:

- Crookston Woods
- White Cart Water (area of designation includes much of Rosshall and Lochar Parks)

## **2.0 Parks Management and Maintenance**

2.1 Land & Environmental Services carries out the following cyclic maintenance activities, with additional maintenance activities as and when required:

- Grass Open Space – up to 10 cuts (includes Cemeteries)
- Herbicide Footways – 2 per annum
- Herbicide Grass Edges/Obstacles – 2 per annum
- Play Areas – de-litter checks – 4 per week
- Play Areas Technical Check – 4 per annum
- Shrubberies – herbicide control – spot treatment
- Litter/Bins – most parks weekly checks – several busier locations have an increased frequency

### 3.0 Parks Development

- 3.1 It is proposed to undertake works to Bonnyholm Play Area within the 2018/19 financial year, to improve surfacing and repair equipment. Local stakeholders will be contacted by officers in coming months in order that their input can be sought.
- 3.2 There are currently no Allotment Associations in Ward 4. This service intends to bring forward a Food Growing Strategy for Glasgow and opportunities to consult on a ward by ward basis may identify demand and suitable spaces for growing. It would be our intention to work with Area Partnerships to take these forward with local communities as demand and resources permit.
- 3.3 Friends of Parks groups play a vital role in enhancing local parks and open spaces, and help local people have a greater say in how their green spaces are maintained and developed. These groups work in a variety of ways such as fundraising, practical park improvement projects and running events in parks. Groups within Ward 4 include:
- Friends of Rosshall Park & Gardens - <http://www.friendsofrosshallpark.btck.co.uk/>
  - Friends of Halfway Community Park - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofhalfwaycommunitypark/>
- 3.4 The Glasgow Friends of Parks Forum is an independent network of Glasgow's friends of parks and open spaces groups. The Forum meets every few months to share the skills and experiences of the member groups and to discuss wider parks issues. Between meetings, the groups communicate and co-ordinate through the Forum's mailing list and Face Book page. <https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowParks/>
- 3.5 This service intends to undertake works to create Colourful Pictorial Flowering Meadows within each ward in the city within 2018/19. It is proposed to create one at the corner of Thurston Road and Dryburgh Road and one the corner of Linthaugh Road and Lochar Crescent within Cardonald.

### 4.0 Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* Works outlined in 3.1 will utilise existing allocations

*Legal:* None at this stage

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* None at this stage

**Council Strategic Plan:** The Strategic Plan sets out a vision for Glasgow .

becoming the most sustainable city in Europe, and a resilient city. Parks and Open Spaces Management and Development will contribute to this.

**Equality Impacts:**

*EQIA carried out:* An EQIA screening will be carried out for the emerging Parks and Open Spaces Vision

*Outcome:* -

**Sustainability Impacts:**

*Environmental:* The management and development of Parks and Open Spaces will have a positive effect on the environment.

*Social:* Social benefits around communities working collectively through bodies such as Friends of Parks Groups

*Economic:*

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that committee note this report and considers further opportunities for the management and development of Parks and Open Spaces in Cardonald.