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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Parks and Open Spaces

Stockport has a variety of parks, trails, countryside and open spaces. As well as offering sports and exercise facilities for all ages and abilities, parks provide conveniently accessible space to relax and enjoy the outdoors.

The proposal is to reduce the funding for parks and open spaces (which includes grounds maintenance in cemeteries) by £1million, from a total budget of £3.9million.

Stockport's parks, open spaces and cemeteries are maintained by Solutions SK, a Council company. Their workforce works across 11 million square metres.

Some savings with regards to the maintenance of parks and open spaces have been identified by Solutions SK. They have reviewed their operational arrangements, and if the Council agrees to move from having trained horticulturalists to more general multi-tasking operatives, savings would be achieved. To make further savings as part of this proposal the Council is also considering reducing the amount of maintenance carried out in parks and open spaces.

In the past 12 months have you or your household used any parks or open spaces in Stockport?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**In the past 12 months have you or your household used any of the following:
(Tick all that apply)**

- Council Bowling Greens
- Bruntwood Pitch and Putt
- None of the above

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move from having trained horticulturalists to more general multi-tasking operatives?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know



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To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should only remove graffiti in parks periodically? (Offensive words or pictures would still be removed quickly).

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree that broken furniture, signage, gates and fences would be removed, and not replaced?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree that broken and worn-out play equipment would be removed and not repaired?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that most hedge trimming would stop (hedges adjacent to roads and public footpaths would be trimmed)?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know



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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that cutting shrubs, plants, trees and grass should be reduced and left to grow for longer periods?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that leaf removal should reduce to only paths, steps and designated sports areas?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that support given by Solutions SK staff to Friends of Group task days, countryside volunteers and guided walks will stop? (The Council is working with Friends of Groups to enable them to work without support).

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that fewer staff should be based at specific parks?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that we should stop the provision of a Pitch and Putt at Bruntwood Park?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know



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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal that we should reduce the number of bowling greens from 21 to 14 in the summer and 4 to 3 in the winter?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to mow the remaining bowling greens to a timetable?

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to reduce litter picking? If litter is not taken home by parks users it would be left for longer periods.

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

Do you have any comments to make about any of these proposals or the impact they may have on you?



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About You

Stockport Council would be grateful if you would complete the following information.

This information will remain confidential and completion of this form is entirely voluntary. Stockport Council adheres to the principles of the Data Protection Act and so will not allow anyone access to this information except for the express purpose of monitoring and improving services.

What is your home postcode? (PLEASE LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER NOT TO ANSWER)

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or a limiting long-term illness?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

What is your age? (PLEASE LEAVE BLANK IF YOU PREFER NOT TO ANSWER)

How would you define your ethnic group?

- White
- Mixed
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or Black British
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Please specify



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How would you define your religion or belief?

- Buddhist
- Christian
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No religion
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

Please specify

Are you a member of a 'Friends of Parks Group'?

- Yes
- No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return this questionnaire by Freepost before the 31st May 2013 to the following address:

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