

Queen's Park Working Group

Queen's Park Development Plan

I Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update Members of the Southside Central, Pollokshields and Langside Area Partnerships on the progress of the Queen's Park Development Plan and the proposal to use it to develop, jointly with the Council and others, an agreed Management Plan for Queen's Park and QP Recreation Ground.

II Background

As Members may recall, the three Area Partnerships agreed in 2023/24 to provide grant funding of £16,000 each to Queen's Park Working Group to enable it to develop and tender for the services of a professional landscape architect with whom to work with to develop a 10 to 15 year Development Plan for Queen's Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground.

Queen's Park Working Group established a sub-group/Steering Group to oversee the development of a Terms of Reference and a Tender for Service for a Queen's Park Development Plan. The Steering Group consisted of: Bob Marshall (QP Arena and initial Chair), Kevin Kane (Langside Hall Trust, subsequent Chair), Lucy Gillie (South Seeds), Cllr. Stephen Docherty (and former Chair, Friends of Queen's Park) and Kevin McCormick (Assistant Manager, Parks and Greenspaces, NRS, GCC).

After a formal tendering process overseen by the Steering Group, the successful, Glasgow-based landscape architect Ironside Farrar was selected in June 2023 to undertake the work.

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Over a period of 24 months – from June 2023 to June 2025 – the Steering Group working with Ironside Farrar successfully sought the views of an unprecedented 1,000 park users on their priorities for the development of the park and recreation ground, while Ironside Farrar undertook a comprehensive landscape, environmental and heritage analysis of the park and recreation ground.

Phase Two of the work saw the Steering Group - working with Ironside Farrar - develop a number of proposed short-, medium- and longer-term capital, revenue and volunteer interventions /projects for Queen's Park and Queen's Park Recreation Ground that reflected an agreed vision for Queen's Park that synthesised users priorities and the landscape and heritage capacity of the park. Proposed projects were shared with and consulted upon by parks officers.

The final Queen's Park Development Plan was finalised in June 2025 and placed on the website of South Seeds where it can be viewed here - [Management report \(phase 2\) for Queen's Park – South Seeds](#)

IV Proposed Next Steps: from Development Plan to agreed Management Plan

Queen's Park Working Group (which had been in abeyance over much of the period of the Development Plan) has discussed both a new Terms of Reference for itself [with a view to making itself a stronger, more focused community/ stakeholder/ Council partnership forum] and moving to make the Development Plan the basis of an agreed/adopted Management Plan for Queen's Park that would shape short, medium and longer-term maintenance/revenue, capital and volunteer priorities for Queen's Park and Recreation Ground for the years ahead.

V Proposal

Area Partnership Members are asked to note that the Queen's Park Working Group wishes to use the Development Plan as the basis to develop an agreed Management Plan for Queen's Park, working in close co-operation with parks officers, volunteer groups (e.g. Friends of Queen's Park etc.) and local community stakeholders, including representatives of all relevant Community Councils.

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