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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Executive Director (Services for Communities)

SUBJECT: Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge - Supplementary Report

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Members that since the report to Members Library in March 2012, Winterfield Park, Dunbar has received overwhelming support for designation as a Queen Elizabeth Field and has, along with Cuthill Park, Prestonpans, been nominated for designation as a Queen Elizabeth Field.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note that:

- i) The Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge is a campaign run by Fields In Trust to protect a diverse range of outdoor recreational spaces that are at the heart of communities across the UK, in order to ensure that these open spaces are guaranteed for future generations. The scheme will also be a legacy for the Queens Diamond Jubilee, the 2012 Olympic and 2014 Commonwealth Games.
- ii) The Council sought nominations from the local community by carrying out an extensive public awareness campaign of the Challenge during July – September 2011.
- iii) Following a recent local campaign the Council has received 78 nominations for Winterfield Park to be designated a Queen Elizabeth Field.
- iv) Winterfield Park, Dunbar, with support from the Friends of Winterfield Park, has been nominated for designation as a Queen Elizabeth Field.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge was launched in 2011 by the Fields In Trust to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012, as well as the Olympics in 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in 2014. It is a new campaign to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the UK as a permanent living legacy to these events.
- 3.2 From sports pitches to woodlands, children's play areas to gardens and bicycle trails to public parks, the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge aims to protect a diverse range of outdoor spaces ensuring that there is something to appeal to everyone.
- 3.3 The Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge gives communities an opportunity to vote for an outdoor space in their area to become part of the scheme and be permanently protected as a tribute to the Diamond Jubilee.
- 3.4 During July and September, the Council carried out an extensive public awareness campaign of the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge, seeking nominations from the local community and local community groups of their favourite open spaces. From these nominations Cuthill Park in Prestonpans was selected as the open space that best met the criteria of the Challenge and, with the support of the Friends of Cuthill Park, Cuthill Park was nominated in March as an open space East Lothian Council would like designated as a Queen Elizabeth Field.
- 3.5 During May, a local campaign was started in order to seek support for Winterfield Park in Dunbar to be designated a Queen Elizabeth Field. This campaign was very successful. The Council has received 78 nominations for Winterfield Park, indicating overwhelming support for designation as a Queen Elizabeth Field and highlighting how much Winterfield Park is valued by the local community.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None
- 6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 <http://www.qe2fields.com/QueenelizabethIIcharityfieldschallenge.aspx>

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