Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting: 10 December 2025

Title of Report: Central Park Ponds – Update December 2025

Lead Member: Councillor Tom Briars-Delve (Cabinet Member for Environment and

Climate Change)

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Your Reference: 251126 Central Park Scrutiny Update Paper

Key Decision: No

Confidentiality: Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The report provides an update on the final works for the Central Park Ponds project. This consists of the landscape works, planting and fencing, closing the project and removing the compound off site.

Recommendations and Reasons

To note the update on and Central Park Ponds project.
 Reason: To ensure that the Scrutiny Panel is kept informed of the progress.

Alternative options considered and rejected

I. To not update on the progress of the project.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Central Park is an allocation in the Joint Local Plan PLY19.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

No new implications as the project has an approved business plan and this report provides an update on the delivery works.

Financial Risks

No new risks.

Legal Implications

No new legal implications.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The project is delivering a Sustainable Urban Drainage system to help the city respond to the challenges of climate change, particularly increased rainfall, and improve the biodiversity value of this part of the park. The project will therefore have a positive impact on the environment.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None.

Appendices

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Background papers:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 28/11/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Tom Briars-Delve - Approved by email											
Date approved: 28/11/2025											

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