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Title: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust - Barlow Common Annual Report 2022 and the Wildlife Habitat Protection Trust - Hambleton Hough Annual Report 2022

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. Annual reports are provided to the Council to report on their activity.
- 1.2** As part of the lease, YWT must provide a site-specific, ten-year Management Plan. It is the tenth anniversary of the lease in 2023, and therefore the Management Plan for the next ten years is being developed.

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 be renewed.

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 Nature Reserve Scrutiny Report 2023

Appendix B - Hambleton Hough annual report 2022

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