

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE



Report subject	BCP Council Parks Governance Arrangements
Meeting date	2 December 2021
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>There is currently a varied legacy of inherited (from previous Councils) parks governance arrangements and there is a case to seek to simplify and reduce these variations for the sake of clarity, efficiency and effectiveness. Some arrangements have origins in Acts or Agreements that cannot be ignored or replaced without proper legal and financial due diligence, options appraisal and decision made at the appropriate level.</p> <p>Some governance arrangements, such as Board meetings for the Lower Gardens Trust, have been impacted by the covid 19 pandemic and have not yet been reintroduced although a provisional date is now being sought for December 2021</p> <p>Where charitable accounts are required, they have been produced, externally audited and submitted to the Charity Commission.</p> <p>Separately the grant-funded Future Parks Accelerator Project will develop a range of options for the Council to consider, as to how parks could be governed and maintained for the wider benefit and use by communities for generations to come.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer agrees with the Environment Service that external support is required to support a legal focused review of existing parks governance arrangements in BCP.</p> <p>Although not yet finalised, the overall opinion of the recently conducted internal audit work is likely to be one of 'Partial Assurance' meaning there are weaknesses in the control framework which are putting service objectives at risk. Confirmation of the final opinion will be reported to Audit & Governance Committee in the Internal Audit Quarterly Update Report at the 13 January 2022 meeting.</p>

Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>The Audit & Governance Committee;</p> <p>i) note the work underway to confirm the role and relationship between the Parks Foundation and the Council including further due diligence and a review of the MOU.</p> <p>ii) support the view of the Monitoring Officer that legal services commission in liaison with the Environment Service a report that assesses all the trust arrangements in place for parks and open spaces across BCP and produces recommendations for modern governance arrangements.</p>
Reason for recommendations	To ensure that Audit & Governance Committee are fully informed of governance arrangements in BCP owned Parks.
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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation Decision

Background

1. BCP Council has identified in the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2019/20 and 2020/21 that there are some weaknesses or issues associated with the governance arrangements with some external bodies which the Council interacts with. These governance arrangements vary considerably and can be from a contractual, formal partnership, informal partnership or some other form of association and are with bodies such as other public bodies, trusts (charitable or otherwise), charities, or foundations.
2. As part of the action plan to address these governance issues the Audit & Governance Committee agreed a series of assurance reviews to examine the governance models in some of the more significant arrangements the Council has with external bodies. Accordingly, through 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date) the Committee has received a number of presentations and reports from Council

officers. In some cases representatives from the relevant external body have attended presentations. These assurance reviews sought to clarify arrangements, acknowledge issues or weaknesses, and consider action plans for improvement.

3. The Covid19 pandemic resulted in some individual elements of governance, such as board or partnership meetings, having to be temporarily suspended or cancelled, most obviously when 'lockdown restrictions' were in force. As restrictions eased a part of the assurance reviews' purpose was to also identify if approved governance arrangements had re-commenced or suitable alternatives had been put in place such as virtual meetings.
4. On 10 June 2021 the Audit & Governance Committee (the Committee) received an assurance review presentation from officers, 'Governance of Public Parks'. The presentation is attached at Appendix A for reference. Whilst the presentation was welcomed by the Committee there were matters not wholly addressed and it was requested that a report (rather than a further presentation) be presented to a future meeting. Members of the Committee specifically wanted to understand more about:
 - The Future Parks Accelerator project, how findings, recommendations from this pilot project would be presented and agreed by BCP Council as landowner
 - The verbally mentioned Stour Valley Park Partnership initiative
 - In the case of the Lower Gardens Trust why agreed governance arrangements have not been reintroduced, in a different physical form if necessary, following the understandable cancellation of face-to-face meetings during covid lockdown

These matters are covered in section A of this report.

5. At the end of the presentation in June it was also requested that the Monitoring Officer (MO) give an opinion on the arrangements in place. The Committee recognised the MO could:
 - Offer a 'fresh pair of eyes' to historic arrangements inherited by BCP from former legacy councils
 - Bring experience and insight in how other similar such governance arrangements operate in other councils and bodies.

The MO's views are covered in section B of this report.

6. It was also reported, by the Head of Audit & Management Assurance, that an Internal Audit review was taking place albeit with a narrower scope than covering all Parks Governance arrangements. Following the meeting the scope was revised to take account of councillors' comments. The summary internal audit findings are covered in section C of this report.

Section A – Update on parks governance arrangements and future governance plans

The here and now

7. There is currently a varied legacy of inherited (from previous Councils) parks governance arrangements, and it makes intuitive sense to seek to simplify and reduce these variations for the sake of clarity, efficiency and effectiveness. However, it should be noted that some arrangements have origins in Acts or Agreements that cannot be ignored or replaced without proper due diligence, options appraisal and decision made at the appropriate level. It should be further noted that whilst there are some Trusts where BCP Council is the sole trustee, there are other trusts where the Council (or its' representative) is just one trustee amongst others. In these latter cases the Council cannot simply choose to unilaterally change governance arrangements without consent or agreement of other parties.
8. It is also the case that there are some totally separate (to the Council) legal entities, such as The Parks Foundation, that exist and have a role in how parks operate albeit via separate governance arrangements to the Council. BCP Council has limited control or influence over these entities; indeed, it is this very reason that enables these entities to undertake fundraising and have access to some grants or funding the Council cannot access, ultimately for the benefit of parks in the BCP area.
9. BCP Council is (in most cases) the land-owner of the parks managed under a trust arrangement.

The Future Parks Accelerator Project

<https://www.futureparks.org.uk/>

10. The Future Parks Accelerator (FPA) is a flagship national programme from the National Trust and National Lottery Heritage Fund, with additional funding from Department for Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC). It is supporting pioneering work from eight local authority areas across the UK, all seeking to strategically transform their approach to urban green space and build a sustainable future for their services.
11. The project aims to:
 - Explore widening the charitable partnership to help bring more funds to parks across the area.
 - Improve the systems parks work with and celebrate volunteers who give their time to local parks.
 - Trial different approaches to make parks the health and wellbeing centres of the future.
 - Test a landscape scale approach to managing the green spaces along the Stour Valley corridor.
 - Ensure green spaces offer opportunities for all ages and abilities.
 - Develop inspiring ways of improving the parks – such as re-wilding, upgrading or opening a café, improving access – ensuring the local community are engaged in the process.

12. The learning from this project will go some way towards shaping how Parks could be managed in the BCP area going forward. The project is essentially a 'pilot' and will provide a range of options based on the learning from the pilot as to how parks are governed and maintained for the wider benefit and use by communities for generations to come. The findings, options and recommendations of the pilot are anticipated to be available during the second quarter of 2022.
13. The project was initially awarded £700,300 in funding which has increased to £931,300 because of opportunities that the NLHF have offered subsequently. The grant monies are paid to The Parks Foundation (not BCP or any legacy council although BCP Council is a named formal partner). Funding was awarded and provided through a collaboration between The National Lottery Heritage Fund, The National trust and (the then) MHCLG.
14. The bidding process named The Parks Foundation as the bidding entity and the funding was accordingly paid to The Parks Foundation. The Parks Foundation are accountable for how the money is spent which must be in accordance with the conditions agreed at the 'bid' stage.

The Parks Foundation (formerly the Bournemouth Parks Foundation)

<https://parksfoundation.org.uk/>

15. The Parks Foundation (TPF) is an entirely separate entity to BCP Council. A Memorandum of Understand (MoU) allows TPF to operate on BCP owned land in pursuit of shared objectives. This model is seen by national partners as an innovative approach to delivering additionality beyond that which a Council can deliver, and has been seen as the bedrock of the Future Parks Accelerator project.
16. The MoU is in need of update and enhancement having been in place since 2019 (although in practice since 2015 as the 2019 re-write essentially only recognises that BCP Council replaces previous legacy councils and TPF's change of name from Bournemouth Parks Foundation). Where TPF occupy BCP assets, to further charitable trading, there are some leases and licences in place which need updating and enhancing. In some occupying cases no lease or licence exists so these need to be put in place to adequately assign responsibilities and risks.
17. According to the articles of TPF the Council can nominate up to two people to form a 9-person board. These nominations have historically been filled by Council officers as established by the legacy council. The Parks Foundation have recently obtained some legal advice and have shared this with the Council. Of relevance is the summary view provided that it is more likely than not that TPF is currently a 'council influenced company'. BCP Council needs to consider its position if this is the case as it not only places formal additional demands on TPF, but also creates complexity with regard to issues such as the subsidy control regime (formerly state aid). It may also mean TPF will not be able to access certain grants or funding that it could if it were without 'council influence'.
18. With an enhanced overarching MOU and leases and licences stating operational detail at individual locations, BCP Council may determine it unnecessary to take up its two board positions. The Parks Foundation are also considering the matter as this position appears unintended and would impact their function and effectiveness. Resolving the issue is now subject to legal due diligence and an

options appraisal as well as working with TPF to determine if there is common agreement on changes that may or may not be needed.

The Lower Gardens Trust

19. The Lower Gardens Trust (TLGT) has an adopted masterplan (2011) and a more detailed management plan which delegates day to day operational decision making linked to Green Flag Accreditation and approved development to BCP officers. A Board of Trustees, four BCP councillors and three co-opted individuals, is in place to shape strategic matters. This Board has not met during the covid pandemic although a provisional date is now being sought for December 2021.
20. Throughout the pandemic strategic and operational greenspace officers were redeployed to support the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Tactical Excess Deaths Coordinating Committee (TEDCC) until September 2021 and other critical pandemic related service delivery resilience support. During this time as there was no significant new activity in the Lower Gardens and the service was focused on essential only business functions, interaction with the Board was not prioritised. On reflection the service recognises that this should have been formally communicated to Board members giving the Board the opportunity to raise any areas of significant concern.
21. Annual accounts are produced by BCP Council's Finance Team supported by parks staff, audited by Grant Thornton and submitted to the Charity Commission.

The Five Parks Trust

22. Similar to the TLGT the Five Parks Trust has individual management plans in place relating solely to the attainment of Green Flag Award status which delegates day to day operational decision making to BCP Council officers. There is no Board nor has there been one in the legacy Council. BCP councillors are trustees and Cabinet authorise any strategic decisions.
23. Annual accounts are produced by BCP Council's Finance Team supported by parks staff, audited by Grant Thornton (for 2020/21) and are submitted to the Charity Commission.

Other parks in the BCP area managed in trust

24. There are several other areas of park land where a trust arrangement exists, BCP council being the sole trustee. Effectively these areas of park land are operated in the same way as park land where no such trust arrangement exist. As these trusts are not charitable trusts no separate accounts exist. The governance of these other parks managed in trust would need to be considered in the proposed review.

The Stour Valley Park Partnership

[Stour Valley Park strategy \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk)
[Stour Valley Park](#)

25. The Stour Valley Park Partnership is a multi-agency collaboration covering about 15 miles of land following the path of the river Stour from Kingston Lacy to Hengistbury Head, Christchurch Harbour aiming to create a regional park which is accessible and a landscape where people and nature thrive. The creating of the park will seek to align partners to common goals working across land ownership boundaries. The Partnership has been recognised as being the most advanced project of its type nationally, putting its partners and the BCP conurbation in a unique position.
26. The partnership has been progressed through the Future Parks Accelerator project (funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), National Trust and DLUHC), taking the project forward from a high-level concept to anticipating during Spring 2022 delivering to its partners a landscape masterplan, governance model and forward strategy. BCP Council has been the lead and host to 16 other statutory and non-statutory partners since 2015 and our commitment was reaffirmed at BCP Cabinet 14 April 2021.
27. Partnership discussions are commencing with regards to future options for identifying a lead partner beyond the FPA work (2022) which would be presented to full council for decision. The NLHF have commented on "the pioneering potential of SVP, and how it could be a trailblazer for accessible urban nature and catalyst for change in BCP, Dorset and beyond" recognising the favourable policy environment that could support its creation and funding from a diverse range of sources such as green finance, Biodiversity net gain, Environment Act and ELMS, Trees for climate funds, Defra Landscape recovery scheme, NLHF and others. It has also been picked up by the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) as one of three national projects as exemplary models going forward.
28. For clarity no formal BCP land transfer (to the Stour Valley Park partnership) is part of the current agreed collaboration.

Summary of future parks plans and implications for governance

29. Whilst the outcome of Future Parks Accelerator project will have a significant part to play in the shape of governance arrangements in BCP owned parks and how they are operated in future, there is some more inward focused (to BCP Council) work required to potentially simplify, consolidate or replace current arrangements in areas such as the Lower Gardens Trust and the Five Parks Trust.
30. This is a key piece of work that remains outstanding and will need to consider the wider range of parks and open spaces that have trust or similar governance requirements. The aim would be that consideration could be given to recommendations for a simplified and modern governance form that would enable the terms of the original covenants to be met whilst streamlining Council oversight.
31. To undertake this review and produce recommendations is a technical legal piece of work that that needs to be commissioned by legal services with support from the environment service. Whilst highlighted as an issue previously the competing demands on time through the formation of BCP Council have meant that this has not been able to be resourced internally. It is now proposed that this is externally commissioned with costs of up to £10k being met from the Environment service budget.

Section B - Views from The Monitoring Officer (MO)

32. The current governance arrangements for these bodies is varied. The Monitoring Officer will need to instruct external legal support in order to undertake a comprehensive review of each structure and return to this Committee with recommendations and options for making the structures more consistent and/or streamlined.
33. Research into the records of the legacy Councils to BCP Council will be required.

Section C - Summary of findings from recent Internal Audit report

34. Internal Audit has recently carried out work in this area, the scope of which was amended as a result of this Committee's comments in June 2021. The report is currently being finalised and the audit has identified or confirmed a number of the issues mentioned in section A of this report as areas of weakness and recommendations to address these have been made accordingly.
35. The issues from the draft audit report are summarised below:
 - An overarching BCP Green Infrastructure Strategy (understood to be in development), and associated policies and project plans, is not yet in place preventing clear articulation and understanding of roles, responsibilities, levels of Council influence / control and associated governance arrangements plus inability to meaningfully assess alignment of external entities' objectives to those of the Council.
 - Ill-defined and inconsistent management and governance arrangements.
 - Occupation of Council land and buildings by third parties without appropriate legal agreements in place in breach of Financial Regulations and insufficient records in place to evidence associated decision-making.
 - BCP Officer Declarations of Interest considered from a third party rather than Council perspective.
 - Failure to hold regular Lower Central Gardens Trust Board meetings.

Recommendations to address these issues and finalise the audit are under discussion with management.

36. Although not yet finalised, the overall opinion of the audit is likely to be one of 'Partial Assurance' meaning there are weaknesses in the control framework which are putting service objectives at risk. Confirmation of the final position will be reported to Audit & Governance Committee in the Internal Audit Quarterly Update Report at the 13 January 2022 meeting.

Options Appraisal

37. An options appraisal is not applicable for this report.

Summary of financial implications

38. The financial implications arising from governance reviews and from project or pilot activity will be incorporated into options appraisals and future reporting.
39. The draft 2020/21 accounts for the Lower Gardens Trust and the Five Parks Trust will be audited by Grant Thornton and the outcome of the audit work will be presented to the Audit & Governance Committee. In the case of the Lower Gardens Trust the Board meeting proposed for December 21 will be presented with the draft accounts for consideration.

40. The cost of the governance review to be commissioned will be met from the Environment service budget. This is anticipated to be no more than £10k.

Summary of legal implications

41. The legal implications arising from governance reviews and from project or pilot activity will be incorporated into options appraisals and future reporting.

42. Current national policy priorities and legislative developments including the recent Environment Act mean that there is an opportunity now for the Stour Valley Park to deliver a strategic step change in access to green space.

Summary of human resources implications

43. To action the legal work necessary to support the review and determine future options approach the procurement of additional legal expertise outside of the organisation will be required.

Summary of sustainability impact

44. Improving sustainability in all BCP parkland activity is an expected outcome of The Future Parks Accelerator Project.

Summary of public health implications

45. The Council's parks and open spaces make a valuable and significant contribution to the BCP corporate strategy objectives of a Sustainable Environment, Wellbeing, Biodiversity, Fulfilled Lives and Connected Communities. In addition, the Stour Valley Park project could deliver a step change in access to green space for a wide range of communities, helping to address social, economic and environmental challenges such as poor health and wellbeing; insufficient transport infrastructure; employment, enterprise and skills; pollution and flood management, green tourism and diversification.

Summary of equality implications

46. Improving accessibility, including a focus for people with protected characteristics, to BCP parkland is a key objective and expected outcome of The Future Parks Accelerator Project.

Background papers

Links within the body of the report

Appendices

Appendix A – Audit & Governance Committee – Governance of Public Parks June 2021, presentation by Michael Rowland

Appendix B – Diagram to explain relationships

Audit & Governance Committee

Governance of Public Parks

Kate Langdown

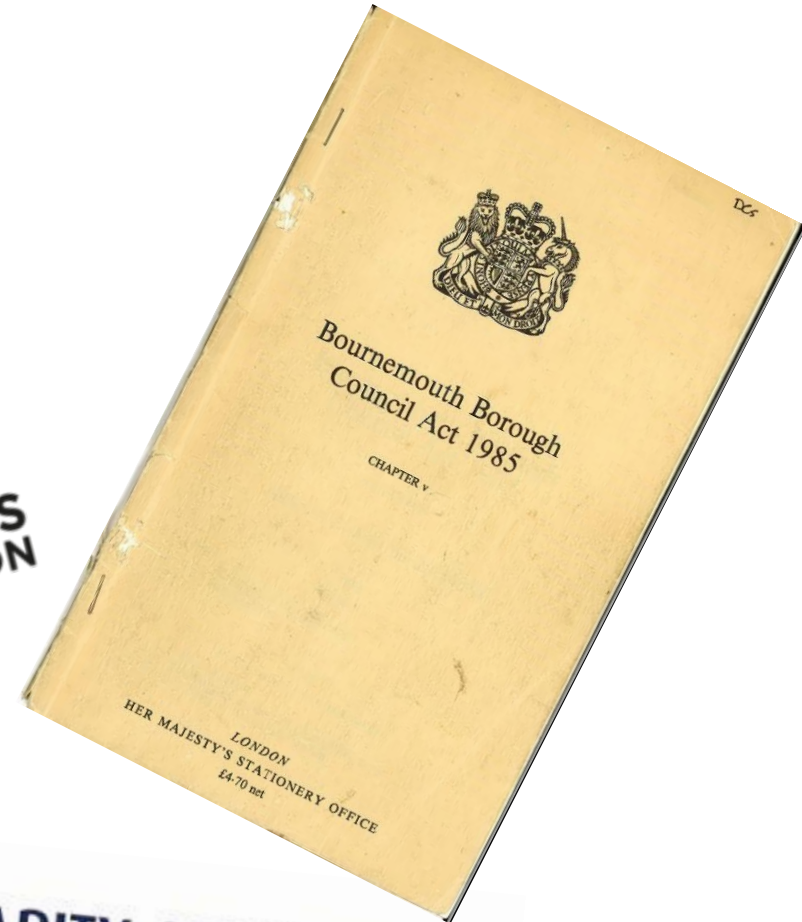
Director of Environment

Michael Rowland

Strategic Lead for Greenspace & Conservation

Presentation content

- Introduction to public parks and charitable governance
- The Parks Foundation
- Lower Central Gardens Trust
- Five Parks Trust
- Parish Councils
- Others trusts
- Q&A



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Reasons for charitable governance

- Condition of sale / bequest
- To maintain purpose / use
- Financial reasons e.g. grants, donations, NNDR, Gift Aid
- Transparent governance
- Public perception reasons e.g. volunteering and engagement

Lower Central Gardens Trust

- Charity number 299739
- Park originally on long lease from the Meyrick Estate
- Obtained freehold as part of land swap in 2011
- Land managed as a charitable scheme – ‘open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public’, S29 BBC Act 1985 and charitable scheme dated 13/05/2011
- Includes the Bournemouth Pavilion
- Decisions taken must be in the interests of the furtherance of charitable objects, not the wider interests of the Council

Lower Central Gardens Trust

- Surplus funds to be reinvested into the space
- Governance delegated to Board of Trustees (4 Cllrs and 3 Co-optees)
- Minutes are approved by Cabinet & Full Council – as trustees
- The park has an adopted masterplan (2011) and a management plan, which delegate day to day decision making and approved development to BCP Officers

Five Parks Trust

- Charity number 299740
- These are the former commons of Bournemouth and include large areas of Meyrick Park, Queens Park, Kings Park Redhill Park and Seafield Gardens
- Land managed as a charitable scheme – ‘open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public’, S28 & Schedule II BBC Act 1985
- Upper limit on buildings and parking provision
- Trustees are Members of BCP Council
- Decisions taken must be in the interests of the furtherance of charitable objects, not the wider interests of the Council

Five Parks Trust

- Surplus to be reinvested into the space
- Decisions authorised by Cabinet / CMD acting as a trustee
- Management plans in place for Queens Park, Seafield Gardens and Redhill Park
- Draft masterplan and heritage significance assessment for Kings Park
- Meyrick Park Drive closed to vehicles in 2003, Kings Park Central Drive closed to vehicles in 1989
- Any part of land taken from sites must be replaced with same size from adjoining lands
- Kings Park subject to Attorney General advice on managing access

Other BCP Trusts

Name	Role	Date of appointment	Other trusteeships	Reporting status of other trusteeships
BCP Council	Trustee		BEAR CROSS ESTATE PLEASURE GROUND	Received: On time
			RUSSELL-COTES ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM	Received: On time
			BROADMEADOWS ESTATE PUBLIC WALKS AND PLEASURE GROUND	Received: On time
			PUBLIC OPEN SPACE OR RECREATION GROUND	Received: On time
			RECREATION GROUND AT WEST HOWE	Received: On time
			LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH	Received: On time
			RECREATION GROUND	Received: On time

- We are working to understand which spaces these schemes relate to.

The Parks Foundation

- Established in 2015 - part of national Rethinking Parks Programme with Nesta and Heritage Fund – based on US parks trust / foundation model
- Charity no 1159939
- Two BCP staff on board of nine trustees, to be 1 in 9 in August (articles stipulate that the Council nominate 2 officers)
- Objects - provides and enhances the facilities and equipping of parks and green spaces within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole for the benefit of the community. The Parks Foundation also aims to advance public education in subjects related to parks and green spaces, and to provide leisure and recreation facilities supporting social welfare.

The Parks Foundation

- Currently employs 10 staff
- Working with BCP on Future Parks Accelerator Project, funded by Heritage Fund, National Trust and MHCLG
- Aim to develop future parks operating model for 2022 and a longer-term partnership agreement
- Does not own land or property, works with BCP through Memorandum of Understanding, alongside draft management and lease agreements.

Parish Councils

- Manage allotments within their parish
- May own and manage parks and open spaces
- May raise a precept to cover the above costs
- BCP currently manage some parish owned spaces under agreement

Fields in Trust

- Many parks across BCP are designated as either King George V or Queen Elizabeth II fields.
- This means the spaces have been voluntarily covenanted (to remain as public open space) by the landowner.
- Fields in Trust (FiT) is a national charity that manage this scheme and hold the covenant.
- The owner does need FiT approval for any significant changes e.g. leases, sales, disposals.

Comparison Table

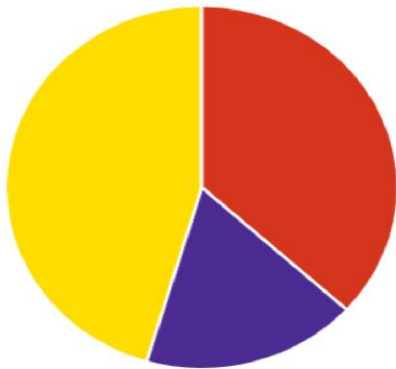
	Landowner	Leaseholder	Board of Trustees	Officer Reps	Members Reps	Independent	Accounts
Lower Central Gardens Trust	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Five Parks Trust	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
The Parks Foundation	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
Russell Cotes Museum	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Other Trusts	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Parish Councils	✓	?	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Fields in Trust	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

Lower Central Gardens Trust

Income and expenditure

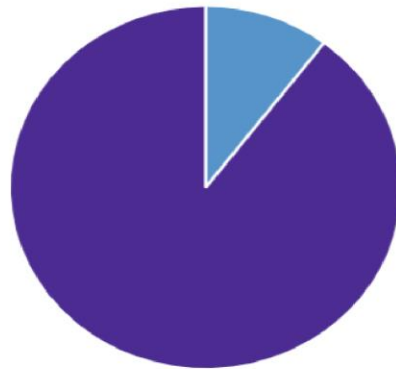
Data for financial year ending 31 March 2020

Total income:
£1,230,512



■ Donations and legacies	£452.36k
■ Charitable activities	£218.99k
■ Other trading activities	£559.16k

Total expenditure:
£1,230,512



■ Raising funds	£127.28k
■ Charitable activities	£1.10m
■ Other	£0

Donations: predominantly funds donated by BCP Council / Bournemouth BID.

Charitable activities:
mainly mini-golf.

Other trading:
cafes/concessions/charges. Raising funds: staffing/advertising for mini-golf and free public events.

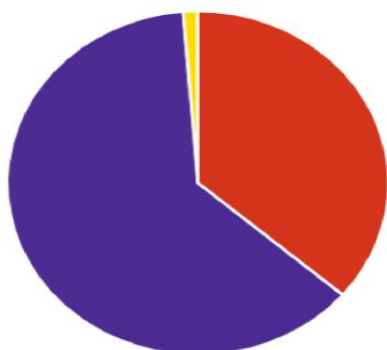
Charitable activities: maintaining and running the Gardens and its events.

Five ParksTrust

Income and expenditure

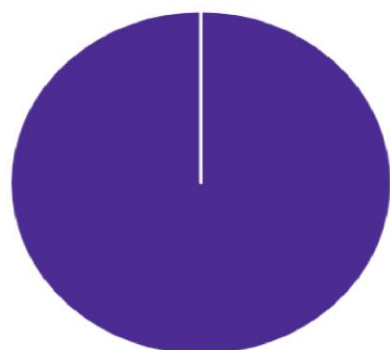
Data for financial year ending 31 March 2020

Total income:
£908,493



Donations and legacies	£329.60k
Charitable activities	£567.70k
Other trading activities	£11.19k

Total expenditure:
£908,493



Raising funds	£0
Charitable activities	£908.49k
Other	£0

Inc

Donations: 1 grant from BCP Council. Charitable activities: sport, events, nursery & recreation. Other trading: cafes/concessions.

Exp

Charitable activities: maintaining and running the Gardens and its events.



2019-20 ANNUAL REVIEW

20/21 – unconfirmed

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

250
Park Yoga

Up-to 250 people attended weekly sessions across two locations

150
Parks in Mind

150 sessions delivered to 112 people

Installed 3 contactless donation units that we prototyped

Opened a Community Café at Winton Rec

Delivered our first Environment Festival at Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre

Grew from 2 to 4 members of staff
Introduced a Wildlife Bus

Funds and grants



£700,300

Awarded a 'Future Parks' grant of **£700,300** alongside BCP Council to explore new ways to manage and fund our parks and open spaces

£2,507

Raised **£2,507** for a new drinking fountain for Fisherman's Walk



£128,214

Fundraised **£128,214** towards re-building Bournemouth's Rescue Aviary

£1,946

Raised **£1,946** for new wildlife cameras at Hengistbury Head



£25,500

Awarded a **£25,500** grant which introduced new toddler play equipment to Knyveton Gardens

£1,664

Raised **£1,664** towards a Climate Charge fund from our polar bear contactless unit



Financial information

45%

INCREASE IN TRADING INCOME

Generated **£72,104** in trading

138%

INCREASE IN FUNDRAISING INCOME

Grew our fundraising income to **£327,983**

Funds of the Charity

£80,631

Unrestricted income

£315,785

Restricted income

Income £945,065
Exp £512,833

BCP related income:
Neighbourhood CIL 151,797
BH Coastal Lottery 1,200

Future Parks Grant 451,199

Trading income 101,859

External Assurance

- Charity accounts & annual reports are submitted annually to the Charity Commission.
- Details of trustees and governance are also stored publicly by the Charity Commission.
- The Lower Gardens Trust and Five Parks Trust annual reports are externally audited.
- Parks Foundation accounts are assessed by an external examiner.

Other Examples of Parks Trusts

- Bristol & Bath Parks Foundation
- Urban Green Newcastle
- Parks Alive – Cleveland & Redcar
- Milton Keynes Park Trust
- Nene Park Trusts
- The Royal Parks
- Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust
- The National Trust
- Lake District Foundation

Q&A

Appendix B – Diagram to explain relationships

