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The principal outcomes sought by the Strategy over the next 20 years are:

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- Communities participating actively, getting involved in management and decisions on their local spaces.
- An even greener Sheffield - contributing on a regional scale to managing climate change and conserving biodiversity.
- Sheffield firmly established as a national centre of excellence for green space management.

How we will get there
To achieve our biggest ambitions, green and open spaces need to be managed not only as individual sites but also collectively, as one of the city’s most important assets. Through this Strategy we will:

- Set quality standards and commit to meeting them.
- Work more collaboratively with the many managers, owners and service providers and with Community Assemblies to a common vision.
- Identify opportunities to manage sustainably, bringing in income and managing resources for the long term.

What that means for partners
Although partner organisations have their own individual objectives, as stakeholders in the green space sector, we share mutual and overlapping benefits for us all. We therefore each have a stake in making things work better.

The adoption of this Strategy is the means to engage all partners in achieving that - and to establish a common set of principles and operating standards. It is a joint commitment to improving the ‘quality’ of Sheffield.

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2. STRATEGIC THEMES AND OUTCOMES

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Strategic outcomes
• By 2010 - area-based working established around the prioritisation and planning for local green and open spaces.
• By 2012 - 200 educational visits coordinated for schools to green and open spaces as part of an Education and Learning Strategy.
• By 2011 - a support framework established to set up and provide assistance to new and existing Friends groups.
• By 2011 - 23 additional or improved play opportunities created.
• By 2012 - increased number and proportion of actively tenanted allotment plots achieved.
• By 2013 - on-site staff presence established in key city and district sites.
• By 2014 - a Marketing Strategy developed and initial targets realised for increased participation.
• By 2019 - the phased improvement of all ‘community green spaces’ to a baseline Sheffield quality standard completed.
Environment & Sustainability
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Green spaces provide attractive places for people to relax, to play and to experience nature. At the same time the land can absorb and store water, the trees filtering the air of pollution and providing shade in the summer. Sheffield’s green spaces support some of the country’s most valuable plants, animals and their natural habitats. The ability of green spaces to serve many functions at once means that they are one of Sheffield’s most important assets.

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Our four priorities for action:
• Minimising climate change
• Sustaining quality in our environment
• Managing for nature and biodiversity
• Making connections for people and wildlife

Strategic Outcomes
• By 2012 - long term Climate Change sub-strategy developed.
• By 2012 - one additional Local Nature Reserve designated.
• By 2016 - new neighbourhood ‘green’ walking and cycling networks developed and maintained.
• By 2020 - Green Infrastructure plan developed and key gaps for woodland, tree planting and landscaping identified and improved.
• By 2020 - phased improvement to target condition for all Local Nature Sites and SSSIs achieved through Biodiversity Action Plan implementation.
• By 2024 - climate change adaptation initiatives delivered for key landscapes - waterways, moorland, woodland, city parks.
• By 2026 - management and protection secured and quantified for the carbon assets of Sheffield’s green and open spaces.

Places
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The most popular green and open spaces are those that provide the locations and type of facilities that local communities wish to use. The most successful are those that are also well-designed.

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• Achieving quality by design
• Valuing local character and heritage
• Realising economic value

Strategic outcomes
• By 2012 - design guidelines developed for green and open spaces.
• By 2018 - accessible walking and cycling routes developed and maintained within priority green and open spaces.
• By 2018 - local cultural and natural heritage features incorporated into site plans to ensure their appropriate management.
• By 2024 - step by step quality improvement to a Sheffield Excellence standard achieved for key local sites in each area.

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Quality Management
“green and open spaces of exceptional quality”

If Sheffield’s green and open spaces are to realise their full potential for people, places and the environment, they have to be effectively managed and maintained. To do this, the efforts of a wide range of partners, managers and owners need to be coordinated.

It also means making a joint commitment to quality. Although green and open spaces have long suffered from under-funding, investment has in the last few years enabled some significant quality improvements to be made. The challenge is to secure the resources to manage and maintain that commitment.

By 2030, this Strategy will ensure that owners, managers and providers are seen to be working in a coordinated way around a common Sheffield Quality Standard and with a stake in achieving the long term strategic outcomes.

Our five priorities for action:
• Providing leadership
• Achieving more - with partners
• Developing quality standards
• Improving skills and competencies
• Securing funding and investment

Strategic outcomes
• By 2010 - green and open space Core Management Group established
• By 2010 - Baseline Sheffield Quality Standard defined and improvement targets set
• By 2012 - Sheffield ‘Common Agreement’ signed up to by partners of the Core Management Group
• By 2012 - Periodic quality audit and resident surveys in place
• By 2013 - Cross-sector sub-strategies established or revised for key topics and themes
• By 2014 - Green Space Trust Fund established
• By 2020 - Management Plans established across all site types
# Part Two
## Strategy 2010-2030
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## 1. Introduction

This Strategy provides a 20 year cross-sector framework for the planning, management and improvement of all different types of green and open space, across all ownership, in Sheffield. A Vision for Sheffield’s green and open spaces was developed in conjunction with all of our Stakeholders.

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### The four strategic themes and priorities for action

- **People**
  - Promoting health & activity
  - Supporting education & learning
  - Encouraging diversity & inclusion
  - Ensuring safety & security
  - Greater community involvement
  - Promoting fun & enjoyment
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  - Making sites accessible & safe
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  - Realising economic value
  - Developing quality standards
  - Improving skills & competencies
- **Environment and sustainability**
  - Minimising climate change
  - Sustaining quality in our environment
  - Managing for nature & biodiversity
- **Quality Management**
  - Making connections for people & wildlife
  - Securing funding & investment
  - Providing leadership
  - Achieving more, with partners

An effective focus on the following themes will ensure delivery of the vision for Sheffield’s Green and Open Spaces.
The opportunities for improving green and open spaces are developed as separate priorities within each theme. In reality, the resulting benefits are strongly overlapping. Managing green spaces for nature, for example, will benefit the education of visitors and by improving the green environment will be helping to minimise the impacts of climate change. At the same time, there are implications for access and opportunities for community involvement.

The multiple benefits and variety of opportunities presented by green and open spaces highlight their real value. This is the reason why this Strategy is needed, to pull all of these strands together.

**Process**

This Strategy builds upon other successful long term strategies for the improvement and enhancement of Sheffield’s green and open spaces, including:

- The Parks Regeneration Strategy (1993/99),
- Sheffield’s Countryside Strategy (1999),
- Sheffield Site Categorisation Strategy (2000),
- Best Value Review (2002),
- Local Area Action Plans (2004 to present).

Developed between late 2006 and early 2009, the key stages of development have been:

- Establishing a representative Stakeholder and Steering Group (see Appendix A).
- Creating a future Vision for Sheffield’s green and open spaces
- Deciding the scope and agreeing an outline framework for the Strategy
- Researching good practice and case studies
- Assessing the quality of Sheffield’s green and open spaces
- Surveying local residents across the city for their views
- Creating digital maps of the results to help analysis and understanding
- Public consultation on a draft Strategy

The Strategy is now in the implementation phase.

Drawing from the 20 year Strategic Plan, detailed action plans are created, reviewed and updated on a rolling basis. Implementation allows the long term outcomes to be progressively achieved - and our Vision to be realised.

**Relationship with other policies and strategies**

The Sheffield Green and Open Space Strategy is a corporate strategy. It compliments many other City Council strategies in supporting delivery of the Corporate Plan. It also links to and helps with local delivery of other national and regional strategies.

Sheffield City Strategy
Sheffield City Council
Corporate Plan

Local Development Frameworks
Core Strategy
City Policies and Sites
Supplementary Planning Documents

Green & Open Space Strategy

Sub-strategies
- Nature Conservation Strategy
- Allotments Strategy
- Trees & Woodland Strategy
- Heritage Strategy
- Site Categorisation Strategy
- etc.

Regional and national policy and strategies
- Environment Strategy
- Culture Strategy
- Carbon Reduction Strategy
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Waterways Strategy
- Physical Activity Strategy

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The Sheffield Green and Open Space Strategy covers all the green and open spaces throughout the metropolitan area. This incorporates both urban and rural areas and includes that part of Sheffield designated as National Park.

For planning matters in Sheffield there are actually two responsible authorities, Sheffield City Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Each planning authority develops a ‘Local Development Framework’, within which a Core Strategy document sets out the long term spatial vision for a district. This also contains a range of strategic policies around land-use (including open space) and development.

For Sheffield, the Core Strategy contains policies that directly concern the amount of green and open space there is in the city, what it is used for and how accessible it is from where people live. Importantly, it provides the mechanism for protecting green and open space from built development.

The Sheffield Green and Open Space Strategy, on the other hand, is focussed on the management and the improvement of quality. It supports both of the Local Development Frameworks by providing a strategic quality context for the planning of the city’s green and open space assets, and encompasses both planning authority areas.

For planning and development matters, reference should be made to the policies within the relevant Local Development Framework (1,2).

References
*The Sheffield Development Framework Core Strategy was adopted in March 2009. At the time of writing, that for the Peak District National Park Authority is still in development. Further information on the Local Development Frameworks and Core Strategies can be accessed at:
2. www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/index/looking-after/plansandpolicies/ldf
2. THE SHEFFIELD CONTEXT

Green and Open Space asset
Sheffield’s green and open spaces are public spaces such as our parks or gardens; our woodlands or open countryside; our outdoor sports facilities, recreation or play spaces. They are spaces for us to use and enjoy.

They are also places that improve our environment and quality of life. Combined with private spaces, such as residential gardens, business parks or green roofs, they create a hugely important asset for the city helping to realise a whole range of benefits.

Sheffield is renowned as the most wooded city in Britain. Its stock of mature trees, woodland and tree-lined streets, combined with its hills and varied landscapes, provides the city with its visible greenness. Waterways, around which much of Sheffield’s industrial past was centred, now provide both recreational opportunities for people and valuable habitats for wildlife. Heritage features strongly in its character with twenty one designated heritage parks or woodlands.

Sheffield’s network of green and open space is truly an asset to be proud of.

The Local View
The national Best Value Performance Indicator for satisfaction with parks and open spaces has shown significant improvements in Sheffield since the mid-1990s, increasing from 45% of residents in 1997/8 to 80% in 2006/7 who are either satisfied or very satisfied (Audit Commission). This puts Sheffield in the top quartile of all Councils in England.

In 2008 a more detailed green and open space survey was carried with local residents across Sheffield.

Of the 2,500 respondents almost half said they visited their favourite open spaces at least once a week. Most popular for daily visits were to those ‘multi-purpose’ sites, such as our parks and gardens, which are both local, easy to reach and of wide appeal. Woodland and countryside is also clearly important to Sheffield, being visited at least each week or month by many people.

The primary reasons for residents to visit green and open spaces were simply to go for a walk, to relax or to improve health.

On average the quality of green and open spaces is perceived by respondents to be ‘good’ or ‘very good’, especially the parks, civic spaces, countryside, woodland and other natural spaces. Provision for children and young people, however, is rated by more respondents to be of ‘poor’ quality.

The reasons given for not visiting green and open spaces highlight residents’ concerns over dog fouling, vandalism and safety - even if some of these are seen as only occasional problems. The key factor that would make respondents visit spaces more often or for longer is suggested to be improved safety and security (or reducing anti-social activities). Investment in better maintenance, repair and improved cleanliness are also seen to be fundamental.

Independent quality audit and assessment
An audit of quality was commissioned by Sheffield City Council in 2008 and carried out by independent consultants across all of Sheffield’s publicly accessible green and open spaces (within the unitary planning boundary). The audit, which tries to assess quality through the eyes of a visitor, revealed wide ranges in quality across all types of spaces and within all areas.

On average, parks received higher quality ratings compared to all other types of green and open space, with the larger and more formal parks assessed on average better than smaller local and community parks. Provision for children and young people, however, (predominantly equipped play areas in parks) were assessed as mostly ‘average’ or ‘poor’ quality.

Allotments across the city were predominantly rated poorly. ‘Amenity’ green...
spaces, such as in housing developments, generally receive poor quality ratings.

On average, higher quality assessments are recognisable in the south-west of the city when compared to the north and east. However, the range of results is such that variations in quality between neighbourhoods can be as great as or greater than variations between different areas.

A list of the types of green and open space assessed in the audit, which includes publicly accessible and private spaces is summarised in Appendix B.

**Condition of green space for nature conservation**

Many of our green spaces have significant natural and ecological value. Although these might also be assessed from a ‘visitor’ perspective, it is helpful to have an appropriate method to assess how they are being managed from the biodiversity or geodiversity perspective.

On their own, these nationally important sites provide only a limited picture of the condition of the whole of Sheffield’s environment for biodiversity. In Sheffield, there are Local Nature Sites which are registered to be of local or regional importance by Sheffield City Council. (Similarly, there are many other individual sites which may have some value to biodiversity, but are not designated at all). A method of assessment of the condition and management of Local Nature Sites is, at the time of writing, in the process of being developed.

The condition of designated Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), the best of the country’s wildlife and geological sites, is collated by Natural England. This highlights a range in the ‘quality’ of management of designated moorland, heathland, grassland and woodland sites within the Sheffield City Boundary. A number of sites are identified as needing changes to their management regime in order to return them to favourable condition.

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Figure 1.2 Resident questionnaire responses (2008) ‘What would encourage you to visit your local green and open space more often?’ Analysis of the top 10 categories of written comments (from 1301 comments within the total 2500 questionnaire responses received).

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Figure 1.3 Independent site quality audit assessment in Sheffield (2008).

(Key: green indicates sites with highest quality, yellow average and red below average quality)

Figure 1.4 Conditions of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). (Source: Natural England, 2009). (Key: pale green ‘Favourable’, dark green ‘Recovering’, yellow ‘No change’, orange ‘Declining’). Note: Sheffield City Council’s Local Nature Sites and others identified in Sheffield’s Nature Conservation Strategy (SNCS) are indicated in grey as they have yet to be fully assessed.
3. INDICATED PRIORITIES

Quality and condition
The comprehensive quality assessment and resident survey information of 2008 (ref 1) indicate priority areas for improvement. At the time of the assessment, these suggested:
- Improving the general quality of the smaller, local ‘community spaces’ (local parks, amenity spaces and natural greenspace)
- Improving quality and provision for children and young people (play).
- Improving the quality and availability of allotments

The reasons for the variation in quality and condition across each type of green and open space means that we need to continue to engage with the local and area perspective, so that appropriate actions within each area can be taken. It is clear, however, that some broad areas of concern exist, in particular:
- Addressing community safety and anti-social behaviour
- Assuring good maintenance, cleanliness and repair

The Parks and Countryside Service and its partners have taken immediate action to address these priorities, through Service and area plans:
- Phased improvement of the condition of local green and open spaces to bring them to an acceptable audit quality level (an additional 26 sites across the city between 2009 and 2010).
- Achieving and maintaining at least one nationally recognised Green Flag award in each Community Assembly Area by 2011.
- Creating or improving 23 new play areas by 2011.
- Returning 200 allotment plots to usable condition by 2010.
- Working to reduce anti-social behaviour throughout 2010 by extending out of school provision for children and using Rangers to provide engaging activities for teenagers.

A longer term approach to management and resources will also be necessary to ensure these improvements are maintained and that new initiatives continue to be generated.

Wider outcomes and management approaches
Consultation with stakeholders about green space also highlighted a number of more general priorities in developing our approach to the improvement of Sheffield’s green and open spaces:
- Management foundations
  - Sheffield City Council leadership for the strategic and collaborative management of ‘green and open space.’
  - Long term planning and budgeting.
  - A Sheffield Quality Standard to drive uplift in quality.
  - ‘Management Plans’ to assure quality and sustainability for each type of green space
- Working together
  - Community dialogue, engagement and the development of active volunteering.
  - Area dialogue and area-working to align management with local needs.
  - Cross-sector partnerships to deliver wider benefits around key social, environmental and economic themes.

- Key opportunities
  - To adopt a stronger marketing approach, to better promote and realise the wide-ranging benefits of our green spaces.
  - To advance Sheffield’s ‘greenest city’ reputation through innovative approaches and achieving national recognition.

Tackling these priorities will be part of a new strategic way of working. The next sections outline our approach to addressing these through the strategic themes and realising our Vision for Sheffield’s green and open spaces.

References
1. Assessment of Open Space, Outdoor Sports and Recreation Provision for Sheffield. (Strategic Leisure Limited, 2008)
4. DELIVERING THE VISION

If we are to respond to the range of issues and priorities identified for Sheffield’s green and open spaces, a consistent and long term direction is required.

The themes and priorities outlined in the following pages will remain throughout the lifetime of the Strategy, guiding managers and partners and providing consistency of direction for action planning.

Four key themes are highlighted in our Vision statement. We have chosen to group our strategic priorities under these four themes. By progressively delivering against these priorities we will in turn be able to deliver our Vision.

The following pages provide more detail on each theme and include the priority actions for delivering our Vision. The complete framework of actions can be seen in the 20 year Strategic Plan in Part 3.

Further information on case studies projects, that might also be used to help deliver our priorities, can be accessed on-line at www.sheffield.gov.uk/greenopenspace.
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People

Promoting health and activity

We live in a society that leads largely sedentary lifestyles. The modern environment encourages us to expend less energy but keep consuming the same amount. This can have detrimental effects on our health.

The potential health benefits of green and open spaces are substantial. Physical activity in the outdoors can help prevent heart disease, tackle obesity and aid patient recovery. Simply being amongst greenery helps ‘emotional well-being’, helping to reduce stress. All of these elements act to reduce health costs.

Getting more people involved and encouraging more visits to our green and open spaces mean we must motivate the least active, encouraging active recreation and promoting their health benefits. Sheffield is blessed with enough green and open space for everyone, but events and activities play a role in getting people to make the most of them.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP H1 Promote the wider use of green and open spaces by all sectors for the benefit of physical and mental health.
- developing joint strategic approaches with the health sector by 2011
- promoting activities to at-risk target groups by 2013
- sustaining on-going programmes around health and activity by 2013

PP H2 Promote the wider public use of green and open spaces for play, sport and physical activity.
- by 2012, maximising marketing opportunities for sport and activity offered by the London Olympics
- supporting initiatives with clubs around sports and events by 2014
- improving the quality of recreation and outdoor sports pitches by 2018

PP H3 Provide good quality local recreation space for all areas and address the factors that limit their use by local communities.
- removing barriers to the use of local recreational spaces by 2019
- improving the quality of priority local or ‘community’ sites by 2019

PP H4 Promote existing and new walking and cycling routes to increase the use of all green and open spaces and for ‘active travel’.
- mapping and signposting priority routes to promote their use by 2016
- promoting their use as safe routes to school, work or other community facilities by 2016
Supporting education and learning

Outdoor learning is now an important part of the educational curriculum. The natural environment connects easily with subjects such as science or history, whilst the outdoors provides a different context for learning to the classroom.

If our rich variety of green spaces in Sheffield, whether natural, farmed or managed for recreation are to have a future, we need to inspire people to take care. Raising awareness of its benefits and educating people about its responsible and sustainable use is central to this.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP E1 Promote local green and open spaces as outdoor classrooms in order for schools and colleges to deliver elements of the educational curriculum.
- coordinating annually 200 school visits to green spaces by 2011
- developing strategic approaches with the education sector by 2012
- developing classroom/education facilities in selected sites by 2016

PP E2 Encourage the development and management of school grounds to better benefit nature, the environment and (particularly in areas deficient in open space) the wider community.
- promoting opportunities in areas deficient of green space by 2014
- developing skills for schools to enhance their own grounds by 2018

PP E3 Provide environmental education, practical skills training and opportunities for maintenance of green spaces to young people and the wider community.
- developing the network of resources and skills to deliver a range of skills training by 2014
- developing specialist training facilities at green space centres by 2019

Encouraging diversity and inclusion

Sheffield’s network of parks and public open spaces are free for anyone to use. They act as excellent places where different sectors of the community, of all cultures and backgrounds happily come together - something which forms a key component of community spirit.

In the design and planning of spaces, we must ensure that they are welcoming and continue to match local needs, even as populations develop or diversify. If our green and open spaces are truly meeting local needs, we will see a good cross-section of society out there using them.

Events and cultural projects are ways to develop and enhance community and social identities. Such activities can involve people who might otherwise not visit their local park. This can allow green and open spaces to become more accessible to people and a real focus for community activity.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP D1 Develop the type of green and open spaces that can become thriving centres for community activity in each area.
- extending successful initiatives that engage all communities in their green spaces by 2012
- working with each Community Area Assembly to identify and develop priority sites by 2019

PP D2 Promote the use of local green and open spaces to those groups who are not currently using them.
- working with Community Area Assemblies to identify excluded groups by 2012
- undertaking outreach projects to promote wider participation by 2014

PP D3 Use maintenance, development and regeneration of green and open spaces to make them significantly more inclusive and accessible to all.
- developing solutions with diversity and access liaison groups by 2013
- developing standards for the design and development of spaces by 2014
People

Ensuring safety and security

Crime and anti-social behaviour - or fears about them - can have huge effects on the reputation of a neighbourhood and how it is perceived. Most places are actually good places to live or work, but a poor reputation will keep people away. In the same way, concerns over safety and security put people off visiting their local green and open spaces.

Spaces that are actively avoided by residents that feel empty and unvalued are likely to simply get worse. On the other hand, anti-social behaviour will be discouraged in spaces that are well-frequented and where responsible use is the norm.

Staff supervision in parks can also be an effective way to improve safety and security. The ‘Parkie’ can provide a valuable point of contact, making people more familiar with their spaces and lead to better standards of care.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP S1 Deliver welcoming green and open spaces with high standards of cleanliness, maintenance and repair in all sites.
- extending signage in sites supporting problem reporting by 2013
- addressing the management of significantly failing local sites by 2016
- meeting the baseline standard in all community spaces by 2019

PP S2 Promote community involvement and establish community green space groups in all areas.
- providing a framework of supporting materials for local groups by 2014
- extending the use of sites for local information boards and as spaces for community events by 2014

PP S3 Establish an on-site presence in city and district sites.
- developing a strategy for on-site presence by 2014
- developing shared supervision arrangements with partners and communities by 2016

People

Greater community involvement

Community involvement is at the heart of caring for green and open spaces. Sheffield has a strong culture of community involvement, with many long established and effective Friends and green space groups. These groups take pride in their local spaces and are key drivers for change and improvement.

To support all this needs long term commitment from site owners and managers and skills within the green space sector to support and facilitate community involvement and participation. Volunteering and community participation doesn’t come for free, but the wider benefits are significant.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP C1 Promote greater participation of the community in planning, developing and managing their local green and open spaces.
- investigating the potential for communities to assess the quality of their local spaces by 2013
- developing a Forum to support community groups’ progress to greater degrees of involvement by 2016

PP C2 Develop volunteering as a significant element of the management, development and maintenance of green and open spaces.
- developing a joint strategic approach with green space partners by 2012
- developing the necessary resources to support a volunteering network by 2018

PP C3 Explore opportunities for the transfer of ownership and management of green and open spaces to local communities.
- investigating specific cases and options by 2020
- developing a framework for meeting common quality standards by 2024
People
Promoting fun and enjoyment

Play is about having fun and enjoying yourself. Green and open spaces are central to this and, particularly for children and young people, play a hugely important role.

Although our interests change as we grow up, access to a wide range of opportunities for fun and enjoyment across all ages and abilities is necessary. Play may evolve into formal sports or into challenging outdoor activities. Climbing, mountain-biking and even off-road motorcycling have their place in providing fun and enjoyment for adults. The variety in Sheffield’s urban and rural green and open spaces should allow everyone to realise those opportunities.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PP F1 Provide high quality play opportunities across all age groups - toddlers, juniors, teenagers and adults.
- creating 23 additional or improved play opportunities in key areas across the city, by 2011.
- developing a 20 year sustainability plan across the full range of play provision by 2014
- improving disabled play provision across the range of mobility, learning, cognitive and sensory impairment by 2019

PP F2 Promote outdoor recreation and play opportunities using Sheffield’s natural assets - its hills and rocks, water and trees.
- developing key spaces for natural play, by 2012
- developing a marketing campaign around Sheffield’s ‘play landscape’ by 2014

PP F3 Involve children and young people as partners in the design and development of play spaces.
- establishing a young people’s ‘play working group’ to stimulate new, local approaches to play design by 2013
- championing the delivery of innovative play projects in each area by 2015
“every area of the city”

The most popular green and open spaces are those that provide the locations and type of facilities that local communities wish to use. The most successful are those that are also well-designed.

The benefits of successful public spaces extend far beyond their boundaries and into the surrounding neighbourhood. Public spaces often create the central image to a neighbourhood or a town or city. High quality green and open spaces have important benefits to the economy, attracting business investment.

By 2030, this Strategy will ensure that the real character of Sheffield - its landscape features, local culture, heritage and wildlife - has been enhanced in the designs and management of its green and open spaces.

Our four priorities for action:

• Making sites accessible and safe
• Achieving quality by design
• Valuing local character and heritage
• Realising economic value

Places
Making sites accessible and safe

How safe and welcoming our public spaces are and how easily they can be accessed from the local neighbourhood are big influences on how well-used they are able to become. This means that making places easier to get around and responding to concerns over safety and security are fundamental requirements for the physical improvement of our green and open spaces.

These issues apply both outside our green and open spaces as well as within. Busy roads; poor public transport; inadequate parking; and lack of good footpaths or cycle-ways can each effectively create barriers which can put people off visiting their local spaces. New developments, site refurbishment and major renewal offer opportunities to implement principles of good urban design.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PL S1 Enhance access, safety and security as part of the design and development of all green and open spaces.

- work with access advisory groups to reappraise inclusive access on city and district sites by 2011
- adopt and implement landscaping and design guidelines for safety and security by 2014

PL S2 Establish a clearly defined and well-used network of accessible routes, connecting communities to local green and open spaces.

- define standards of provision for walking, disabled access and cycling by 2016
- develop new or enhance segregated cycling routes through identified sites by 2018
- address issues of traffic, availability of crossing points and public transport which provide barriers to access, by 2020
Places
Achieving quality by design

Green and open spaces which are ‘relevant’ provide the types of facilities in locations which match the needs of local residents - whether this is for play and recreation; events and activities; sport; or simply pleasant environments for socialising in.

Providing the right ‘type’ of space is important, but so is getting the design right. Designs can be in many styles and may appeal to some tastes and not others, but a well-designed park, for example, will feel to be of higher quality than a poorly designed one. Designs need to be both appropriate to a site’s location and its place in the wider area. A space that feels part of the local neighbourhood is likely to be popular and well-used.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PL D1 Reconfirm at regular intervals that the types of green and open space in an area match resident and community needs.

- developing survey approaches which, by 2014, will best inform and guide owners, managers and providers

PL D2 Require new green and open space developments or regeneration projects are designed to support practical, efficient and sustainable management.

- ensuring that, by 2011, Management Plans are drafted at the ‘master-planning’ stage as part of all site development projects.
- identifying best practice to address the causes of Sheffield’s ‘failing’ spaces, by 2014

PL D3 Require that contributions to support the secondary functions of local heritage, biodiversity, climate change and environmental quality be part of green and open space design and development.

- developing, by 2016, an environmental design guide to support regeneration projects
- promoting adoption by planners, developers and community groups by 2018
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Places
Valuing local character and heritage

The character of both a place and its people is shaped by its landscape and by its cultural heritage. This is particularly true in Sheffield and its green and open spaces form an important part of that character. They have been shaped by the economy and politics of their day - from the modern regeneration of civic spaces; to the designed formality of Victorian parks; or the wild landscapes of the Peak District National Park.

Memories of places and events give a neighbourhood its distinctiveness. The value of green spaces will be enhanced if any cultural or heritage features can be more easily interpreted, shared and appreciated by others. Sheffield’s green heritage - trees and woodlands; rivers and moorlands; industrial heritage; and the character of its communities - is one of the city’s most unique selling points and should be sustained.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PLH1 Protect and enhance key features
- of landscape, natural and heritage character, views and vistas - which are particularly valued by local people.
  - incorporating heritage and character elements within the Sheffield Quality Standard by 2014
  - incorporating heritage and character features into management plans by 2018

PLH2 Protect, enhance and interpret key green and open spaces as sites representing the best of Sheffield’s heritage.
  - revising the Heritage Sites Strategy by 2018
  - assessing the long term sustainability of buildings for restoration by 2022

PLH3 Strategically plan the enhancement of the urban trees, woodlands, parks, rivers and natural landscapes that characterise Sheffield’s greenness.
  - developing management plans for the main landscape types by 2020
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Places
Realising economic value

Cities such as Sheffield play a key role in delivering sustainable development in the UK. They are the centres of economic growth. For cities to be attractive to business, however, to attract investment and employees to live there, they need to have high quality environments and high quality urban design.

Green spaces also have potential for productive land-use and income generation, essential if spaces are to be truly sustainable. Opportunities arising from agriculture, forestry, estate management, renewable energy, recreation and tourism all have potential as components of Sheffield’s economic landscape.

As part of action planning, partners will:

PL E1 Promote high quality green and open space as being at the heart of both Sheffield’s thriving communities and its business offer.

- developing a marketing strategy, by 2013, to promote the value and quality of Sheffield’s green and open space.
- promoting the enhancement of open spaces in key regeneration areas in Sheffield by 2015.

PL E2 Encourage business opportunities in the ‘active tourism’ and ‘outdoor recreation’ sectors, within Sheffield’s green and open spaces.

- promoting investment opportunities in key outdoor recreation sites by 2018
- developing a strategy for Sheffield’s niche outdoor activities by 2022.

PL E3 Encourage business and partnership opportunities with respect to sustainable and productive land-use - forestry, moorland estates, agriculture, waterways and renewable energy.

- Developing a Strategy for the Rural Estates by 2020
- piloting income generation opportunities within green and open space by 2020
- developing productive land-use operations as pilot businesses by 2026.
Minimising Climate Change

Climate change is a global issue, but the significance of its impacts will vary locally. Predictions for our region indicate that the climate is likely to be warmer throughout the year, with wetter winters and drier summers.

Some impacts may be positive. A warmer climate may help develop a more outdoor culture and actually increase demand for green spaces. In built-up areas, however, heat effects can be severe and may potentially impact on health.

We must not only adapt our green spaces but look to mitigate climate change. Carbon management will be important, with local sourcing of products, recycling and renewable energy generation each able to contribute. The city’s woodlands and moorland peat are massive stores of carbon and need to be conserved and managed appropriately.

As part of action planning, partners will:

**ENV C1 Manage green and open spaces in a way that allows them to adapt to a changing climate while enabling them to continue to deliver their primary public benefits.**

- adopting, by 2014, innovative techniques in low carbon site and facilities management
- enhancing how designated biodiversity sites can cope with climate change by 2018

**ENV C2 Plan and manage the collective contribution of Sheffield’s green and open space network, as part of the city-wide strategic response to Climate Change.**

- developing a joint strategic approach to climate change by 2014
- planning and managing landscape scale corridors as ecosystems by 2026.

**ENV C3 Promote opportunities for public participation in Sheffield’s response to Climate Change.**

- developing educational initiatives to engage individuals and communities in action, by 2016.

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**Environment & Sustainability**

“the ‘greenest’ city in Britain”

Green spaces provide attractive places for people to relax, to play and to experience nature. They also support local, regional and nationally important plants, animals and their habitats. Our landscape, trees and soils also provide ‘ecosystem services’ to Sheffield’s population: absorbing and storing water and carbon dioxide, filtering pollution and providing shade and cooling. The ability of green spaces to serve many functions at once means that they are one of Sheffield’s most important assets.

By 2030 this Strategy will ensure that the multiple functions of Sheffield’s rivers, woodland and hills and countryside are being fully utilised - countering climate change impacts, working productively for income and jobs and providing space for people’s recreation and enjoyment.

**Our four priorities for action:**

- Minimising climate change
- Sustaining quality in our environment
- Managing for nature and biodiversity
- Making connections for people and wildlife
Environment
Sustaining quality in our environment

Green and open space forms a core part of Sheffield’s infrastructure. Just as significant as road infrastructure or the built environment, how green and open space is planned and managed contributes significantly to the functioning of the city.

Green spaces provide many environmental and ecological services: supporting flood management, pollution control, noise reduction and climate change. Forestry and agriculture contribute to the city’s economy. Alongside each of these, they continue to provide an invaluable resource for people and wildlife.

This ability to perform multiple functions is why green space is a critical asset for Sheffield. Its sustainability will be determined not only by how spaces are managed individually, but importantly how they are managed collectively to improve the environmental quality of the city.

As part of action planning, partners will:

ENV S1 Guide management practice to ensure that all aspects of service delivery and maintenance are carried out in the most environmentally sustainable way.
- developing environmental management and maintenance guidelines by 2012
- setting standards for site development, by 2014, to ensure long term sustainability of quality

ENV S2 Enhance the functions of green and open spaces so that they are contributing in the most effective way to the improvement of the city’s environmental quality.
- identifying and improving key sites and areas in most need of environmental enhancement by 2016
- extending the contributions made by sustainable urban drainage and green roofs by 2022
- promoting sustainably productive land-use of key types of Sheffield’s green space by 2026.

Environment
Managing for nature and biodiversity

Sheffield’s network of green spaces hosts a unique range of topography, geology and natural habitats. Its close connections with the surrounding countryside and the Peak District National Park give it a special value.

Every public authority has a statutory duty to conserve biodiversity and is encouraged to restore some of the UK’s biodiversity that has been lost in recent years. Sites of geological importance are also designated for protection. It is also important to maximise opportunities for people to experience nature close at hand.

To be sustainable, however, nature and biodiversity requires more than just the protection of particular species and particular sites. All types of green space can make a contribution. Even in formally maintained public parks, there are opportunities to enhance wildlife value.

As part of action planning, partners will:

ENV W1 Protect and enhance priority wildlife species and habitats within designated Local Nature Sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
- establish management plans for all Local Nature Sites by 2014
- report contribution to national targets by 2020

ENV W2 Manage all public spaces, where appropriate, to protect and enhance their potential value for wildlife and habitats.
- promoting management guidelines, by 2014, to promote wider sympathetic biodiversity management

ENV W3 Develop the wildlife potential of other non-public spaces, where appropriate, to support the sustainability of the wider green space network.
- updating Sheffield’s Nature Conservation Strategy by 2016
- promoting initiatives for enhancing biodiversity value of residential gardens by 2020

ENV W4 Promote awareness and understanding of the nature conservation value of green spaces as a core part of managing those sites for wildlife and biodiversity.
- supporting new Local Nature Reserve declaration by 2012
- developing web-based biodiversity mapping and data by 2016.
Environment
Green connections for people and wildlife

When we think about green and open spaces, we usually think about individual sites. The connections between green and open spaces however, are just as important as the spaces themselves.

If we wish people to visit their local green and open space we must also have easy and attractive routes to get to them. If we wish wildlife to survive in the urban environment, green corridors and waterways are needed to help support movement.

In combination, green spaces and the connections between them form a city-wide network. This network extends out beyond the city boundary and ultimately connects with other areas to form part of a regional network of ‘Green Infrastructure’ or ‘living landscape’. Well planned and managed green networks have multiple benefits for people, the economy and wildlife and extend those benefits from individual sites into neighbouring spaces and into the wider area.

As part of action planning, partners will:

ENV G1 Manage a network of links between local green spaces and the regional green infrastructure network, for the benefit of both people and wildlife.
- defining integrated nature conservation green links and landscape corridors by 2014
- defining strategic walking and cycling routes linking city sites and to the wider countryside by 2018
- identifying the necessary management approaches to maintain the whole network by 2020

ENV G2 Seek opportunities for enhancing the quality, functionality and continuity of the green network both for public use and for biodiversity.
- developing design principles to support development and enhancement by 2018
- identifying key locations for creating green connections or enhancing their quality, by 2020
- developing management plans for green corridors as a specific type of green space by 2020.
Quality Management
“green and open spaces of exceptional quality”

If Sheffield’s green and open spaces are to realise their full potential for people, places and the environment, they have to be effectively managed and maintained. To do this, the efforts of a wide range of partners, managers and owners need to be coordinated.

It also means making a joint commitment to quality. Although green and open spaces have long suffered from under-funding, investment has in the last few years enabled some significant quality improvements to be made. The challenge is to secure the resources to manage and maintain that commitment.

By 2030, this Strategy will ensure that owners, managers and providers are seen to be working in a coordinated way around a common Sheffield Quality Standard and with a stake in achieving the long term strategic outcomes.

Our five priorities for action:
• Providing leadership
• Achieving more - with partners
• Developing quality standards
• Improving skills and competencies
• Securing funding and investment

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Quality Management
Providing leadership

Coordinating the activities of owners and managers is critical to the efficiency and effectiveness of quality management. Contrary to popular belief, no single local authority owns and manages all the green and open spaces in its area.

If we are to secure exceptional quality for Sheffield’s green and open spaces, consistency in both standards and management planning will be important. It is not that ownership and responsibilities should lie in one place, but that one central organisation should take responsibility for open space management and be able to take the strategic overview.

As part of action planning, partners will:

QM L1 Promote this Strategy as the principal framework and the preferred model for green and open space management and improvement across all areas, managers, owners and providers.

QM L2 Integrate the requirements for quality of green and open spaces within planning guidance.
- creating policy links to the Sheffield Development Framework by 2010

QM L3 Adopt an overall collaborative partnership approach to site management and maintenance, led by Parks and Countryside Service.
- establishing a core group of management partners by 2010, to drive strategic implementation

QM L4 Centrally coordinate, monitor and review green and open space strategic action plans and quality assessment.
- developing rolling two year action plans from 2010
- monitoring and review of key projects by the core management group from 2011.
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**Quality Management**  
Achieving more, with partners

Strong collaborative partnerships are essential to effectively coordinate efforts to improve green and open spaces. The Government, through the National Audit Office Report (NAG, 2006) has recognised the need to adopt modern contracting practice for green space management and to develop partnership working with other owners and managers, “based on jointly agreed principles, values, objectives and priorities” (DLTR (2002)). Partnership working can however, be applied at a number of different levels.

At a strategic level, ensuring that green and open spaces are able to fully deliver against key national agendas will rely on effective partnership working. At a regional level, cross-boundary working is already key for Sheffield in connecting green space agendas with neighbouring authorities. Partnership working with local residents, with businesses and other interests can also achieve far more than local authorities working alone.

**As part of action planning, partners will:**

- **QM P1 Maximise opportunities to deliver wider social, environmental and economic benefits of green and open space through key cross-sector partners.**
  - aligning implementation of priorities by 2013 with the strategies of key partners and sectors
  - reviewing the roles of existing or new green space forums, by 2013 to champion good practice and promote collaborative working
  - promoting project opportunities to private sector landowners and managers by 2014

- **QM P2 Promote and support the development of community partnerships.**
  - developing a range of potential roles for the community in green space assessment, management and activation by 2020
  - extending roles to develop best practice in community partnership working by 2022.
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Quality Management
Developing Quality Standards

Sheffield prides itself on the quality of its green and open spaces, with city sites already setting the benchmark for quality nationally. Quality standards are the way that we can set a baseline to work to and to assure that everyone can expect and receive the same standard of provision.

If high quality is to be achieved across all green and open spaces, standards will need to be met consistently across all managers and landowners. Sites such as sports pitches, wildlife areas or woodlands will require the development of specific quality criteria, with specialist expertise to monitor them. In turn management plans for all sites will be essential for maintaining fitness for purpose and sustaining quality in the long term.

As part of action planning, partners will:

QM Q1 Develop benchmarked Sheffield Quality Standards, relevant to different types of green and open space, their users and their management.
- developing a quality standard that defines the baseline expectations for public green and open spaces, by 2010
- developing a full quality standard of management for the wider benefits of green and open spaces by 2012.

QM Q2 Adopt local quality indicators and respective targets to drive quality improvement at area, city and national levels.
- progressively improve all sites to baseline quality level by 2024.
- develop targets and progressively improve key sites in each area to the full quality standard by 2024.

QM Q3 Implement and maintain quality improvement through management planning for each green and open space.
- Develop a common management plan framework to support planning across site types and managers by 2012.
- update the business case for on-going site management to meet and maintain the Sheffield Quality Standard by 2012.
- complete management plans for all sites/ types, by 2020.
Quality Management
Improving skills & competencies

If investments in improving site quality are to be sustained in the long term, a range of specialist skills and technical knowledge need to be put in place to provide these functions. In Sheffield, the expertise of current staff has been amply shown through Britain in Bloom, Entente Florale and Green Flag awards. The voluntary sector has both highly skilled staff and volunteers who deliver significant site improvement enhancements and development projects.

The potential also exists to develop volunteer training programmes - training volunteers in exchange for structured involvement in management. External accreditation might be provided through schemes such as NVQ; through partnership approaches with colleges or the voluntary sector; or collaborative schemes with contractors.

As part of action planning, partners will:

QM S1 Maximise existing skills from the whole range of management partners, to support the delivery requirements for people, places, environment and sustainability.
- undertaking a skills assessment across partners in the sector by 2013.
- preparing a skills strategy to develop and sustain the necessary skills to meet quality and service requirements by 2013
- investigating a volunteer training, development and accreditation scheme by 2014

QM S2 Develop Sheffield as a centre of excellence for environmental and horticultural skills; for community volunteering and engagement; and for local and natural heritage conservation.
- marketing ‘internal’ training resources for use by external bodies by 2015
- enhancing facilities to establish two ‘national’ centres of skills excellence in Sheffield by 2022.
Quality Management
Securing funding & investment

Public green and open space management is largely funded through annual budget allocations. As ‘Parks Services’ are not statutory, however, they are potentially more prone to cutbacks than other statutory services. For green spaces there are three main challenges: finding new ways to raise money to make improvements; securing income to ensure long term sustainability; and managing the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery.

More effective use of existing resources is also critical, as is the need to better understand the link between costs of inputs and the quality of outcomes. The effectiveness of management and maintenance, of contracting arrangements and the targeting of spend to areas of need, are all important considerations.

As part of action planning, partners will:

QM F1 Develop a long-term, sustainable, strategic budget for maintenance and improvement planning.
- forecasting costs as part of 5 year strategic action planning by 2012
- reviewing and integrating asset management into forecasting by 2012

QM F2 Secure long term sustainable management as an integral part of major capital investment.
- forecasting the benefits and averted costs of on-site presence and preventative maintenance by 2014.
- researching the valuing of benefits for the other sectors as identified in the strategic themes by 2014.

QM F3 Maximise income generation as a key funding stream.
- investigating and cascading innovative fund raising and funding streams by 2012.
- establishing a number of self-sustaining model sites for income generation or productive plan-use by 2022.

QM F4 Establish a Trust Fund for Sheffield’s green and open spaces.
- scoping and setting the foundations for a Trust Fund by 2014.
PART THREE
IMPLEMENTATION

1. MONITORING AND DELIVERY

Recognising the need to both prioritise actions and manage resources, a twenty year delivery framework for the Strategy has been developed.

Leadership
The Parks and Countryside Service of Sheffield City Council will take a leadership role in order to drive this Strategy. Steering will be provided by a Green and Open Space Core Management Group, consisting of a range of the key green and open space owners, managers and providers.

The progress of actions plans, targets and outcomes will, through this means, be monitored on a regular basis. Key indicators (both National and from the Local Area Agreement) provide important measures for external accountability.

Strategic priorities will be reviewed on a five year basis and updated accordingly.

Action planning and involvement
There are many bodies that play important roles in the improvement of green and open spaces for Sheffield - either by managing green and open spaces and/ or by influencing how they are used. Each will be very real partners in realising the Vision for Sheffield’s Green and Open Space and in delivering on the outcomes for the Strategy. Detailed action plans will be developed to coordinate implementation.

Community structures (eg. Community Area Assemblies) are a vital component of supporting local prioritisation and improvement. As a first step, the 20 year Strategic Plan will be used to inform the development of two year rolling action plans. These will further inform and be informed by Community Area Assembly plans so that priorities align.

The next few pages outline how the priorities set out in Sheffield’s Green and Open Space Strategy will be implemented and key outcomes delivered. To drive implementation, detailed two year action plans will be prepared, maintained and monitored on a rolling basis to ensure progress.

Vision
Themes & Priorities
20 year strategic plan

The things we need to do to deliver against our priorities.

20 year strategic plan

The things we need to do to deliver against our priorities.

Community Area Assembly plans

Projects to improve green and open spaces across the city
Friends groups, Tenant and Resident Associations and other local interest groups are also key influencers and ongoing consultation through area working will ensure local priorities and action plans are steered to meet local needs.

Some of the key partners whose inputs are needed to develop these have already been identified above. Organisations with key opportunities to deliver their objectives through the green space network include Sheffield First Partnership boards; Active Sheffield; NHS Sheffield; Sheffield Wildlife Trust; Natural England and the Environment Agency. Other important advisory or facilitating organisations are highlighted to be: Groundwork, BTCV; the Local Access Forum; Ramblers’ Association; SCC Access Liaison Group; and SheBEEN.

A number of services across Sheffield City Council will also be involved on an ongoing basis, for example: Place (including Parks and Countryside, Planning, Transport and Highways, Environmental and Regulatory Services); Communities (including Housing); Children and Young People’s Service (including Learning and Achievement); Chief Executive’s Directorate (including Property and Facilities Management).

The continued enthusiastic support and cooperation of these and other stakeholders is the principal way that the many benefits of Sheffield’s exceptional green and open spaces will be realised.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN 2010 - 2030

Delivering the vision for Sheffield’s green and open spaces is a long term objective. It is not feasible for all of the Strategy’s outcomes to be achieved within short timescales.

The collective improvement of Sheffield’s green and open spaces for climate change or environmental improvement for example, requires a range of coordinated approaches. Although action is required immediately, the realisation of outcomes will remain a much longer term objective.

Even the management and quality improvement of sites, to meet a baseline of quality for local people across the city, is a significant challenge. This will only be achieved step by step, through a consistent management approach, over ten years or more.

This is the reason why a long term strategic plan is required: to maintain that focus and provide a direction for all partner resources.

The Strategic plan follows the four themes.

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<td>PP H3</td>
<td>Identify and improve informal recreation and play spaces to ensure good quality opportunities are available in all areas and in particular for communities who have health related priority areas.</td>
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<td>PP H5</td>
<td>Identify and address difficulties in provision of quality outdoor learning spaces, ensuring health benefits can be accessed by all, including children, young people, older people and those with disabilities.</td>
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PP S2 | Establish a volunteerised community green space groups in all areas and promote greater community involvement in local events and activities. | Develop a strategy for on-site presence through site managers, events etc. | Complete | P&C, Community Assemblies, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Police | Sheffield Quality Standards, Planning.

PP S3 | Establish on-site management or ranger presence in “key” and “distinct” sites. | Support the delivery of a best practice example of sustainably-managed play provision and identify future play development projects. | Complete | P&C, Community Assemblies, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Police | Sheffield Quality Standards, Planning.

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PP E3 | Involve children and young people as partners in the design and development of play spaces. | Establish volunteering as a significant part of the management and improvement of green and open spaces. | Complete | P&C, Community Assemblies, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Police | Sheffield Quality Standards, Planning.

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<td>2018</td>
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<td>For example, outdoor and leisure opportunities, e.g. mountain biking, camping and other active tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities within Sheffield’s green and open spaces.</td>
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<td>Manage green and open spaces in a way that allows them to adapt to changing climate while enabling them to continue to deliver their primary benefits.</td>
<td>Alleviate recognized good practice and innovative techniques in sustainability, recreation site and facilities management, particularly in the larger scale green and open space area.</td>
<td>2014</td>
<td>P&amp;R, Green Estate, Sheffield Homes, StreetForce, Sheffield Biological Record Centre, FMS, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust</td>
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<td>EMF C2</td>
<td>Manage and maintain the collective contribution of Sheffield’s green and open spaces, as part of the city’s response to Climate Change.</td>
<td>Implement a strategy to maintain and ensure the collective contribution of Sheffield’s green and open spaces to climate change adaptation and mitigation.</td>
<td>2019</td>
<td>P&amp;R, Environment &amp; Sustainability Services, Environment Agency, Peak District National Park Authority, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Peak District National Park Authority, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Sheffield First for Environment</td>
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ENW 62 (continued) | Manage all public spaces, where appropriate, to protect and enhance the potential value for wildlife and habitats. | Use biodiversity action plans to support the management of biodiversity within green space and Management Plans for the management of green spaces on private land. | 2016 | P&C, Friends of groups, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Green Links, Natural England | | |
ENW 63 | Enhance the biodiversity of other open public spaces, where appropriate, to support the sustainability of the wider green space network. | Work with more Sheffield’s Nature Conservation Strategy, designed to help Sheffield’s nature conservation green links in order to remain responsive to the impacts of climate change and the wider policy context. | 2016 | P&C, Peak District National Park Authority, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Friends of groups, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Forestry Commission, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Forum, LBAP steering group, SCC Planning, Transport and Highways Strategy Group | | |
ENW 64 | Promote awareness and understanding of the value of conservation of green spaces as a core part of the strategy, planning and management of those areas for wildlife and biodiversity. | Support new Local Nature Reserve designations on selected sites, providing opportunities for community engagement. | 2016 | P&C, Friends groups, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Groundwork, Yorkshire and Humber Ecological Data service | | |
ENW 61 | Manage a network of links between local green spaces and open spaces and the regional network for the benefit of both people and wildlife. | Work with partners to define and map nature conservation green links and corridors, integrating with the regional green infrastructure network and other regional biodiversity and land use centres. | 2014 | SCC Planning, Transport and Highways (Public Rights of Way Group), P&C (Core Parks and Countryside Service Management Group), Core Management Group, Sheffield First Partnership, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Local Access Forums, Rambler's Association, Sustainability, P&C, Cycle Sheffield, Sheffield Walking Forum (Active Sheffield) | | |
ENW 62 | Seek opportunities for enhancing the quality, functionality and continuity of the green network both for public use and for biodiversity. | Review and revise Sheffield’s green links network through strategic planning frameworks in order to remain responsive to the changing environmental and policy context and to best protect a viable network for nature and for walking and cycling. | 2015 | P&C, Natural England, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Forum, DPP Peak District National Park Authority, SCC Planning Services, Environment Agency, British Waterways, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Strategy Group | | |
ENW 63 | Establish public awareness and understanding of the value of a network of green and open spaces for the benefit of both people and wildlife. | Seek opportunities for enhancing the quality, functionality and continuity of the green network both for public use and for biodiversity. | 2016 | P&C, Natural England, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Forum, DPP Peak District National Park Authority, SCC Planning Services, Environment Agency, British Waterways, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Strategy Group | | |
ENW 63 | Enhance the green network through the quality of the green infrastructure network and to create connections where sections are missing. | Develop design principles for their enhancement for people and wildlife for collecting naturalisation of the waterways, footpath, landscaping, buffers zones. | 2016 | P&C, Natural England, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, South Yorkshire Biodiversity Forum, DPP Peak District National Park Authority, SCC Planning Services, Environment Agency, British Waterways, Sheffield Wildlife Trust, Strategy Group | | |

Quality Management

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QM L1 | Promote this Strategy as the principal framework, and the preferred model for green and open space management and improvement across all areas, managers, owners and providers. | Promote the strategy through events, launch materials and show leadership by integrating the strategy frameworks as part of SCC services and business planning. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Sheffield, Hoare, Sheffield Parks Countryside Service, Community and Environment Management Group | | |
QM L2 | Integrate the requirements for quality and open spaces within strategic planning and management. | Develop a National Environment Statement and other partners adopt — 2010/2011, collaborative working, common quality standards. | 2012 | SCC Planning, Core Management Group | | |
QM L3 | Adopt a collaborative partnership approach to future strategic management and maintenance, by Parks and Countryside Service. | Establish a greenlink ‘Community Management Group’ focused by Parks and Countryside Service to enable effective coordination and cross boundary working. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Core Management Group | | |
QM L4 | Centrally co-ordinate improvement and review green and open space strategies and plans and quality assessment. | Improve the quality of strategic action plans and linking to Service and Business plans. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Core Management Group | | |
QM 1 | Manage and develop a multi-disciplinary approach to improving the environmental and economic benefits of green and open space through the key cross-sector partner. | Support the development of a multi-disciplinary action plan to Sheffield City’s Local Strategic Partnership board. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Sheffield City, Local Strategic Partnership board | | |
QM 2 | Promote opportunities for cross-sector working through key cross-sector forum involving the GOSS and with other cross-sector partners (eg Health, Education and Learning, Climate change, Skills, Infrastructure, Rural) | Support the development of a multi-disciplinary action plan to Sheffield City’s Local Strategic Partnership board. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Sheffield City, Local Strategic Partnership board | | |
QM 3 | Promote the environmental and economic benefits of green and open space through key cross-sector partner. | Support the development of a multi-disciplinary action plan to Sheffield City’s Local Strategic Partnership board. | 2010 | Parks and Countryside Service, Sheffield City, Local Strategic Partnership board | | |
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<td>Develop Sheffield as a centre of excellence for environmental and horticultural skills for community volunteering and engagement, and for local and natural heritage conservation</td>
<td>Enhance the facilities and resources which can be used to support and build on these, immediately linking skills and training to community volunteering and engagement; develop a sustainable management plan that can be adopted across a range of site types, including use of Sheffield Quality Management Framework</td>
<td>2012</td>
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<td>Develop a long-term sustainable strategy for maintenance and improvement planning on all sites</td>
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<td>Ensure long-term sustainable management and maintenance as an integral part of major capital investments</td>
<td>Develop an asset management plan that should be adopted as part of any site development</td>
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<td>GQF 04</td>
<td>Maximize income generation as a key funding stream</td>
<td>Investigate innovative fundraising and funding streams</td>
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<td>GQF 05</td>
<td>Establish a Trust Fund for Sheffield’s green and open spaces</td>
<td>Review with partners the range of approaches to attracting donations, legacies and investments</td>
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- **QM S1**: Develop an asset management plan.
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- **QM Q5**: Establish a Trust Fund for Sheffield’s green and open spaces.
APPENDIX A - LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS

The following table lists some of the stakeholder organisations who have in some form been involved in the development of this Strategy:

- Active Sheffield
- Area Action Team/ Coordinators
- Burngreave New Deal for Communities
- Creative Sheffield
- English Heritage (Yorkshire Region)
- Environment Agency
- Friends/ Community Groups (various)
- Green City Action
- Green Estate
- Groundwork Sheffield
- Heeley City Farm
- Heeley Development Trust
- Nabarro Nathanson Green Business
- Natural England
- Peak District National Park Authority
- Ramblers’ Association
- Sheffield City Council - Councillors
- SCC CEX Organisational Transformation Programme
- SCC CEX Property Services
- SCC CYPD Capacity Planning and Development
- SCC CYPD Lifelong Learning and Skills
- SCC PLACE Activity Sheffield
- SCC PLACE Culture
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- SCC PLACE Environment and Regulatory Services
- SCC PLACE Parks and Countryside Service
- SCC PLACE Strategic and City Centre Services
- SCC PLACE Streetforce
- SCC COMMUNITIES Neighbourhood Renewal and Partnership
- SCC COMMUNITIES Housing Market Renewal (Area Development Framework) Teams
- SCC Sheffield Homes
- Sensory Trust
- Sheebeen
- Sheffield First for the Environment
- Sheffield Futures & Connexions
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Sheffield Primary Care Trust/ NHS
- Sheffield Town Trust
- Sheffield Wildlife Trust
- South Yorkshire Forest
- Sport England, Yorkshire
- Steel Valley Project
- South Yorkshire Archaeology Unit
- South Yorkshire Police
- University of Sheffield
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### APPENDIX B - TYPES OF GREEN AND OPEN SPACE

The following table lists the different types of green and open space considered within the Strategy.

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<td>Natural and semi-natural green spaces, including urban woodland</td>
<td>Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness</td>
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<td>Green Corridors</td>
<td>Walking, cycling or horse riding, whether for leisure purposes or travel, and opportunities for wildlife migration</td>
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<td>Outdoor sports facilities</td>
<td>Participation in outdoor sports, such as pitch sports, tennis, bowls, athletics or countryside and water sports</td>
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<td>Amenity green space</td>
<td>Opportunities for informal activities close to home or work or enhancement of the appearance of residential or other areas</td>
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<td>Provision for children and young people</td>
<td>Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as equipped play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas and teenage shelters</td>
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<td>Opportunities for those people who wish to do so to grow their own produce as part of the long term promotion of sustainability, health and social inclusion</td>
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<td>Cemeteries, disused churchyards and other burial grounds</td>
<td>Quiet contemplation and burial of the dead, often linked to the promotion of wildlife conservation and biodiversity</td>
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<td>Providing a setting for civic buildings, public demonstrations and community events</td>
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