

### PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Subjec	t:	Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks/Open Spaces
Date:		5th June 2018
Reporting Officer:		Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services
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Restric	ted Reports	
Is this report restricted?		
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?  After Committee Decision  After Council Decision  Some time in the future  Never		
Call-in		
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?		
1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues	
1.1	Members will recall previous agreements at People and Communities Committee providing Officers with authority to develop integrated animation/programming and operations with partners to address anti-social behaviour around Falls Park/City Cemetery and Orangefield Park/Avoniel Park.	
1.2	Members will further recall that discussion took place about including other parks/open spaces in this integrated working approach at an appropriate time in the future.	
2.0	Recommendations	
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul> <li>agree the inclusion of Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park in the integrated working approach as outlined above.</li> </ul>	

#### 3.0 Main Report

- As outlined at People and Communities Committee in April 2018, Officers regular review the following information as a way to identify emerging priority parks/opens spaces:
  - Number of complaints
  - Cost of repairs due to vandalism
  - Elected Member queries
- Recent trends have identified significant ongoing issues at Marrowbone Park with increasing levels of Elected Member concern. Additionally, based on previous issues at similar times of the year it is anticipated Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park will experience issues in the coming weeks.

As such, Members are asked to agree the following for Marrowbone Park, Ballysillan Park and Dunville Park:

- Development of a 6 week programme of animation activities in partnership with all local youth and community organisations
- All Elected Members for the relevant DEA's to be invited to participate in the development of the programme
- Animation programme to be delivered by Parks Outreach Service at a time of most benefit based on feedback from local youth and community organisations
- Education Authority Youth Workers requested to support these activities with staff resources

## Financial & Resource Implications

#### Staff Resources

The above approach continues to support the values and principles of the City and Neighbourhood Services and wider Corporate Change Programme of customer focus, service integration and neighbourhood working. Learning from this work will continue to inform the ongoing transformation of the organisation.

#### 3.4 Financial Resources

All of the above work continues to be accommodated from within existing Council and (D) PCSP revenue budgets. The work is intended to maximise existing resources, reduce duplication and facilitate joined up decision making and resource allocation in the identified parks/open spaces.

# 3.5 Equality or Good Relations Implications

There are no equality or Good Relations implication at present, however, this will monitored on an ongoing basis.

### 4.0 Appendices – Documents Attached

None