

Agenda Item No. 4(c)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**9 May 2019**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**CONFIRMATION OF THE DEDICATION OF A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE  
AT ASTON BRICKYARD PLANTATION, ASTON ON TRENT**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of the confirmation of the dedication of a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) at Aston Brickyard Plantation, Aston on Trent.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 28 February 2019, the Cabinet Member approved the dedication of Aston Brickyard Plantation as a LNR (Minute No: 13/19 refers). The County Council, as landowner, is able to declare the site as a LNR under provisions of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949, as long as consultation on the on-going management of the sites has been undertaken with Natural England and local user groups. A formal letter has been received from Natural England welcoming the proposal. Letters were sent to key stakeholders, namely South Derbyshire District Council, Aston on Trent Parish Council and Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, informing them of the Council's intention. Additionally, notices were displayed in the Derby Telegraph, on the Parish noticeboard and at the site itself. Background documents were lodged at Borrowash Library for public viewing. No objections to the proposal were received. Natural England and South Derbyshire District Council will be informed of the confirmation of the dedication of Aston Brickyard as a Local Nature Reserve.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The management costs for this site are met from the Countryside Service Revenue budget. Higher Level Stewardship grant from Natural England is received towards management of the grassland. Declaration as LNR may open up potential for future grant aid. No additional financial requirements are anticipated.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 21 (1) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 gives local authorities the power to acquire, declare and manage LNRs.

## Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Susan White, extension 39001.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

- 8.1 Notes the confirmation of the dedication of the Local Nature Reserve at Aston Brickyard, Aston on Trent.
- 8.2 Agrees that Natural England and South Derbyshire District Council be informed accordingly.

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