

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>	<b>Item no.</b>
Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee	22 July 2013	
<b>Subject:</b> Green Spaces: The Benefits for London	<b>Public</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Director of Open Spaces	<b>For Information</b>	
<b><u>Summary</u></b>		
<p>A report entitled ‘Green Spaces: The Benefits for London’ was published by the City of London Economic Development Office and Public Relations Office on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. The report, a review of the literature, found compelling evidence that a range of benefits were delivered by green spaces.</p>		
<b>Recommendation</b>		
That this report is received for information.		

## **Main Report**

### **1. Background**

The Economic Development Office commissioned BOP Consulting to carry out a literature review of the research relating to the benefits to residents, workers, businesses and visitor of green spaces.

The report found compelling evidence for the benefits of green spaces. These were classified as environmental benefits, physical and mental health benefits, economic value and social benefits.

### **2. Current Position**

The report was published on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and will be available at the committee meeting. It is being promoted by Open Spaces through channels such as the website and social media. A video was made at Hampstead Heath promoting the findings of the report which is available on line.

The contents of the report will inform our continued promotional work. It will also inform future business plans for the directorate and local management plans.

### **3. Conclusion**

The report provides useful evidence to demonstrate the crucial role the open spaces maintained by the City of London play in provide a range of benefits to London and the surrounding areas.

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