



# Bristol Parks Forum

*Campaigning to protect and enhance all public green space  
in the City of Bristol.*

See our Vision for Parks & Green Spaces at

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/vision](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/vision)

## **Statement to Public Health and Communities Policy Committee –**

**23 August 2024**

### **Agenda Item 12 Finance Report**

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The Bristol Parks Forum is the only community voice dedicated to all publicly owned parks and green spaces in Bristol. We work with Bristol City Council to ensure our spaces are well looked after and to help local groups to enhance their green space. Further information about the Forum can be found at <http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/>

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#### **Statement for Agenda Item – 12 Finance Report.**

The Bristol Parks Forum is made up of over 70 local Friends of Parks and Green Spaces groups.

These exist to help connect local communities with their parks and green spaces; and to support maintenance and improvements in their parks, nature reserves, play spaces etc.

We are looking forward to maintaining a constructive relationship with the City Council.

While recognising the financial constraints that the Council is under, we feel it is important to emphasise the very valuable role that the Parks and Green Spaces have in helping the health and well-being of the people of Bristol whatever their income; and in delivering the Council's targets on Climate and Ecological Emergencies and Nature Recovery. Reducing budgets still further in the future could in our view put these benefits at risk.

We look forward to working with the Policy Committee and the Area Committees to help draw upon the Parks Groups' extensive knowledge of the Parks and Green Spaces they care for.

**Bristol Parks Forum Committee**

**21 August 2024**