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COMMONS ADVISORY PANEL - TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2017

Dear Member,

Further to the previously issued agenda for the Commons Advisory Panel meeting of Tuesday, 3 January 2017, please find attached the following additional papers marked 'To Follow' on the original agenda:

5. Standard Agenda Item: Commons Management Plan Update (Pages 3 - 6)

If you require any further information please feel free to contact me using the information provided above.

Yours faithfully,

A. Hewson

Democratic Services Officer

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SUBJECT: COMMONS MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

DIRECTORATE: COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

LEAD OFFICER: CAROLINE BIRD, COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update to Commons Advisory Panel on the Commons Management Plan.

2. Background

2.1 In January 2013 the Council's Executive approved the Lincoln Commons Management Plan 2012-2017. The Management Plan includes separate action plans relating to each of the three commons – South Common, West Common and Cow Paddle – and an over-arching action plan.

2.2 In August 2013 a revised action plan was agreed by the Executive, in response to a reduction in resources available to deliver the plan. At that time it was noted that opportunities to deliver on actions detailed with the plan were limited and in many cases subject to future funding or staff resources.

2.3 Since that time, a progress update has been provided prior to each CAP meeting.

2.4 From January 2017 these updates also include works planned for the coming quarter.

3. Update on Actions

3.1 An update on Management Plan actions is attached as Appendix A.

3.2 This update relates to the period October to December 2016 and follows on from the update issued prior to the October Commons Advisory Panel.

4. For Discussion

4.1 Commons Advisory Panel members are asked to note the contents of the update.

List of Background Papers: Lincoln Commons Management Plan 2012-17
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Appendix A Commons Management Plan Update January 2017

Below is a summary of the non-routine actions delivered since the previous update, ongoing works and works planned for the coming quarters. The numbers relate to those on the amalgamated action plan.

Completed works

7/8 All three commons – cut and collect areas were chain harrowed in November

14 Reused (90m approx.) metal fencing (salvaged from Canwick Hill) on Old South Park

14 Renewed section of fencing at top of Canwick Hill (same black fencing as LCC installed) – connects to old Victoria fencing at the top

23 Canwick Hill pond A cleared out and bottom re-worked.

26 West Common pond works completed

Ongoing works

14 Ongoing inspections and repairs of wooden fencing

21/25 Fallow period. October CAP was in favour of there being no fallow period in 2017. This will be revisited at January CAP as previously agreed.

23 Damage to pond A outlet structure being planned

35 Continued vista and path maintenance along Viking Way

Planned works

7/8 All three commons - second chain harrow planned for Feb / March, to clear the ground for cut and collect in the summer

14 Repairs to the Victorian fencing will be planned subject to the removal of Hawthorns

14 Fencing Aldermans Walk – works to be spread over 2+ financial years

23 South Common ponds B and C – developing plan to clear (aiming to complete works winter 2017. This will involve tree works)

A number of action plan items, e.g. 22, 23, 28, 35, 49 are dependent in some way on a volunteer workforce. There is currently no formal arrangement in place for volunteer working on common land, however this is a key part of the ongoing Community Services review, and it is expected that progress will be made in this area during 2017.

This update does not include those issues where the responsible body is the golf club.