

Greenspace Strategy

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PART 2: Action Plan



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Other links that will provide more detailed background information on the spatial planning system include:

- Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Planning Policy Statement 12 - Local Development Frameworks (www.communities.gov.uk)
- The Planning Portal (www.planningportal.gov.uk) is the Government's online service for planning which includes advice and information on the plan-led and emerging Local Development Framework.

PART 2: GREENSPACE ACTION PLAN

The action plan below sets out how the long term strategy in Part 1: (2005 to 2026) will be put into practice over the next 5 years. It therefore covers the period 2006-2011 at which point the Action Plan will need to be reviewed and updated. The Action Plan should therefore be read in conjunction with Part 1 to provide a context. The action plan will involve not only Torbay Council but other organisations, agencies, authorities, community groups and individuals. The Recommendations have been derived from the Greenspace vision, aims and objectives developed in Part 1, and have therefore been 'themed' to reflect the objectives below objectives or improving management practices (MP).

“Encourage greater use of green spaces by local people.”

Strategic objectives:

- 1. Improving appearance of green space.**
- 2. Improving accessibility, especially for the disabled.**
- 3. Challenging people’s perceptions of green spaces as areas to visit and use more often.**
- 4. Improving facilities and attractions.**
- 5. Increasing numbers of events/entertainments.**
- 6. Developing opportunities for using green spaces for learning.**
- 7. Promoting and protecting the heritage assets of Torbay’s green spaces.**

Through community involvement and the sustainability appraisal process the following objectives have been added:

- 8. Promoting green spaces as drivers for economic activity.**
- 9. Recognising, protecting and enhancing the biodiversity value of green space.**

Timescales: The time periods over which actions are anticipated to be carried out is indicated in the final column. Terms used are defined as follows: **Short Term:** 0 to 3 Years **Medium Term:** 3 to 5 Years **Long Term:** 5 Years and above

Theme	Recommendations	Action Plan	Key Partners	Time scale
3	GS1 Consult and involve the community on green space issues and developments.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Choose the consultation methods to match the intended audience. 2) Share best practice and results of consultations with community groups and other interested parties. 3) Consult with communities on significant new works and alterations. 4) Identify survey and consultation work to be undertaken. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends Groups • Groundwork • Community Partnerships • Consultation section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
3	GS2-Implement improvements in the way the council works with 'Friends of groups'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish best practice guidance for setting up new groups. 2) Publicise the function and value of 'Friends of' groups with other sections of the Council and the wider community. 3) Consult with 'Friends of' groups on issues which affect their site. 4) Establish a Torbay wide 'Friends of' network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Friends of Groups • Cultural Services Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
5	GS3-Work with health partners to investigate, assess and promote new ways of using green spaces to improve health and well being.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Publicise health benefits of green spaces. 2) Investigate funding opportunities for programme of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Trust • Children's Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
5 & 6	GS4-Develop a system to organise volunteering opportunities on Council directly managed green space sites.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish best practice guidance for working with volunteers. 2) Publicise opportunities for involvement with the Council. 3) Develop a database of volunteers. 4) Work with partner organisations to increase the range of opportunities available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust • Groundwork • 'Friends of' groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term

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1 & MP	GS5-Review links, communication, roles and working practices for those working in green space management, maintenance, protection and design.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Improve communication between and within teams. 2) Clearly define roles and responsibilities. 3) Review park warden service to reflect the desire of residents and community groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
MP, 1, 2,3,4,6,7 & 9	GS6-Write fixed term management plans for key Council directly managed parks and green spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write fixed term management plans for the following typologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town parks • Community parks • Strategic green space • Coastal amenity green space • Directly managed allotment sites • Playing fields • Outdoor sports facilities 2) All new schemes should have a management plan or maintenance schedule as a condition of adoption. 3) Management plans should be consulted with relevant 'Friends of' groups, maintenance staff and specialists when needed and should consider the issues set out in Section 8 of the main report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust • 'Friends of' Groups • Community Partnerships • District Action Groups • Town action groups • Plandscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Ongoing • Long term
MP, 6, 7, & 9	GS7-Improve staff training for those working in green space management, maintenance, protection and design.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Use the existing RADAR process to assess staff training for those working on green space and develop a benchmark of skills. 2) Ensure staff training courses are developed to include information on biodiversity for designated and non designated sites and the need to increase awareness of the value of such sites. 3) Fill gaps considering issues of cost, time and staff commitment. 4) Programme training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

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MP, 1,2,4 & 9	GS8-Audit Green spaces regularly and publish findings.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop a programme and carry out quality audits for sites over 0.2 hectares. 2) Use the quality audit information to prioritise improvements to green spaces. 3) Publish the audit results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
MP, 1 & 4	GS9-Regularly review maintenance standards for green space in line with the finance available.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review maintenance standards for directly managed green space. 2) Develop changes to standards in consultation with relevant officers and staff and in line with the available budget. 3) Communicate changes to staff 'Friends of' groups'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Plandscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
MP, 1,9	GS10-Protect green spaces during contract work.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify areas where green space is at a premium and should not be used for work access or compounds. 2) Enforce reinstatement or compensation so that a site is as good as before the work started. 3) Strengthen and enforce design briefs and specifications to protect surrounding green space from damage including biodiversity (in particular fragmentation) historic and cultural assets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Direct Services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
MP, 1	GS11-Develop a system for monitoring the cost of management and maintenance of green space and improve efficiency.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Clarify internal arrangements for maintenance of new highway improvements and other schemes where green space is adopted. 2) Implement a recording and budget monitoring costs for the management and maintenance of directly managed individual managed green space sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Plandscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
9	GS12-Implement outcomes from the biodiversity action plan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assess current maintenance regimes as part of the management plan process, making changes in consultation with relevant officers and where necessary wildlife partner organisations. 2) Change maintenance practices where necessary to improve the value of sites, in consultation with staff and within existing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Plandscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term

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		<p>budgets.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Publicise changes to management and maintenance regimes in consultation with local people. 4) Use environmental education to give people a better understanding of wildlife areas and their management. 5) In conjunction with partners continuously monitor and evaluate our biological assets. 6) Work in partnership with local groups and the wider community to identify areas in need of protection and intervention to protect and conserve our natural and semi natural green spaces. 7) Encourage the development of new conservation areas where opportunities arise, for example as a result of reclamation and restoration projects. 8) Develop a programme to increase the diversity value of green space sites. Initially target directly managed sites identified by the quality assessment which have biodiversity potential. 9) Recognise, protect and enhance the diversity value of green space. 10) Use the planning and development control process to encourage developers to build in biodiversity initiatives. 	<p>Policy Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust • English Nature 	
1 & 3	GS13-Reduce the effects of crime and anti social behaviour in green spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Work with safer communities, local police and relevant organisations to review the nature, location and frequency of crime in green space. 2) Ensure staff report all incidents of crime on green spaces, including vandalism, fly tipping and graffiti. 3) Identify a range of security measures and implement where necessary-giving due consideration to the impact on biodiversity ,heritage and cultural assests. 4) Prioritise action in areas with the greatest need. 5) Link green space with neighbourhood safety schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Environmental Health and Consumer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

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		<p>6) Aim for prosecution of offenders and publicise successful action.</p> <p>7) Review and improve response times to repair and removal of vandalism, graffiti, fly tipping etc.</p> <p>8) Ensure notice boards have telephone numbers people can contact in case of emergency. Ensure joint working between legal services, Environmental Health, Direct Services and Waste and other divisions to decrease litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.</p> <p>9) Raise awareness of the cost and public health issues of litter, fly tipping and dog fouling.</p> <p>10) Introduce measures to decrease litter.</p> <p>11) Promote responsible dog ownership in partnership with others for reasons of human health and biodiversity (eutrophication is of particular concern on the Special Area of Conservation at Beryy Head).</p> <p>12) Enforce litter and dog fouling legalisation by increasing the number of officers trained to issue finds and publicise successful convictions.</p>	<p>Protection Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities • Police • Legal Services 	
MP, 1,3,4&8	GS14-Identify investment and funding needs.	<p>1) Develop an investment strategy, which identifies and prioritises the sites and projects which need investment, including buildings at risk in parks and green spaces.</p> <p>2) Develop a funding strategy, which identifies sources of funding, sponsorship and the officers who will make the bid.</p> <p>3) Ensure projects are community led or supported.</p> <p>4) Consult with local communities to identify local priorities for project funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • 'Friends of' Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
2	GS15-Write an access policy for people with disabilities including the very elderly.	<p>1) Consult with people with disabilities e.g. Torbay Access group and other sections of the Council to write a set of access standards to reduce the barriers to use of green space.</p> <p>2) Investigate funding sources for improving access.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability groups • Cultural Services Division • Planning, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term • Short

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		3) Train staff on access issues.	Development and Policy Division	term
4, 5,6,7& 8	GS16-Assess current facilities and activities in green spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assess need and demand for facilities and activities as part of the management plan process, in consultation with local communities. 2) Provide facilities for children and young people and the elderly. 3) Seek sponsorship and partnership working to attract funding to improve facilities and increase the number of activities. 4) Assess the quality and quantity of horticultural features across directly managed sites in Torbay and introduces changes to and within the available budget. 5) Plan and provide opportunities for less common activities. 6) Plan and prioritise art and cultural projects across Torbay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Torbay Development Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Short term
1,5,6,7 & 9	GS17-Write a interpretation and information strategy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write an interpretation and information strategy. Items to be covered include biodiversity, culture and heritage. 2) Identify the directly managed sites, which need interpretation across Torbay. 3) Prioritise which directly managed green spaces will have interpretation information. 4) Identify funding to prepare interpretation and information on sites. 5) Promote cultural history and ecological tourism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Community Partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
2	GS18-Investigate and promote transport links to and between green spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Link green space to existing Council travel plans. 2) Work with Torbay Development Agency to look at tourist's links to high quality green spaces. 3) Link green space strategy to walking and cycling strategy to develop a network of recreational cycle and footpaths across the bay. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Torbay Development Agency • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term
MP,4	GS19-Develop links to play	1) Link the Green space strategy to the Torbay play strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short

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	strategy.		Division	term
MP, 1&4	GS20-Review casual and formal sports provision across Torbay.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide for casual sport in management plans and development briefs. 2) Link the sports strategy and playing pitch strategy to the Local Development Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Short term
MP 2 &4	GS21-Write an allotment strategy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Write an allotment strategy. 2) Promote the allotments service and improve uptake of under used allotments. 3) Develop an overarching allotment association for the maintenance and development of allotment sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Divisions • Allotment associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium • Ongoing • Long term
MP, 1&4	GS22-Review green space practices for crematorium, burial and closed churchyards.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Review current management and maintenance practices for existing and new burial and closed churchyards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Environmental Health and consumer Protection Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term
MP 1 & 4 (Dual use increasing capacity)	GS23-Implement the Green space strategy on school grounds.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify a liaison officer to work with schools to implement the green space strategy. If necessary seek external funding. 2) Investigate the dual use of school sites. 3) Raise the awareness of green spaces within schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Short term
MP 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 9	GS24-Adopt the Green space strategy as corporate Torbay Council policy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ensure the Green space strategy, recommendations, standards and policies are formally adopted by the cabinet as council policy. 2) Policies and standards proposed in this Green space strategy will be taken forward as part of the local Development Framework. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
1,2 & 4	GS25-Develop and adopt green space provision standards as	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The standards will be monitored and refined where necessary. 2) The provision standards will be used to set standards for new 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term

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	part of the Local Development Framework.	developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	
4	GS26-Identify areas with too little greenspace.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Regularly update the database of green space provision. 2) Assess green space needs for the future population. 3) In areas where there is not enough green space assess existing green spaces to ascertain if they can be upgraded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Short term • Medium term
1,2,4 & 9	GS27-Ensure an appropriate system for management of new public open space is in place.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Enforce and tighten planning contributions and review Section 106 agreements. 2) Audit the use of commuted sums and developer contributions. to ensure the funding is used for the purpose intended. 3) Review the current period for calculating commuted sums. 4) Agree standards for the quality of landscape at handover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
1 & 4	GS28-Write guidance for decisions on whether people can buy Council land for their own use.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Produce clear and transparent guidelines for assessing requests for the sale of green space. 2) Review the consultation process linked to the disposal of green space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Estates Section • Legal Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
4 & 9	GS29-Ensure that sustainability issues are applied to green space.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) New buildings and structures on green space will be designed and constructed to an environmentally friendly standard. 2) Investigate the potential for small scale renewable energy schemes as part of a building maintenance programme and in the incorporation within new buildings as exemplars. 3) Explore the potential of stand alone renewable infrastructure in green spaces with information boards to raise awareness of the need and functionality of renewable energy schemes. 4) Review current waste recycling and waste minimisation policies for the management of green space and implement changes where necessary. Items to be considered the recycling of green waste and separation of litter bin waste. 5) Review the use of peat in bedding plant composts and in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Plandscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Short term

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1,2,4,5,6,7 & 9	GS30-Test management performance by entering internally and externally judged competitions.	<p>parks. Implement a peat reduction policy.</p> <p>6) Review the use of pesticides in green spaces. Implement a pesticide reduction policy.</p> <p>1) Enter at least one park or green space for the Green Flag, or Green Pennant award or other externally judged competition each year.</p> <p>2) Plan and coordinate the entries involving officers, staff and 'Friend of 'Park groups as necessary.</p> <p>3) Encourage communities to enter and become involved in the competitions. Coordinate national awards with Council initiatives such as the Bay Blooms competition.</p> <p>4) Enter at least two towns in the annual South West in Bloom competition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • 'Friends of' groups • Town Action Group • Bay Blooms • Community partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing
1 & 4	GS31-Introduce good practice guidance for standard site or facilities inspections for insurance purposes.	<p>1) Develop guidelines for the level of documentation which is required for insurance purposes.</p> <p>2) Coordinate inspections carried out by different sections.</p> <p>3) Hold the inspection information centrally and confirm the period of time for keeping these records.</p> <p>4) Review claims for incidents in green spaces annually, looking for pattern and trends and take action as necessary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural services Division • Legal Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
1,2,4 & 7	GS32- Write a Torbay wide design code.	<p>1) Write a Torbay wide design code linking to Torbay Urban Design Guide.</p> <p>2) Adopt the design code as Council policy.</p> <p>3) Enforce the design code within the council and with private developers.</p> <p>4) Include the design code in planning guidelines and development briefs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Medium term
5 & 8	GS33-Culture and Events.	<p>1) Write an Events Strategy accessible to all social groups in terms of affordability.</p> <p>2) Seek to realise the potential of our green spaces as cultural places to visit in their own right through a programme of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Ongoing

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2,4 & 5	<p>publicity, information and events.</p> <p>3) In partnership with external, voluntary and commercial operators we will seek to implement a programme of self funded events and activities in our parks and green spaces.</p> <p>GS34-Sport, play and recreation.</p>	<p>1) We will work to achieve the targets for outdoor sports activities as outlined in the Sports strategy.</p> <p>2) Review levels of unequipped play space provision, standards and opportunities for improvements.</p> <p>3) Provide quality safe play facilities, which conform to National and European standards and which meet local needs.</p> <p>4) Investigate feasibility of providing football pitches at Barton Valley South.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Friends of' Groups • Town Action groups • Community Partnerships • Cultural Services Division • Sports Council • Sports clubs • Play partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium term • Short term • Ongoing
1,4 & 9 MP	<p>GS35- Develop links with neighbouring local authorities.</p>	<p>1) Develop links with Teignbridge and South Hams District Council's.</p> <p>2) Develop green space policies and projects which will mutually beneficial to Council's and officers involved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Medium term
MP1,3,6 & 9	<p>GS36- Review and rewrite Woodland and Tree strategy.</p>	<p>1) Review and rewrite Woodland and Tree Strategy.</p> <p>2) Review policies for the management and maintenance of all trees.</p> <p>3) Survey all trees in parks and green spaces regularly.</p> <p>4) Encourage new individual and urban tree planting.</p> <p>5) Increase public education of the importance of trees in our environment.</p> <p>6) Involve residents in decisions on trees in their area.</p> <p>7) Review tree preservation order policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Local residents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term • Ongoing
1,2 & 4	<p>GS37- Review and develop ward deficiencies.</p>	<p>1) Apply for funding to build new playgrounds on the seafronts in Paignton and Torquay.</p> <p>2) Develop new playground provision in Goodrington with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term

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		<p>Roselands Ward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Develop new playground provision in Preston ward. 4) Provide new Green space in Edginswell area of Shiphay with the Willows ward. 5) Develop new playground provision in St Mary's with Summercombe ward. 6) Review playground provision in north of Tormohun ward. 7) Review playground provision in north area of Watcombe ward. 8) Develop new playground provision in Wellswood ward. 9) Develop new green space provision within Brixham. 10) Develop good quality playground provision in the Willows area. 	<p>Development and Policy Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Short term
1,2,3,4 & 9	GS38-Upgrade Low Quality \ Low Value Parks and Greenspace.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Apply for funding to upgrade Low Quality \ Low value parks and greenspaces. 2) Work with Community and Friends of parks groups where practical to upgrade Low Quality \ Low Value Parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Direct Services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term
1,2,3 & 9	GS39-Enhance Low Quality \ High Value Parks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Seek funding to enhance Low Quality \ High Value Parks. 2) Work with Community and Friends groups where practical to enhance Low Quality \ High Value parks. 3) Seek protection through planning system for Low Quality \ High Value parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Services and Waste Division • Planning Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term
2,3,4,5 & 6	GS40-Work with the Youth Service and other agencies to enhance provision of teenage activities within green spaces.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Engage young people in the management of the green space portfolio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Youth Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short term
4	GS41-Use Section 106 agreements to direct funds towards priority needs.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Through the planning process, secure contributions towards improving green space and outdoor sports facilities and secure additional green space/sporting provision where this is needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Services Division • Planning, Development and Policy Division • Community/Friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

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1,2 & 4	GS42-Finalise a series of local standards for quantity, accessibility and quality of open space.	1) Produce a series of local standards for quantity, accessibility and quality of open space.	of groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Services Division Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term
MP 1,4,5,6	GS43-Continue the development of external partnerships.	1) Continue to develop the partnerships with Groundwork Plymouth, CABE Space and Greenspace South West.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural services Division Direct services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing
1,2 & 4	GS44-Develop a Section 106 policy for green space provision.	1) Develop a Section 106 policy for green space provision, including sports facilities and playgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural services Division Planning, Development and Policy Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term
1,2,3,4,5,6 & 9	GS45- Review signage policy in parks and green spaces (except Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust'.	1) Review signage in parks and green spaces and link to corporate signage review. 2) Improve signposting and information about green spaces.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Services Division Planning, Development and Policy Division Communications section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term
1	GS46-Review number and location of litter bins in parks and green spaces.	1) Review litter policy for parks and green spaces in line with the budget available.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Services Division Direct Services and Waste Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term
1,2,4,6,7 & 9	GS47-Investigate the potential of green spaces to act as flood water storage areas in times of high rainfall.	1) Investigate the potential of incorporating sustainable drainage systems into green spaces for the benefit of the wider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultural Services Division Planning, Development and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium term

Theme	Recommendations	Action Plan	Key Partners	Time scale
		<p>community and recognise impact of artificial surfaces on natural infiltration.</p> <p>2) Investigate how water consumption in green spaces can be reduced through water efficient mechanisms.</p> <p>3) Carry out risk assessments on threat to coastal green spaces from coastal erosion and sea level rise</p>	<p>Policy Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Services and Waste Division 	

The structure of the Local Development Framework

