

Review of Parks Management Rules – Proposals noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services regarding the review of Parks Management Rules, advising

- (1) that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 conferred upon the Council the power to make management rules for the regulation of public parks, gardens, open spaces and places of public resort or recreation under the management or control of the Council and such rules could regulate the conduct of persons while in said parks, gardens, open spaces and places of public resort or recreation;
- (2) that the aims and objectives of the Parks Management Rules were to make the city's parks, gardens, open spaces etc safe and protected environments in order that the citizens of Glasgow could enjoy the facilities in a safe and protected environment;
- (3) that since the last review of the Parks Management Rules in 2006, a number of incidents had occurred that suggested that reviews of these rules was overdue to maintain a safe environment for members of the public using the parks;
- (4) that also, since the last review was carried out, the Council had embarked on a programme of creating Arms Length External Organisations (ALEOs) and it was considered that the Parks Management Rules should reflect the fact that employees of the Council family might be involved in working in parks and should therefore be in a position to enforce management rules;
- (5) of the proposed amendments to the Parks Management Rules, as detailed in the report, which would take account of the recent developments; and
- (6) of proposals to consult relevant stakeholders and submit a further report back on the outcome of those consultations.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) noted the recent developments in relation to the use of parks by unauthorised gatherings, meetings or assemblies, together with the proposed amendments to the Parks Management Rules; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Land and Environmental Services to consult with the relevant agencies on the proposed changes and report back to this committee in due course.