What we are doing next





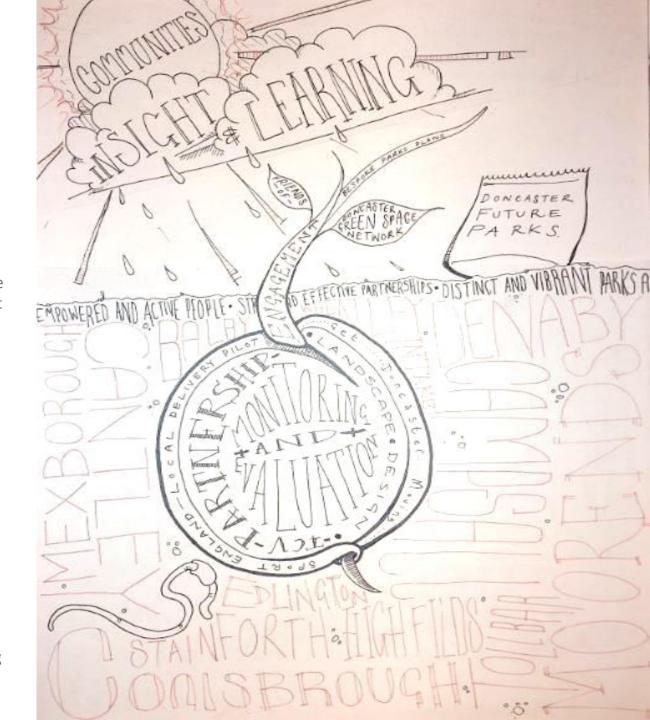
Doncaster Future Parks

Distinct and Vibrant Spaces, Strong and effective partnerships, Empowered and Active people

Parks have played a huge role in so many lives recently; each park serves and represent a community around them. They can play an increasing role in inspiring those communities to lead lives that are more active. The vision for DFP is one, which aspires to combine interventions, which stimulate demand for activities and animating parks with the delivery of a series of physical improvements to a select number of parks. By stimulating parks engagement, we are seeking to create blueprints of sustainability, embedding parks as an invaluable community asset beyond the course of the programme. We aim to develop a lasting change in the way users can engage and inspire others around parks and how parks providers can diversify their approaches, we will test and we will learn as we grow with the communities.

Over the next 12 months Doncaster Future Parks will become visible, engaging with communities around parks and open spaces. To date it has been setting up an appropriate team to carry out engagement, evaluation and delivery of the Future Parks vision of distinct and vibrant spaces, empowered and active people, and strong and effective partnerships. As the Future parks gathers insight through engaging with the new and existing stakeholders, park users and non-park users, this understanding will support appropriate growth around individual parks and provide learning opportunities to help strengthen future development. The bespoke parks plans will be shaped by the voices of the communities around them, not only the physical landscapes will begin to change shape but also their presence as spaces that can be utilised for a range of recreational activity.

Borough wide the growth in support for a range of volunteering opportunities will be developed through the Doncaster Green Space Network and the Green Space Coordinator, a key strand in the in the future parks vision to strengthen new and existing partnerships, empowering friends of groups and residents in animating parks through activity to create distinct and vibrant spaces.



Strategy review and refresh

Our 10-year Physical activity and sport strategy was written in 2017, and since then we have experienced a huge amount of change:

- The Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) has been much more than a funded project from Sport England. Our approach to 'doing things differently' in Doncaster has become a way of working that has been adopted. It has provided learning and 'what we know now' needs to be reflected in our strategic approach.
- Significant impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health and social inequalities, a heightened importance of being active, and learning about new ways of working through multi-agency collaboration.
- Our new 10-year Borough Strategy launches in September 2021. <u>Doncaster Delivering Together</u> focuses on thriving people, places and planet, with physical activity embedded as a connecting theme.
- New Sport England Uniting the Movement 10 year strategy launched in January 2021, which has a focus on the whole sector working and thinking differently to tackle inequalities that we have long seen in physical activity and sport.

We need to ensure that the Get Doncaster Moving strategy, framework, theory of change and working practices remain relevant, fit for the future and aligned to current thinking, in order to achieve 'healthy and vibrant communities through physical activity and sport'. Over the coming months, we will be reviewing what we have done, where we have come from and the learning we have captured in the last 3-4 years.

Anticipated outcomes:

- A new, refreshed GDM strategy?
- Clarity on roles and responsibilities including 'backbone support' functions and collaborative governance. Shared vision and common purpose.
- A clear framework in place for physical activity and sport to identify priorities and actions for the people and communities of Doncaster.
- Advocacy to influence agendas and decision makers in the allocation and mobilisation of resources.



"Get Doncaster Moving" Strategy Framework

