



Open Spaces and Facilities half year report 2024 to 2025

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<p>Maximise the Council's income by offering services to partners / agencies as part of the Council's commercialism agenda</p>	<p>To maintain contact with all parishes and schools within Cambridgeshire, continuing to offer grounds maintenance/tree services.</p>	<p>Ongoing Grounds maintenance works carried out and scheduled for Parishes/schools</p>
<p>Maintain ECDC Assets to a safe, usable and legal standard for our customers' enjoyment</p>	<p>Ensure that ECDC buildings portfolio and assets are maintained to the correct legal standards through the Council's assets maintenance programme</p>	<p>Ongoing No issues to report Note- Thorough induction programme and review process in place for the new Health & Safety Advisor</p>
<p>Ensure that the Council's corporate risks are managed effectively and mitigations are put in place to reduce impact</p>	<p>To regularly review risks associated with Open Spaces and Facilities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Planning- • Business Continuity 	<p>Ongoing Business continuity plans are being reviewed currently.</p> <p>The new Health & Safety Advisor is reviewing all Health & Safety policies and procedures</p>

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<p>Wherever possible protect our environment keeping Biodiversity at the forefront of our operations</p>	<p>Work with external partners, including The Wildlife Trust and Ely Wildlife Space, to support and protect the biodiversity of East Cambridgeshire. Activities will include ensuring rare plant species and animal habitats are protected</p>	<p>Ongoing Working with the Council's ecologist, we have identified areas of importance that will then require a bespoke management plan for grounds maintenance</p>
<p>Use Green Flag grounds maintenance standards for all the districts parks and open spaces</p>	<p>Ensure that Green flag standards are used across all parks and open spaces in the district</p> <p>Carry out monthly quality checks on public open spaces to ensure they meet the Green Flag standard.</p> <p>(Welcoming, clean, safe, free usable green space)</p>	<p>Target on track Regular inspections carried out by Open Spaces Team Leader, reported back to Open Spaces & Facilities Manager</p>
<p>Retain Green Flag accreditation for the Country Park and Jubilee Garden</p>	<p>Annually produce a desk top assessment for both the Country Park and Jubilee gardens, to be</p>	<p>Not yet started Scheduled for December 2024/January 2025</p>

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	inspected annually by Green Flag judges.	
