

ANNUAL COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Title: Country Park – User Group Service Level Agreement

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Background

At the meeting of the Climate, Biodiversity & Planning committee held on 15th February 2022, it was recommended that a local user group, Wild Witney be permitted to manage and maintain a portion of land at the Country Park.

Current Situation

Following agreement at the Full Council meeting held on 11th April, the group have been given permission to start clearing vegetation, subject to a Service Level Agreement being ratified by the Council. The draft agreement viewed and amended following circulation amongst Policy, Governance and Finance members is attached for consideration (Appendix A).

Environmental Impact

The impact on the land is outlined in the report of the Maintenance & Environmental Services Officer which was presented to the above committee and attached as Appendix B.

Risk

There is an associated risk that others are maintaining the Council's land which are mitigated in the Service Level Agreement.

Financial Implications

As outlined in Appendix B. There are no other foreseen financial implications at this time.

Recommendations

That members note the report; and,

1. Consider ratifying the Service Level Agreement for the user group, Wild Witney at the Country Park.