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## Cabinet agrees Area Green Space Plans

The City Council's Cabinet today set out its final decisions for how it will take forward the Area Green Space Plans in the city.

Council Leader Barbara Janke said: "This is the culmination of a four to five year process and I would like to thank everyone again for their contribution to this consultation. I can assure all those who have taken part that we have listened very carefully to all the points raised and changes have been made as a result.

"What we have agreed to tonight is a broad strategy to ensure protection for parks and green spaces in the city, and open up some for development. But these disposals will not happen tomorrow - this is a 20-year strategy, and there will be ongoing extensive involvement of local residents, and increasingly the Neighbourhood Partnerships, through the planning process and any future development of these sites.

"We certainly believe that this will be of great benefit to the city, and a long-term investment into the city's great parks and green spaces."

Cllr Gary Hopkins, Cabinet Member for Strategic Transport, Waste and Targeted Improvement said: "I would like to thank everyone who has participated in this consultation, in particular the Parks Forum - the representative body for parks groups in the city - for their positive and constructive engagement.

"We have listened very carefully and we have revised some of the officers' recommendations, but we do now need to get on with making the investment into our parks and green spaces that will come from disposing of some of these sites. This means investment for new playgrounds, the space for our young people to enjoy our green spaces, and investment in facilities for all age groups.

"It is important to remember that these disposals only represent just over 2% of all our parks and green spaces in the city.

"At the same time, as result of acquiring new land, we will in fact have gained 5% more land as a result of this strategy, in particular the potential acquisitions of Stoke Park and Grove Wood."

The Cabinet agreed that the following sites are not sold for redevelopment:

- Embleton Road CPG
- Higham Street open space
- St Judes CPG
- Bushey Park YMCA
- Craydon Road Open Space (North)
- Kings Head Park
- Okebourne Road
- St Anne's Park
- Wellington Hill

That decision should be deferred in respect of the following sites:

(P = part of site)

- Crow Lane open space (P)
- Lockleaze open space (P)
- Muller Road Rec (Downend Farm) (P)
- Briery Leaze open space (P)
- Plummers Hill (P)

That a decision be deferred on the following sites to agree the split between recognising the need for space for older people and young people:

- Gill Avenue
- Delabere Avenue

That it be agreed that the following sites are sold for development:

- Allison Avenue
- Bath Road (3 lamps) (P)
- Belroyal Avenue
- Billand Close (Sherrin Way)
- Bonville Road open space
- Bracey Drive open space
- Brentry Hill
- Broomhill Park
- Broomhill Road/Emery Road
- Burnbush Close
- Craydon Road Triangle
- Fonthill Park
- Furber Road
- Gillebank Close
- Gladstone Street CPG
- Hazelbury Road open space (P)
- Huntingham Road/Keble Avenue
- Ladman Road and Bagnall Road
- Ladman Road and bus terminus
- Longcross Woodland (P)
- Moorend gardens

- Moorgrove (P)
- Newbridge Road open space (P)
- Portway tip/Daisy Field (P)
- Salcombe Road (P)
- Sturminster Close (P)
- Terrell Gardens
- Trym Valley (P)
- Valley Walk (North) (Blackthorn Close) (P)
- Valley Walk (South) (Rear of Urmstone) (P)
- Willmott Park - South (P)
- Witherwood Park (Paybridge Road) (P)

### Special Conditions

- Abingdon Road open space (Ridgeway playing fields) - the first consideration should be the expansion/relocation of an existing school.
- Begbrook Drive open space - the first consideration should be the expansion/relocation of an existing school
- Arnall Drive open space (south) - provision for play facilities on the site
- Duchess Way open space - disposal subject to mitigation measures
- Lodge Hill open space - Neighbourhood Partnership to advise Cabinet of choice for land use: either disposal and green space or allotments and green space
- Elderberry Walk - the footprint of disposal to be reduced - the preference is for housing on this and connected sites
- Snowdon Road open space - local co-ordinated plan to be in place at the time of any disposal

The following sites be approved for sale for disposal: it should be noted that disposal might not in fact take place as new information has come to light regarding flood risk which requires further work or clarification before any development plans can be taken forward:

Arnall Drive (North - Crow Lane) (P)  
 Cook Street open space  
 Dovercourt Road open space (P)  
 Henacre open space (P)  
 Land at rear of Merrimans Drive (P)  
 Maple Close  
 Napier Square Park  
 Tranmere Road  
 Willmott Park (North) (P)

Further note - re Victory Park - adjacent council owned grazing land is of good environmental and amenity value and, although not technically covered by area green space plans, should be retained and safeguards put in place that hedgerows onto neighbouring sites are to protected.