

Committee(s):	Date(s):	Item no.
Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee	7 th October 2013	
Subject: Planning Commitments for City of London Open Spaces		Public
Report of: Director of Open Spaces		For Decision
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>Open Spaces sites are currently facing a number of pressures in responding to local planning authorities regarding new development, the development of Local or Neighbourhood Plan and reviews of Local Development Frameworks. Additional resource is required to respond to this demand and to acquire the necessary planning and technical skills to work effectively with planning authorities.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Members are asked to endorse the appended report to Policy and Resources Committee. The report to Policy and Resources Committee recommends that £25,000 is made available over during financial year 2013/14 on a strictly ring-fenced basis, for the purchase of formal expert planning and supporting technical advice.</p>		

Background

1. Officers at Open Spaces sites are involved in increasing amounts of planning work. In particular they are having to work intensively with local planning authorities to prevent inappropriate development in areas close to sites and are also having to work to ensure appropriate recognition of the protections of sites in local plans. The development of local plans will take place over the next two to three years, so the timescale for this demand is limited.
2. Following a recent Member visit to Burnham Beeches it was suggested that a request for an addition £25,000 be made available to procure specialist planning and supporting technical advice to meet this demand. The attached report to Policy and Resources Committee makes a case for this request.

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