



## RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

**Briefing Note To:** Meeting of the Full Town Council – 5 September 2022

**Proposer:** Councillor Michael Lilley

**Proposal:** That the Town Council resolves to:

### Proposal By Way of Notice of Motion

1. Support a funding application by University of Portsmouth Architecture Department to establish a community-led/engagement project to establish a sustainable plan for St.John's Park and Wood.
2. Support the RTC St.John's Park/Wood working group to work with local residents, ward councillors, Natural Enterprise, St. John's Trust and University of Portsmouth in leading on the development and implementation of the plan.

### Background:

Ryde Town Council has approved the purchase of St. John's Park and Wood and has budgeted for the purchase and maintenance in 2022/23 budget. However, RTC currently lacks capacity and possible extra funding needed to fully implement the project. The involvement of University of Portsmouth Architectural department will enable RTC to access additional funding, expertise, and human resources to develop a strong sustainable plan, engage residents, and implement RTC's approved commitment.

### Budget Implications

*Advice may be sought from RFO*

The project is already budgeted. University of Portsmouth involvement will enable the a substantial part of current St. John's budget to be moved to 2023/24 with still starting the development of the project in 2022/23. It will enable real community engagement as it through the UoP have access to capacity and human resources and therefore minimise pressure on RTC staff team.

### Legal Powers

*Advice may be sought from Clerk*

RTC has a MOU agreement with University of Portsmouth.

### Name

Councillor Michael Lilley – Mayor of Ryde and Chair of Paresonel Panel.