

CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024

Title: Lake & Country Park Management Plan

Contact Officer: Biodiversity & Green Spaces Officer

Background

As part of the Open Spaces Strategy, it was agreed the Lake & Country Park needed a Management Plan and so since July 2022, when the B&GSO started at Witney Town Council, he has been collecting the required information to create a 10-year plan.

Current Situation

The Plan is now a live document and will be used and adapted if required over the coming years.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

The aim is to significantly increase biodiversity within the Country Park and across all the town council holdings.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

All risks will be considered when fulfilling the Management Plan.

Financial implications

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- A budget is set for what is required to complete any works within the Management Plan as well as some which could benefit from external funding and also a wish list should further council funding become available.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following:

1. Read the Management Plan.
2. Consider if it fulfils the requirements of the Open Spaces Strategy
3. Be aware that the full appendix runs into hundreds of pages and is available should clarification be needed for any part of the Management Plan.