

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE  
**RATIFICATION OF DELGATED DECISIONS**

**Report Reference** EN-21-09  
**Meeting Date** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
**Agenda Item** 13  
**Prepared by** Town Clerk

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## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

In May 2021, Full Council resolved to suspend formal meetings until either the council was able to formally meet virtually or returned to face-to-face meetings. As part of this resolution, authority was delegated to the Town Clerk to take decisions following counsel from members via a series of working groups with the condition that the decisions be ratified by the appropriate committee at its first formal meeting.

## **2.0 DECISIONS FOR RATIFICATION**

The Environment working group met on 24<sup>th</sup> May and two formal decisions arose as follows:

### **DECISION 1 NATURE ACTION PLAN**

The Nature Action Plan will be amended to:

- a) Pause the plans for planting whips in the area between St John's Wood and St Helena's until Friends of St John's Wood have developed a masterplan for the management of the area.
- b) Include that the Council will hold a nature themed 'green community fair' event in the autumn to promote the Nature Action Plan and encourage residents to undertake planting and wildlife projects in their own gardens.
- c) Change the plans for facilitating bulb planting to organise a community led 'Knutsford Big Bulb Plant' programme.

### **DECISION 2 DOG FOULING**

The proposed activity detailed in report EN-21-02 is approved, a budget of £2,500 is allocated and where practical standard litter bins will be installed.

The Environment working group met on 19<sup>th</sup> July and XXXX formal decisions arose as follows:

### **DECISION 3 NATURE ACTION PLAN**

The Nature Action Plan will be amended to replace the area of whip planting near St John's Wood with a wildflower meadow.

### **DECISION 4 APPOINTMENT OF WORKING GROUPS**

Cllrs Beswick, Dalzell and Houghton will be appointed to the Nature Action Plan WG and Cllrs Beswick, Dalzell, Houghton and Nicholson to the Blue Plaques Appraisal Panel.

**DECISION 5 ST JOHN'S WOOD ECOLOGICAL SURVEY**

An ecological survey of St John's Wood will be commissioned to support the development of a masterplan for the site.

**DECISION 7 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

The Communications Policy will be amended to include the guidance on use of social media.

**DECISION 8 KING EDWARD VII CORONATION TREE PLAQUE**

Subject to the agreement of the landowner, a new plaque will be installed at the King Edward VII Coronation Tree in addition to the existing plaque being enveloped by the tree.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the committee ratifies the decisions in section two.