



## **JOINT MEETING OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Report Title:** Environmental Sustainability  
**Report of:** Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability  
**Purpose:** To inform the joint committee of the progress made establishing an Environmental Sustainability Policy, Strategy and Action Plan for the Park and Palace.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985** N/A

### **1. Recommendations**

1.1 To Note the Report.

### **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 In 2019 environmental sustainability became a priority focus-area for the Executive Team; a working group was established which, prior to the pandemic, made some progress in setting out a high-level plan to reduce the organisation's impact on the environment.
- 2.2 Industry expert consultants, Julie's Bicycle, were engaged in 2021 to conduct a Sustainability Audit, which has assisted in drafting the Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy.
- 2.3 At the Board meeting on 19 July 2022, the Trustees approved an Environmental Sustainability Policy and Strategy.

To summarise, the Policy focusses on 5 key strands of work the Trust is committed to. These are:

**1. REDUCE FIRST**

Reduce energy use, waste creation and consumption of materials and water across the site

**2. OUR PEOPLE'S COMMITMENT**

Listen to, empower and upskill our people to champion green practices in all that we do.

**3. CIRCLE OF COLLABORATION**

Work with clients, artists, suppliers, service partners, contractors and our visitors and communities to ensure we work towards a more sustainable Park and Palace in a truly collaborative way

**4. BEING BOLD AND AMBITIOUS**

Set ambitious targets and investigate innovative solutions with funders and partners and showcase best practice to our peers

**5. CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING**

Develop and improve our strategy and action plan, communicating our progress in a transparent way

The Sustainability Strategy sets out in more detail the specific commitments we will make to progress the five key strands. An Action Plan formed of individual tasks will be drawn up using SMART logic - specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-based.

An internal sustainability working group will be created in the Autumn. This group will focus on delivery of the action plan. The results of the work will be reported at least annually as part of year end reporting.

**4. Legal Implications**

The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

**5. Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Environmental Sustainability Policy  
Appendix 2 – Environmental Sustainability Strategy

**6. Background Papers**

Julie's Bicycle Sustainability Audit Documents.