

Meadows Short Life Working Group/ Meadows Management Group

South Central Neighbourhood Partnership

10 August 2009

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership on the dissolution of the Meadows Short Life Working Group and the proposed development and establishment of the Meadows Management Group.

2. Main Report

- 2.1 The Meadows Short Life Working Group (MSLWG) was re-established when the neighbourhood partnership started in 2007 as an avenue for community representatives to express their views and engage with council officials on the condition of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.
- 2.2 The main concerns of the group related to major events and ground conditions created by suggested overuse. These concerns are now being addressed through the Council's City Wide Parks Manifesto for Events which is being developed to control the usage of the park. This Manifesto is to be considered by the Policy & Strategy Committee on 4 August 2009.
- 2.3 In January 2009, a sub-group of the MSLWG produced a Management Plan for the area. The plan incorporated criteria and standards recognised by the Civic Trust/ENCAMS and was used as part of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Green Flag application in May.
- 2.4 At a meeting of the MSLWG on 10 July 2009, it was considered and agreed by the attendees that the MSLWG had, by the production of the Management Plan for the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links and the introduction of the Parks Manifesto for Events, fulfilled its remit and as such the group should be dissolved.
- 2.5 The MSLWG agreed in principle to establish a Meadows Management Group (MMG). The Group would be responsible for taking forward the development and implementation of the management plan for the

Meadows & Bruntsfield Links, develop the Parks Manifesto as relates to the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links, support and develop the application process for Green Flag Status and discuss and develop service delivery for the park in line with the Local Community Plan objective to improve our environment.

- 2.6 It is proposed that members of the Meadows Management Group shall consist of one representative each from the Southside, Marchmont and Sciennes, Tollcross and Merchiston Community Councils, one representative from the Friends of the Meadows & Bruntsfield Links; and from Services for Communities the Neighbourhood Environment Manager, Local Parks Manager, Community Parks Officer and the Parks and Greenspace Manager.
- 2.7 The group shall form part of the substructure of the Neighbourhood Partnership and will link to the Partnership through the Environment and Housing Group.

3. Financial Implications

None

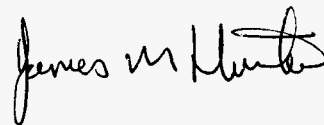
4. Environmental Implications

None

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Neighbourhood Partnership

- a) Agree to dissolve the Meadows Short Life Working Group
- b) Support the establishment of the new Meadows Management Group as part of the Partnership substructure



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Appendicies Minutes from Meadows Short Life Working Group 10 July 2009

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