

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Epping Forest and Commons Committee	9 March 2015
Subject: Burnham Beeches, Stoke Common and City Commons Management Priorities for 2015-16	Public
Report of: The Superintendent of Burnham Beeches, Stoke Common and the City Commons	For Decision
<p>Summary</p> <p>This report presents the management priorities for the Burnham Beeches, Stoke Common and City Commons Division that will guide the annual work programme during the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Management Priorities for 2015-16 	

Main Report

Background

1. In January 2014 the Superintendent of Burnham Beeches and Stoke Common assumed temporary responsibility for the seven City Commons. This became a permanent arrangement in December 2014.
2. Each of the nine open spaces in the division has a comprehensive management plan and detailed work programmes to guide management activity over a 10 year period.
3. The work prioritised in the management plans and work programmes, together with any additional project work and organisation requirements, forms a set of annual management priorities. These are presented here.

Current Position

4. For the first time the management priorities for all nine open spaces are shown together on a single sheet.
5. The management priorities been presented to local consultative committees for information or will be the subject of discussions later in the year.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

6. The management priorities support Key Policy Priority number five: increasing the impact of the City's cultural and heritage offer on the life of London and the nation; providing safe, secure and accessible Open Spaces.
7. The management priorities support the five themes of the City Together Strategy and reflect the charitable status of our open spaces.

Implications

8. The projects and tasks outlined in this report will be funded by the local risk budgets of the Burnham Beeches, Stoke Common and City Commons Division.
9. The annual work programme addresses soft landscaping issues and poses no direct implications for the City Surveyor's property maintenance, nor impacts on the revenue works programme.

Conclusion

10. This report seeks approval for the proposed management priorities for the Burnham Beeches, Stoke Common and City Commons Division for the period 2015 to 2016.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – City Commons Management Priorities for period 2015-16

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