OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Officer: Gemma Wildman	Service: Planning Policy
CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Table 4, Functions delegated to officers. Corporate Management Team, 71a To authorise the allocation of external funding awarded to the Council and entry in to the associated financial and legal agreements up to £100,000 in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder and Leader of the Council.
Subject of Decision: Appointment of Consultants to identify open space standards for the emerging Fenland Local Plan	

Fenland District Council has appointed consultants to identify open space standards for the emerging Fenland Local Plan, and to provide the evidence to support this policy and to develop a toolkit on the steps needed and lessons learned to be used at a county and national scale.

The total cost of the contract is £19,461.45. Cambridgeshire County Council will provide £15,000 towards this project with FDC providing the remaining costs.

Decision Taken:

To accept grant funding for the Fenland Local Plan Open Space Standards contract in partnership with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Future Parks Project of £15,000.

Reason for the Decisions:

As a part of the emerging Local Plan, FDC has appointed consultants to identify open space standards. The Future Parks project have taken an interest in this work as a model to implement across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and have therefore offered to part fund the work. The standards are an essential component of the technical evidence base for the Local Plan.

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

FDC could fully fund the Standards work without accepting the external funding.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:

- Grant award letter
- Fenland Open Space tender

Officer's Signature:	Date:
Carol Pilson, Corporate Director	15 April 2021
In consultation with Cllr Chris Boden, Leader of the Council and Cllr Dee Laws, Portfolio Holder for Planning	

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