



# NORWICH City Council

**Committee name:** Mousehold Heath Conservators

**Committee date:** 13/06/2025

**Report title:** Mousehold Heath Conservators subgroup meeting update and recommendations for works

**Portfolio:** Councillor Hampton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate and Environment

**Report from:** Head of environment services

**Wards:** Catton Grove and Crome

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## **Purpose**

**To provide an update on the items discussed at the Conservators Meeting on Friday 14 March 2025**

## **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Conservators note the contents of the report and any recommendations from each item.

## **Policy framework**

The council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- An open and modern council.
- A prosperous Norwich
- A fairer Norwich.
- A climate responsive Norwich.
- A future proof Norwich.

This report meets the climate responsive Norwich and future proof Norwich corporate priorities.

This report addresses Deliver a Capital Investment Programme in our parks that will improve visitor experience, maintain our heritage assets and improve community cohesion. strategic action in the Corporate Plan.

## Report details

1. The report helps to meet the Mousehold Heath management plan objective(s):

- A) To ensure Mousehold Heath is a welcoming place for people to visit.
- B) To protect Mousehold Heath and ensure that it is a safe and secure place to visit.
- C) To ensure that Mousehold Heath is clean and well maintained.
- D) To manage Mousehold Heath in a way that has a positive impact on the environment.
- E) To improve habitats and the natural environment for wildlife to enhance the biodiversity of Mousehold Heath.
- F) To safeguard the historic landscape, archaeological features and buildings of Mousehold Heath.
- G) To provide opportunities for local communities to be involved in all aspects of our work.
- H) To promote Mousehold Heath to increase awareness, knowledge, understanding and a sense of pride.

### 1. **Pavilion building – planning-ahead external repainting and decorative repairs**

Mark Brzeczek, from Property Services is currently going out for quotes for the work.

### 2. **Mottram Memorial replacement plaque**

The QR Code for the plaque has been ordered and it will be installed in the new financial year.

Norwich City Councils Comms Team have recommended some slight changes, to the text around grammar and the use of Plain English, (still providing the same message / information), which I have authorised.

### 3. **Former Ladies Toilets Mousehold Heath Zak's – future Zaks mobile concession**

I have been working with property services on behalf of the Conservators to negotiate terms with Zaks, regarding the lease and future rent of the former ladies' toilets to be used as mobile concession by Zaks.

A meeting has been arranged with myself and Chris Carr owner of Zaks to discuss the future of the ladies' toilet site as a possible mobile concession for Zaks.

### 4. **New directional sign to the toilets**

The subgroup has agreed on a green background sign, with a toilet direction sign included, to replace the existing white fire lane sign.

Nigel has ordered the sign.

In line with statutory guidance and legislation, around vehicle and road related signage, it has been recommended by Norwich City Council's Comms team and the Councils Corporate Health & Safety Manager to amend the background colour of the sign. I hope to have an amended version of the sign

for the Conservators meeting or will forward on by email for you to see and approve.

**5. Biodiversity trail leaflet**

Will Stewart is working with Tim Holt-Wilson who has now produced a draft version of the leaflet. Will is liaising with Norwich City Councils comms team over the further development of the leaflet.

There is currently a lead in time, with the comms team, for allocating requested work. We are waiting for timescales of when the work can be undertaken, to turn the leaflet into a printable format and loaded up to the Mousehold Website.

**6. Gurney Road Island Crossing**

The scoping survey for the crossing on Gurney Road has been booked in with Kevin Allen, Project Engineer Norfolk County Council. Kevin has advised that they have a number of other studies to do and are looking at the autumn 2025 to undertake the work.

**7. Fountains Ground Band Stand**

Working with the Wardens we will be reviewing the Mousehold budget expenditure during the year to see what capacity we have to pay for some of the quote.

However, with the planned expenditure on the redecoration of the pavilion building then, this will take priority.

January 2025 NCSL (non-property building services) have provided the following quote:

- To clear the debris stuck under the roof mesh £800
- Repainting of ceiling & rainwater goods £5000-£7000

**Consultation**

8. None

**Implications**

**Financial and resources**

9. Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2022-26 and budget

10. There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources at this time.

11. Legal

None

<b>Consideration</b>	<b>Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:</b>
Equality and diversity	None
Health, social and economic impact	None
Crime and disorder	None
Children and adults safeguarding	The Wardens follow Norwich City Council's procedures.
Environmental impact	None

### **Risk management**


<b>Risk</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls required</b>
Financial	None	
Operational	None	
Legal	None	

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