

Council  
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**QUESTION 1**

**Question from Councillor Bernie Muir to the Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee, Councillor Colin Keane.**

Has the Council engaged in any discussions with Greenbelt Ltd about potentially taking over the management of its open spaces at Livingstone Park and is it willing in principle to do so, subject to negotiations?

**Reply from Councillor Keane:**

In 2012, the Council entered into discussions with the landowner about taking over the management open spaces at Livingstone Park. This would require a commuted sum payment to the Council to cover the cost of necessary works and continued land management of the area. The developer / landowner refused to make this payment to the Council, and the land was transferred to a land management company.

The Council would not take over the management of the open space without adequate payment to cover the cost of maintenance. The Council would be willing to consider this if such payment were to be provided but without this commitment, the future financial liability to the Council would be too high to consider.