

Report for Resolution

Report to Mousehold Heath Conservators

14 January 2011

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Report of Head of Local Neighbourhood Services

Subject Annual work programme 2011/12

Purpose

To seek approval from the Mousehold Conservators on the proposed work programme for 2011/12.

Recommendations

That the Conservators approve the annual work programme.

Financial Consequences

That the costs that arise from this report will be met from the 2011-12 budget.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priority "Safe and healthy neighbourhoods" and the service plan priority to ensure that Norwich has a clean and safe environment.

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Background Documents

Mousehold Heath annual work programme, 2011/12; also Mousehold Heath management plan, 2008 -13.

Report

Background

1. The Mousehold Conservators agree at their September meeting to meet in January to agree the budget precept and work programme for 2011-12.
2. At the December meeting Conservators received a briefing on the likely budget situation following the coalition Government's comprehensive spending review.
3. The budget report is covered in a separate report, but based on the assumptions and recommendations in the budget report, an annual work programme has been prepared based upon the likely budgetary provision and the objectives in the agreed management plan.

Proposals

4. The impact of the proposed budget reduction has been taken into account in the preparation of the 2011/12 work programme and it is not envisaged that there will be any significant or noticeable effect on the management of Mousehold Heath.
5. The accompanying annual work programme follows the format approved by the Mousehold Heath Conservators for earlier work programmes. A key to the various colours and abbreviations used can be found on the reverse of the plan; note that 'Objective' (second column) refers to the appropriate section of the Mousehold Heath management plan.
6. Conservators as asked to agree the work plan for 2010-11.

Type	Obj.	Location Name	Item	Action	Management Plan Map 5 Aerial Map Location	Pr	Contract	Projects	Grounds Maintenance Dayworks	Trees	Lead	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Habitat Management - Water	4.8	Vinegar Pond	Pond	Monitor condition	E4	1					MB	D	D										D
		North of Zak's	New pond	Proposed new pond	G7	3					PH								PH	PH			
Habitat Management - Heath	4.5	Heathland Areas	Gorse management	Cut/collect gorse areas on rotation	TBA	1			2,000		MW								D/BTCV/MW				
	4.5	Heathland Areas	Scrub clearance	Cut scrub	E13-14/F13-14 G13-14/H14	2					MW/MB								D/BTCV/MW				
	4.5	Heathland Areas	Scrapes	Remove topsoil from selected areas to encourage heathland regeneration	TBA	2		3,000			MW								MW	MW	MW	MW	
	4.5	St. James' Hill	Scrub clearance	Cut back scrub	E13-14/F13-14/ G12-14/H13-14	2					MW/MB								D/BTCV/MW				
	4.5	All Heathland Areas	Trim scrub regrowth	Trim regrowth from previously cut scrub	D3-4/E3-5/F3-5/G3-5&7/H4-5&7/I4-5/J6-7/K6-7/L6	1					MW/MB							D	D	D	D	D	D
	4.5	Heathland Areas	Bracken control	Cut/bruise bracken in open areas	G4-5/H5/I5	1					MW												
	4.5	Playing field nr pitch & putt	GNDP project	Complete heathland project	K6/L6/M6	1					PH/MW												
Habitat Management - Grassland	4.6	The Desert	Grassland management	Cut areas & remove arisings (Cons.Cut 5)		2	Yes				MW							C					
	4.6	The Anthills	Grassland management	Cut areas & remove arisings (Cons.Cut 5)	G8/H8	2	Yes		267		MW							C					
	4.6	The Anthills	Grassland management	Complete removal of encroaching scrub	G8/H8	2					MW												
	4.6	St James' Hill	Bank management	Coppice areas on rotation	E14/F14/G14	2					MW							C	C	C			
Habitat Management - Woodland	4.7	Long Valley	Coppicing	Expand woodland glade	E6	3					MW								MW/D		MW/D		
	4.7	Gilman Rd	Path/cycleway	Complete tree work (if not done 2010/11)	A5-F8	2					IM/MW								C	C	C	C	
	4.7	All Areas	Programmed works	Carry out safety related tree works		1				3,940	IM/MW								C/MW		C/MW		
	4.7	All Areas	Emergency works	Carry out safety related tree works		1				3,127	IM/MW								C/MW		C/MW		
	4.7	All Areas	Woodland Grant Scheme	Investigate viability for Mousehold		2					PH	PH	PH	PH									
Historic Landscape Management	4.9	St. William's Chapel Site	Maintain site	Clear encroaching vegetation to agreed plan	J4/K4	1					MW								MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
	4.9	St. William's Chapel Site	Maintain site	Ensure that paths through site are kept	J4/K4	2					MW												
	4.9	St. William's Chapel Site	Interpretation sign	Design & install	J4/K4	2																	
	4.6	Tram Track	Historic routes	Open up	I6/J5-6/K5	3					MB								D	D	D	D	D
Visitor Management	4.10	Whole Site	School visits	Organised visits & activities		2					MW	MW	MW	MW	MW				MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
	4.10	Off Site	School talks	Talks & activities to schools		2					MW	MW	MW	MW	MW				MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
	4.10	Whole Site	Public events	Organise & run year round programme		2					D/MW	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
	4.10	Whole Site	Interpretation Plan	Develop interpretation plan recommendations		2					PH/MW												
	4.10	Whole Site	Site management notices	Produce site info notices prior to works commencing		1					MW								MW	MW	MW		
	4.10	Orienteering Trail route	Orienteering Trail	Replace trail posts/review upgrade		3					MW												
	4.10	Selected areas	Geological interpretation	Review potential/implement	Various	3																	

57		5.10	All	Butterfly transect	Complete 26 week transect		2					MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW						
58		5.10	All	Fungi survey	Survey & record fungi		2					MW/D					MW/	D					
59		5.10	All	Miscellaneous species	Collate miscellaneous species records		2					MW/PH	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW	MW
60		5.10	All	Dragonfly survey	Monitor weekly throughout season		2					MW		MW	MW	MW	MW	MW					

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Obj. Objective
Pr. Priority

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NOG

- Mousehold Defenders and other volunteers
- Contractor
- Norwich City Council
- Mousehold Wardens
- Mousehold Defenders
- Norfolk Orienteering Group
- HWYS
- A&PM
- IM
- MB
- PH
- Highways
- Asset & Property Management
- Imogen Mole
- Malcolm Bryant
- Paul Holley