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**Title:** Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Barlow Common Annual Report 2020-2021 and the Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust - Hambleton Hough Annual Report 2020-2021

### **Summary:**

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the annual reports of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) and Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust (WHPT) about the activity taking place at Barlow Common (managed by YWT) and Hambleton Hough (managed by WHPT).

### **Recommendations:**

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the content of the reports and make any recommendations.

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The Committee is asked to consider the information as set out in the reports as part of their role in scrutinising the performance of partner organisations and other agencies delivering services within the Selby District.

## **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1** Barlow Common has been leased out to the YWT since 1 March 2013 on a 99-year peppercorn agreement. They report annually into the Council on their activity. This report covers the last six months of the year 2020-21 due to the extended report to the Scrutiny Committee on 26 November 2020 following reporting delays due to Covid-19.

- 1.2 As part of the lease, YWT must provide a site-specific, ten-year Management Plan. With the ten-year anniversary of the lease approaching in 2023, YWT will renew the Management Plan for the next ten years, throughout this coming year.
- 1.3 Hambleton Hough has been leased out to the WHPT since 17 September 2012. This agreement is a 99 year; peppercorn agreement lease and the WHPT provide the Council with an annual report.
- 1.4 An initial ten-year Woodland Management Plan was put in place for the site. This plan is due to expire and will be reviewed and updated by the WHPT this year.

## **2. The Report**

2.1 **Barlow Common:** See Appendix A.

2.2 **Hambleton Hough:** See Appendix B.

## **3. Alternative Options Considered**

None applicable.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Legal Implications**

Effective Scrutiny arrangements form part of the governance framework of the Council.

### **4.2 Financial Implications**

None.

### **4.3 Policy and Risk Implications**

None.

### **4.4 Corporate Plan Implications**

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out long term plans to make Selby District a great place to do business, enjoy life, make a difference, supported by the Council delivering great value. An effective scrutiny function is essential to fair and transparent decision making, which underpins the work of the Council.

### **4.5 Resource Implications**

None.

### **4.6 Other Implications**

Not applicable.

#### **4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment**

Not Applicable.

#### **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1** The Scrutiny Committee discharges the Council's statutory overview and scrutiny functions and as such has responsibility for scrutinising the performance of the Council and that of its partner organisations and other agencies delivering services within the Selby District. The Committee's comments and observations on the reports and documents attached are welcomed.

#### **6. Background Documents**

None.

#### **7. Appendices**

Appendix A - Barlow Common Local Nature Reserve six-month report October 2020 – March 2021

Appendix B - Hambleton Hough Report 2021

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